

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 11, 2006 - 4:30 p.m.
Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland, CA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, California. Chairperson Webb convened the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Ms. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Secretary to the Commission, conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Valerie Abad, Rosa Linda Armendariz, Theresa Nelson, Brad Ricards, Jeffrey Taylor, Mary Ellen Tong, Matthew Webb
Absent: Alex Hahn, Mario Juarez, Holly McClure (excused)
Staff Present: Audree Jones-Taylor, Gail McMillon, Mary Perisic
Guests: Jerry Huff, Carletta Starks, Kathy Bairey, Gregory Bledsoe

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of December 14, 2005 meeting:

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2005. Commissioner Magid seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

A. PRAC Pending List

- Oak to Ninth Project tentatively scheduled for February 8, 2006
- Lakeside Park Tree Appeals tentatively scheduled for February 8, 2006
- LLAD

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Item12 moved up.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Commissioner Ricards is attending the Groundworks Trust meetings. The GWT would provide Federal money to combine with volunteer effort to make up the gap in park in maintenance needs. They are working on a city-wide survey of what is available and who is doing what.

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

- Commissioner Webb encouraged PRAC members to identify who their Advisory Council contacts are and communicate with them and to be a presence in the community. Commissioners can contact Mary Perisic for the contact information.

10. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:**

- Commissioner Nelson suggested that PRAC members should each be given a copy of OSCAR (City of Oakland Open Space, Conservation and Recreation), which includes information on Conditional Use Permits.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Renaming of Poplar Community Recreation Center to Willie Keyes Community Recreation Center: This item was deferred from the last meeting. Acting Recreation General Supervisor Gilbert Gong gave a brief update and introduced Mr. Jerry Huff of the West Oakland Neighbors who gave a report. Mr. Huff gathered 46 signatures from individuals within the community who support renaming Poplar to the Willie Keyes Community Recreation Center. Councilmember Nancy Nadel also wrote a letter of support. Commissioner Nelson asked about paying for the signage. Ms. Carletta Starks, Assistant to Councilmember Nadel, stated that they will be happy to pay for a portion of the new signs from their pay-go funds. Commissioner Ricards hopes that the West Oakland Neighbors take action periodically to remind the community of Mr. Keyes.

MOTION: Commissioner Taylor moved approval of the renaming, with the stipulation that funds be found elsewhere (other than OPR) to pay for the signage. Commissioner Tong seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- B. Request for waiver of fees and to have food and non-food vendors by the Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc.(AHCI) for the Oakland Street Peace Festival at Lakeside Park on Saturday, July 22, 2006: Gail McMillon, OPR Central Reservations Supervisor, gave a report. The staff recommendation is to allow for vendors and to charge the non-profit rate for the park use fee. Ms. McMillon advised that before park permits are approved, staff makes sure that all other required permits are in place, such as county health and police special event. Mr. Gregory Bledsoe of AHCI spoke and answered questions. They will have four food vendors and the other vendors are locally made arts and crafts.

MOTION: Commissioner Tong moved to support staff recommendation to allow sales and non-food vendors and that the AHCI pay the non-profit rate for the special event. Commissioner Tong seconded the motion, which passed with six in favor and one abstention (Nelson).

- C. Request from Cantare Con Vivo for Permission to Sell Tickets at a Concert at Woodminster Amphitheatre on Saturday, May 20, 2006: Ms. McMillon gave a report. Staff recommends approval for the sale of tickets on site. Ms. Kathy Bairey spoke on behalf of Cantare Con Vivo, a non-profit organization that has been in Oakland for 19 years. They will use professional ticket sellers at the site and will work with Producers Associates. Most of the tickets will be sold prior to the concert. They have a special event permit and insurance certificate naming the City as additional insured.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved approval of the sale of tickets at Woodminster Amphitheatre. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. PRAC Retreat Agenda: Items will include:

- Renaming policy
- Policy regarding vendors and selling
- Criteria for granting fee reductions
- Tree policy
- Absentee policy
- Upcoming projects

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:**

A. PRAC Report to Council: Commissioner Webb is preparing the report that will be going to the Life Enrichment Committee on February 28 at 6:00 pm.

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

OPR Director Audree Jones-Taylor gave a brief report.

- The Malonga Art Center will be hosting a Martin Luther King Day on Mon., 1/16/06, from 12-8pm.
- The Henry J. Kaiser Auditorium has closed and OPR has received two staff who were transferred from there. The staff have been placed in the Central Reservation Unit and in ball field maintenance.
- There will be a volunteer recognition event on February 1, 5-7 pm at the Garden Center. All Commissioners are invited.

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

- Commissioner Abad asked about the Studio One reconstruction. The project had to go back to City Council for additional funding because all of the bids were over \$2 million.
- Commissioner Webb attended a meeting on Oak to 9th Project. It appears that the project is progressing. The public opposition to the project does not appear to be strong. His sense is that parks are being considered secondary, which will be a concern of members of the public. There is also a question as to whether there will be a recreation center. Commissioner Nelson added that with all of the development, the amount of parkland will not be sufficient. If this project is approved, the City will sign a 20-year contract.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Special meeting on Park Maintenance – LLAD – 1/25/06, 7pm, Garden Center

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audree V. Jones-Taylor
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary