

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 2001
1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held at the Lakeside Park Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, California. As there was not a quorum acting Chairperson Nelson convened a work session at 4:06pm. By 4:15pm there was a quorum. Chairperson Webb arrived at 4:20pm and resumed chairing the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Raymond Bobbitt (5:00pm), Dinah Fischbach-Bensen, Yvonne Myers, Theresa Nelson, William Patterson (4:15pm), Rita Torres-Gonzalez, Matt Webb (4:20pm), Jeffery Wong
Excused: Valerie Abad
Absent: Jose Guzman, Elba Sanchez
Staff Present: Jim Ryugo, Martin Matarrese, Mary Perisic
Visitors: R. P. Flynn, Kevin Simas, Eric Norris, Ruth Cuming, Robert Cuming

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of April 11, 2001 regular meeting:

MOTION: Commissioner Myers moved approval. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS: None

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

5/11/01

- Eastshore Park
- M. L. King, Jr. Park
- Marsha J. Corprew Lakeside Park Garden Center – Approval of Plaque

Pending – no specific date

- Policy on Naming of Office of Parks and Recreation (OPR) Facilities – Recommendation
- PRAC Retreat

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Noel Gallo, Manager for Area Two, reported on the upcoming dedication of the Marsha Corprew, Lakeside Park Garden Center, to be held on Wed., June 13, 12:00-2:00pm.
- Lakeside Park parking issue also discussed. Mr. Gallo will follow up with signage using language which was approved at the February 14, 2001 Commission meeting, and will continue to work with the Ranger Division for enforcement.

8. **PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

9. **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- Commissioner Nelson reported that the Sports Advisory has concerns related to field availability issues.

10. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:** None

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Dimond Park Encroachment: This item was carried over from the meeting of April 11, 2001. The Commission has been asked to approve a license agreement between the City and a property owner, allowing the owner access to his property through park property, and to impose additional conditions if deemed necessary. Mr. Ryugo introduced Mr. Flynn, Attorney of the property owner, Eric Norris. Mr. Flynn provided further history of the item. Mr. Norris is trying to sell his property, but the access issue must be resolved prior to sale. Commissioner Fischbach-Benson advised that this item needs more visibility and that each of the local neighborhood groups should be contacted to attend a later meeting on this item, that the fee for the license be based on fair market value, and that a security bond be required to protect the city. Commissioners expressed concern that, if approved, the license agreement could set a precedent which could impact parks throughout Oakland. Mr. Ryugo shared an e-mail from a citizen requesting that the license agreement allow only ingress and egress, but not allow parked cars.

MOTION: Commissioner Wong moved to carry over this item to the next meeting, that staff notify interested neighborhood groups to attend the meeting, and that the conditions be set and the item voted on at that time. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion with passed unanimously.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Election of Interim Vice Chair: Nominations for Vice Chair were accepted. Commissioner Nelson was nominated and elected interim Vice Chair.
- B. PRAC Committee Assignments: With the addition of two new members, new PRAC committee assignments were made. An updated roster will be distributed at next meeting.
- C. Liaisons to Advisory Councils: New liaison assignments were made. Assignments for City Stables, Joaquin Miller, San Antonio and Manzanita were deferred to the next meeting.
- D. PRAC Tour Schedule: The next tour is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 3:00 p.m. Sites to visit include Children's Fairyland, Joaquin Miller proposed nursery site, Chabot Science Center parking lot, and Jack London Aquatic Center. Commissioners are to meet in front of the Garden Center.
- E. PRAC Meeting Location: The location of the meetings was discussed. The City Council meeting rooms are accessible to public transportation, but no free parking, while the Garden Center is not as convenient to public transportation, but parking is free. Mr. Ryugo will inquire as to the availability of meeting rooms at City Hall.
- F. Policy on Naming of Office of Parks and Recreation Facilities – Recommendation: Deferred to a future meeting.
- G. Twenty-Five Year License Agreement Between the City and the East Bay Regional Park District to manage 20.64 acres of City owned open space adjacent to Balmoral Drive: Martin Matarrese gave a brief summary of this item. The EBRPD would like to enter a licence

agreement with the City to manage and maintain the property, including patrolling, litter pick up, signage, fencing, vegetation management. The EBRPD would purchase an insurance policy for this property and name the City as additional insured.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve. Commissioner Bobbitt seconded the motion with passed unanimously.

- H. Request from the Rose Garden Neighborhood Preservation Association to install a bench in the Rose Garden with a memorial plaque for Joanne Hausler – Mr. Ryugo introduced Ruth Cuming, member of the RGNPA. Mrs. Cuming provided a brief description of the bench and the proposed plaque, which will honor Joanne Hausler, long time community leader and supporter of the Rose Garden neighborhood. The RGNPA has raised money to pay for the new bench and plaque.

MOTION: Commissioner Webb moved approval. Commissioner Wong seconded the motion with passed unanimously.

13. **COUNCIL REFERRAL/BUSINESS:** None

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Ryugo reported:

- The Montclair Golf Course construction project has started.
- On May 2 there will be a Rockridge Greenbelt community meeting at Rockridge School, 7 p.m.

15. **OPEN FORUM:** None

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairperson Webb adjourned the meeting in memory of Esther M. Corprew, mother of Marsha J. Corprew. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ryugo
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary