

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1999**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held in the conference room of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS), 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California. The meeting was called to order at 4:12pm. Tony Acosta, Secretary, conducted roll call, a quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Jose Guzman, Yvonne Myers, Theresa Nelson, Cookie Robles, Matt Webb, Jeffery Wong, Anne Woodell, William Patterson (5:30pm)

Absent: Raymond Bobbitt, William Riley

Staff Present: Tony Acosta, Mary Perisic

Visitors: St. Paul Espiscopal School students
Love Weinstock, teacher

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

March 24, 1999 regular meeting – deferred.

May 12, regular meeting:

Referring to the minutes of May 12, Item 10A and 10B, Commissioner Robles asked for clarification as to why one request for co-sponsorship was approved for a 100% fee reduction while the other was approved for a 50% fee reduction. Mr. Acosta explained that first group received a 100% fee reduction because the Mosswood recreation center staff and advisory council were working together with the Carijama non-profit organization to put on this special event. The second group was not working with a recreation center or advisory council.

It was requested that the Commission go on retreat to revisit the inequities in the special events policy and make sure that staff and PRAC all understand the policy. Things to go over would be the special events ordinance; public access to City facilities process, a report to Council which is being worked on now; the previous work of the Commission, and the Master Fee Schedule. (See item 14 for more on the retreat.) PRCS Management Assistant, Dave Gullet, is preparing a report to Council on the public access to City facilities process and will provide a draft to the Commission for review.

One correction was noted on the minutes: Page 3, first line, change 30 days to 90 days.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the tour meeting of May 12, 1999, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and approved by 7 ayes.

4. **SPECIAL ORDERS:**

- A. Presentation by the Students of St. Paul Episcopal School on what they have learned about Lake Merritt and the history of Oakland: The students from the third grade shared a report they prepared after they conducted a bird census at Lake Merritt; the fourth grade students studied the history of the Lake which they summarized in two reports; and the sixth grade students conducted trash pick up and educational outreach regarding drainage into the Lake. Their teacher, Love Weinstock, concluded the presentation and extended an invitation to PRAC to visit the school. The students study the Lake as a primary part of their curriculum from grades K-6. Ms. Weinstock expressed appreciation to the City for its support.

5. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

6. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Commissioner Woodell received a communication from John Schmidt, President of the Oakland Lawn Bowling Club (OLBC), with a copy of a letter to Mr. Almon of the U.S. Croquet Association rejecting their proposal for shared/dual use of the OLBC greens. Mr. Acosta mentioned that the offer that staff proposed to the USCA still stands to develop a facility at Snow Park, but the USCA has not pursued that offer.

7. **PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no committee reports. Commissioner Wong asked if there has been any decision on the Galbraith Golf Course developer. Mr. Acosta advised that the City and Port are engaged in the negotiations and proposal processes, which should be complete by mid-June. The City and Port are moving as quickly as possible, while maintaining a high quality, fair and equitable process.

8. **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Commissioner Woodell reminded staff that their names need to be placed on the mailing lists of each of the advisory councils that they are liaisons to.

The Advisory Council Manual (or guidelines) re-write was discussed. Mr. Acosta will assign staff to work with the PRAC Committee formed to work on this item. The committee is comprised of Commissioners Myers, Nelson, Robles, Woodell, and Bobbitt.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Glen Daniel/King Estate Park: Mr. Acosta gave a brief update on this item. A full report will be provided at the next Commission meeting.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Request to hold the June 9, 1999 Commission meeting at the Garden Center for a special presentation: Mr. Acosta made this request to the Commission to facilitate a presentation of UC Berkeley students on the Fruitvale Open Space Initiative. The members of the City Council and community groups will also be invited. The presentation begins to frame the vision of the Fruitvale and San Antonio communities, which have the lowest level of public open space in the City. This is a class project on how this inequity may be rectified.

