



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Oakland
Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 4:45 P.M.
Carmen Flores Recreation Center, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at Carmen Flores Recreation Center, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue in Oakland. Commissioner Taylor convened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Audree V. Jones-Taylor Secretary to the Commission conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Victor Arceneaux, Osagie Enabulele (Late), Michael Hammock, Susan Montauk (Late), Brad Ricards, Jeff Taylor

Absent: Valerie Abad, Howard Matis (excused), Calvin Wong (excused), Benjamin Scott,

Staff Present: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Toni Martinez-Villarante, Gail McMillon, Jason Mitchell

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. A correction of the Minutes on the November 12, 2008 meeting was noted wrong as to the board that Commissioner Ricards sits on: California Association of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members (CAPRCBM) is the correct name and was accepted by the quorum. A Motion to approve the minutes was Moved by Commissioner Ricards and Seconded by Commissioner Hammock.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

N/A

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

N/A

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

N/A

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

Dan Gallagher, Supervisor for PWA Tree Services Division spoke before the commissioners to review the protected trees ordinance and what the criteria consists of. Dan expressed that he would like to speak at the next PRAC Retreat to all of the Commissioners.

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

N/A

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

N/A

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

N/A

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PRAC Retreat date was decided on for January 31, 2008 at the Peralta Hacienda Lodge.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

N/A

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jason Mitchell, Fiscal Manager for OPR was introduced. Jason provided an update on the budget and what its impact has been to OPR.

15. OPEN FORUM:

John Klein, Coalition for Advocates of Lake Merritt spoke regarding reorganizing in central business district and around the lake. There is a proposal for building heights to be limited to fifty-five feet high. Currently zoning is unlimited and this should be consistent with the general plan. Building high rises next to the park creates dank and darkness. The coalition is asking to extend the edge of the lake and would like to be on the agenda to make this recommendation and asked to arrange for the PRAC Commissioners to tour the park.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

N/A

17. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Audree V. Jones-Taylor
Secretary

Toni Martinez-Villarante
Recording Secretary