

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland

Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 4:33 P.M. Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland. Commissioner Taylor convened the meeting at 4:33 p.m. Toni Martinez-Villarante recording Secretary to the Commission conducted the roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Victor Arceneaux, Osagie Enabulele, Michael Hammock, Susan Montauk, Brad

Ricards, Jeff Taylor, Calvin Wong

Absent:

Howard Matis (excused), Benjamin Scott (excused)

Staff Present: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Toni Martinez-Villarante

Guests:

Dan Gallagher, Augusta Gauger, Merrilee Mitchell, Sue Piper, Harry Schrauth, Kathren

Stevenson

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Moved by: Commissioner Ricards; Seconded by Commissioner Hammock; Five Commissioners were all in favor. Commissioner Wong abstained.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

N/A

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

N/A

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Move up 12A, 12B, 10A

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

N/A

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

N/A

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

The request for an appeal of Tree Removal Permit for 13312 Clairepoint Way, Oakland, CA to remove four (4) Coast Live Oak trees that are obstructing two adjacent property owners' views: Dan Gallagher, Chief Arborist spoke about the ordinance and gave background as to why the Tree Services Division denied the permit. Commissioner Ricards went and looked at the obstructed view along with the Conditional Permit Sub-Committee Members.

MOTION: To deny the appeal:

Moved by: Commissioner Ricards; Seconded by: Arceneaux. 6-Favor, 1-Abstention (Commissioner Osagie), the request was Denied.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PRAC Report pending by Commissioner Taylor. We are a year behind and Audree V. Jones-Taylor needs to inform the agenda coordinators as to when the report will be turned in.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to Create a Dimond Park Native Plant Demonstration Garden Project: Kathren Stevenson gave a brief overview along with Harry Schrauth and Michael Philgin to talk about this project.

MOTION: To approve request to create a Dimond Park native plant demonstration garden: Moved by: Commissioner Taylor; Seconded by: Arceneaux. 6 in Favor, 1 – Appose by Commissioner Ricards – The motion Passed.

B. Request to install an informational sign at new Shepherd Canyon Park Parking Lot: Sue Piper, Council District 4 Aide to Councilmember Jean Quan, gave a brief overview on the off street parking and the sense of history of the park. The sign will be made of embedded fiber glass. MOTION: To approve the request to install an informational sign at the new Shepherd Canyon Park Parking Lot:

Moved by: Commissioner Wong; Seconded by Commissioner Hammock – The motion Passed unanimously.

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

N/A

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

There are two vacancies on the PRAC Board; if anyone knows of someone you would like to nominate please send Audree V. Jones-Taylor their resume and she will submit it to the Mayor's office. One of the two vacancies should be a youth who is active in the community.

15. OPEN FORUM:

Commissioner Enabulele would like to be a part of the Conditional Use Permit Sub-Committee. Commissioner Enabulele objected to the "late" next to his name as he has called and informed the recording secretary that he would be late for the meetings which should constitute as an excused late.

16. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>:

N/A

17. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Toni Martinez-Villarante Recording Secretary