MOTION: Commissioner Wong moved to approve the relocation of the June 9 regular meeting to the Garden Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robles and approved by 7 ayes.

- B. Fiscal Year 1999-01 Budget Presentation: The budget presentation is scheduled for May 27, 4:30pm at the City Council chambers. Transfers out of the department include the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center to the Oakland Museum, and the Cultural Arts Division to the Mayor's Office. Studio One and City-wide Arts programs will remain in the department. The department's name will go back to "Parks and Recreation".

The numbers in the budget reflect some positions loses, including janitorial and sports and aquatics staff, a management assistant position, and one center director. Staff will have corrected numbers to publish in a few weeks.

11. COUNCIL REFERRAL/BUSINESS:

- A. Concept of reducing City Code Enforcement liens placed on blighted vacant lots: This report's focus is West Oakland. Staff is working with Councilmember Nadel and West Oakland neighborhoods to identify sites that could be blighted lots.
- B. Proposed Resolution authorizing appropriation of \$25,000 from PRCS Trust Fund 755 and authorizing expenditures of up to \$25,000 for Capital acquisitions, improvements and expenses: Information item.
- C. Resolution approving agreement between the City, EBRPD and OUSD to extend the life of Joint Powers Agreement for the Chabot Observatory and Science Center for 2 years: Information item.
- D. Proposed resolution re acceptance and appropriation of \$175,000 in California Integrated Waste Management Board funds for Sanborn Park: This report was accepted. Staff is hoping that the IWMB will approve our application for funds for Sanborn Park project. This is supplemental money to make the new Sanborn Park a demonstration project of what a green project could be, using recycled products and energy efficiency. A green consultant may also help design the community center building, and appropriate signage describing the green project may be installed, and multi-lingual brochures printed.

12. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Acosta stated that Councilmember Nate Miley will be requesting a report on the City Stables Youth Rodeo proposal for the Life Enrichment Committee. Mr. Acosta met with the Conciliatory Forum of Oakland regarding the City Stables proposal. They have prepared a proposal to identify the stake holders and will facilitate a meeting to see if an understanding and compromise can be reached about the issues. The meeting should be the end of June.

Commissioner Patterson arrived 5:30pm

Commissioner Nelson asked about the Facilities Use Agreement between the City and the School District. Mr. Acosta said that it is on the Education Partnership Committee agenda for May 27. The only change is that the City is proposing a finite term of five years for the agreement. The School District had stated that it wanted to revise language related to school sites and access by parents groups, but they have not pursued that as yet.

13. **OPEN FORUM:**

Commissioner Webb expressed concern regarding items 10A and 10B from the previous meeting, referring to the inequity of one group receiving a 100% fee reduction while the other received a 50% reduction. He asked that the East Lake Merchants Association be invited back to the Commission meeting of June 9 to resubmit their proposal so that it can be voted on again.

MOTION: Commissioner Webb moved to approve inviting the East Lake Merchants Association back to the June 9, 1999 Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myers and approved by 8 ayes.

14. **FUTURE ITEMS:**

- A. Commissioner Nelson asked for an update on the status of moving the two schools that are using PRCS facilities, Luxor Academy and Alhambra School, and would like to see any related documents on that.

Chairperson Woodell suggested having the retreat to discuss these and other issues, including the special event ordinance; the Commissioners agreed upon the date of Saturday, August 7, 9am-2pm at the Joaquin Miller Community Center.

- B. Commission election of officers needs to take place in July
- C. East Bay Municipal Utility District – Resolution re use of American River as back up water supply.
- D. Resolution for Marsha Corprew

15. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Sanborn Park Groundbreaking, June 5, 1:30pm

Lafayette Square Grand Opening, June 13, 2pm.

Edoff Memorial Bandstand Dedication, June 27, 12:00noon – includes birthday party for the PRCS, 90 years.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. Tapes, which are the official record of the Commission meetings, are available upon request.

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio E. Acosta
Secretary

Marcy Perisic
Recording Secretary