



CITY of OAKLAND  
OFFICE of PARKS & RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
City of Oakland  
Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 4:30 P.M.  
Lakeside Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610. Commissioner Taylor convened the meeting at 4:37 p.m. Gail McMillon, OPR Staff, conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Judy Belcher, Michael Hammock, Howard Matis, Barry Miller, Susan Montauk, Brad Ricards, Jeffrey Taylor

Absent: Victor Arceneaux, Osagie Enabulele, Benjamin Scott, Calvin Wong (excused),

Staff Present: Gail McMillon, Dana Riley

Guests: Larry Tong, Pamela Magnuson-Peddle, Eric Agnstadt,-CEDA,

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Taylor entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Matis; **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hammock; **Abstained by:** Commission Montauk and Commissioner Ricards, **Motion: Passed.**

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

None.

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

None.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Items 11 and 12 moved up in its entirety.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

None.

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

None.

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**A. Commissioner Report Update, Commissioner Taylor**

Commissioner Taylor will be working on the report during the Christmas Break that begins on December 18, 2009.

**B. Request for Permission for the Installation of Permanent Storm Drain Markers and Temporary Watershed Interpretive Signage at Lake Merritt:**

Dana Riley reported that OPR is still working with the artist and other City departments collecting information. The report will be continued to the January 2010 meeting.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Community Preferred Land Use Alternative for the Central Estuary Plan Information Report.**

Eric Angstadt, Deputy Director, CEDA, presented the staff report from the Strategic Planning Division of CEDA and its team of consultants for developing a Specific Plan for the Central Estuary area that has completed concepts for the Plan Area and would like to solicit preliminary input on proposals related to open space from the PRAC. A power point presentation was made by Tim Rood of Community Design + Architecture.

Q. Commissioner Taylor: How and who would be maintaining new park area.

A. CEDA: Planned open/green space might be less than ideal or recommended on paper, but in reality it might be okay due to maintenance issues. CEDA will help put in place possible funding sources for development as well as maintenance of created parks. State Law allows for CEDA to required developer to include a Community Facilities Fee, similar to OHA dues. The fee is used to support City maintenance fund. Option is for developer to be required to provide maintenance with no expiration. This option could cost less because developer would not be paying union wages.

Q. Commissioner Montauk: What is the current residential population of the area and what is it projected to be?

A. As of the 2000 census, there were 916 residents in the area. An additional 208 units have been built. If it is assumed that there are 2.5 people per unit, the approximate current population is about 1,400. There will be about 2,400 new units added. Assuming that there will be 2.5 people per unit, the approximate number of new people in the area will be 6,000.

Q. Commissioner Montauk: Union Point Park is underused, will the proposed new park on the Owens/Brockway property near Union Point Park be a duplicate park or provide necessary services, i.e., field.

A. Development plans are still in process. CEDA is discussing what the plan can accommodate.

Q. The plan area stops at 880. The character of the area north of 880 needs to be looked at and considered in the plan to encourage connectivity.

A. CEDA/Consultant agreed. Plan is to divert traffic away from Fruitvale Avenue making it more of a pedestrian/bike street with shops.

Commissioners request that developers are required to make more pocket parks and recreation for new residents, as there aren't other recreation services in that area.

Discussion revolved around baseball or soccer? Commissioner Montauk said soccer would be best, but there wasn't enough parking in the area to make it work. Baseball was also suggested. Commissioner Hammock explained that Otis Spunkmeyer Field was nearby and heavily used. Commissioner Miller suggested Owens/Brockway proposed park be redefined from a linear waterfront park to more of a square shape with some waterfront in order to accommodate some type of field or court. Basketball was the decided upon activity. Eric Angstadt (CEDA) said they will continue discussions with OPR staff on the task force to determine which sport need is most desired in the community.

Q. What is the height of the new building?

A. Heavy Industrial section at the east end of the plan area will have tall building to take advantage of the good views. Inland section of Fruitvale will have tall high, density buildings to allow as many people as possible near transportation. If moving towards water, buildings will become lower.

Q. There is only one school in the area, what consideration has been given to schools?

A. Expected demographic is young, childless couples, or downsizing seniors with no children. This provides less impact on schools.

The planning process is 20 to 25 years. Five (5) years minimum before any building begins.

Larry Tong, EBRPD, Martin Luther King Shoreline Regional Park, passed out documents. Working with Eric and Tim as the representative for East Bay Regional Park District.

**NO MOTION MADE: Information Report**

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

None.

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dana presented the Director's Report in Director Jones-Taylor's absence.

- A. Report and update on the Zoo's General Master Plan. Director Jones-Taylor will bring the report back before PRAC.
- B. 2010 PRAC Retreat - January 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. January 9<sup>th</sup> was the consensus for the 2010 PRAC Retreat. The site to be determined.
- C. Sites for 2009-10 Focus Group meetings were announced. All meetings will run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The first meeting was held at Lincoln Square. Commissioners should attend the Focus Group meetings at the site they are assigned to.

15. OPEN FORUM:

None.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

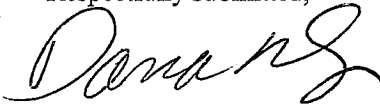
Commissioner Taylor – See the Manual for the Advisory Council - Policy and Procedures. Read the manual. It says that one of the PRAC's duties is to conduct trainings for new members of the Advisory Council. Verse yourself on the policies and procedures of the manual.

Dana – Need comments back from PRAC at the January 9<sup>th</sup> retreat to modify the manual on better ways to do things.

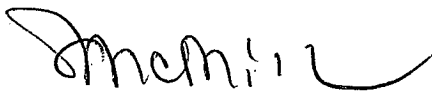
17. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Riley for Audree V. Jones-Taylor  
Secretary



Gail McMillon for Toni Martinez-Villarante  
Recording Secretary