

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2004
Marsha Corprew Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland, CA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission work session was held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, California. Due to lack of a quorum, Chairperson Webb convened the work session at 4:45 p.m. All action items are to be deferred to the next meeting, May 12, 2004.

2. ROLL CALL: (two vacancies)

Present: Dinah Fischbach-Benson, Larry Magid, Matthew Webb

Absent: Valerie Abad, Alex Hahn, Mario Juarez, Yvonne Myers, Theresa Nelson, Mary Ellen Tong

Staff Present: Audree Jones-Taylor, Jim Ryugo, Mary Perisic

Visitors: Tom Schmitz, Richard Short, Paul Fraley, Tamaka Bailey

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of March 10, 2003 meeting: deferred

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

A. Introduction of Audree Jones-Taylor, new OPR Director: Ms. Jones-Taylor shared her vision for Parks and Recreation. She has been in the profession for over 30 years and looks forward to working with PRAC and having PRAC work with OPR. Commissioner Webb welcomed Ms. Jones-Taylor and recognized her as a dedicated advocate for parks and recreation.

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

A. PRAC Pending List: Carijama update - The application for the special event in Mosswood Park has not been approved by the Police Department.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA: Item 12 moved up.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Letter from William B. Patterson, resigning from the PRAC A party is being planned.

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Commissioner Webb attended City Stables Advisory Council meeting. The relationship between the AC and the concessionaire is strained. There are a number of issues about the condition of the premises and liability insurance that may require intervention by the City.

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS: None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Oakland Rotary Club Centennial Park Project proposal: The Rotary Club proposes the installation of a clock tower sculpture and chess tables at one of three possible locations in Lakeside Park to commemorate its 100th anniversary next year. PRAC is requested to provide input as to the possible location of the sculpture. Dr. Tom Schmitz, the Rotary Club #3 Incoming President, described the project. Maintenance of the sculpture and chess tables would be taken care of by the Rotary Club in perpetuity. The sculpture would be made of non-corrosive steel with a concrete base with bronze plaques. The clock would require electrical power. The plaques will be a time line of the Rotary Club in Oakland. There are three possible sites in Lakeside Park: 1) North end of Lake near Grand Avenue at "Y", 2) North of Science Center, and 3) North path at the "Y". The Rotary Club prefers site #1. The question was raised as to whether the installation of the sculpture and chess tables would be impacted by the proposed Lake Merritt Master Plan, which would need to be discussed with Ms. Kerry Ricketts-Ferris of the City Planning Department. The Rotary Club was also directed to discuss the proposal with Children's Fairyland Executive Director. Action on this item deferred to next meeting.
- B. Eastside Arts Alliance request to sell arts and crafts at the Malcolm X Jazz Festival to be held in San Antonio Park on Saturday, May 22, 2004: No report.
- C. Medicine Warriors Dance Troupe and All Nation's 5th Annual Powwow request to sell arts and crafts at their event in Clinton Park on Saturday, August 28, 2004: Mr. Tamaka Bailey of Medicine Warriors Dance Troupe gave a report. The MWDT is a non-profit organization requesting to sell arts and crafts at its event. The event is open to the community and the theme is health and healing. The estimated attendance is 600. The MWDT would charge vendors \$50 per table to sell arts and crafts. Commissioner Webb advised that selling items for profit on public property is prohibited without approval of the Commission. The need for consistency in regard to selling on park property was brought up. Action deferred to next meeting.

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS**: Council not in session this week.

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**:

Mr. Ryugo gave a brief report on the US Olympic Trails, which are taking place at Lake Merritt, Thursday through Sunday, April 15-18. News on Capital Improvement Projects includes groundbreaking at Union Point Park, San Antonio Park mini field and tot lot expansion, Rockridge Greenbelt Phase II plans underway with construction to begin in summer, and the Memorial Park project at 14th and Mandela (for the victims of the Loma Prieta Earthquake) kick-off.

15. **OPEN FORUM**

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

- Earth Day, April 24 – Volunteers will be cleaning up the Rose Garden and other parks.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ryugo
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary