

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2004
Marsha Corprew Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland, CA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, California. Chairperson Webb convened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Ryugo, Secretary to the Commission, conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL: (one vacancy)

Present: Valerie Abad, Rosa Linda Armendariz, Alex Hahn, Mario Juarez, Larry Magid, Theresa Nelson, Ben Tate, Jeffery Taylor, Mary Ellen Tong, Matthew Webb

Staff Present: Jim Ryugo, Martin Matarrese, Mary Perisic

Visitors: Tom Schmitz, Tamaka Bailey, Rebecca Holder, Gayle Burns, Gilbert Blacksmith, Shaun Reid

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of March 10, 2004 meeting:

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2004. Commissioner Tong seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Minutes of April 14, 2004 work session:

MOTION: Commissioner Juarez moved approval of the minutes of the work session of April 14, 2004. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

A. Introduction of new Commissioners:

Rosa Linda Armendariz

Jeffery Taylor

Ben Tate

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

A. PRAC Pending List

- Policy on selling of items in parks - June
- Renaming of facilities – September
- PRAC Retreat

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS: None

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

9. **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Commissioner Webb attended City Stables Advisory Council meeting. The concessionaire's liability insurance is cancelled and they have been evicted from the premises.

10. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:** None

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Location of PRAC meetings: Staff researched moving the meetings to a City Hall hearing room. The only appropriate room for PRAC meetings is Hearing Room 4 which is reserved until the end of the year. Therefore, PRAC meetings will continue to be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center.
- B. City Stables: Mr. Ryugo reported that the agreement between the City and Wildcat Canyon Youth Ranch Program was terminated on April 26, 2004. Since then the City has hired staff to operate the boarding portion of the stables. The youth program has been cancelled. Staff is looking into the necessary capital improvement repairs including grading work, repair of paddocks, improved drainage, and barn replacement, and will review with the City Stables Advisory Council at its meeting on May 12. The stables may need to be closed during construction work since horses are not comfortable with construction noise.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Oakland Rotary Club Centennial Park Project proposal: This item was deferred from last meeting. The Rotary Club proposes the installation of an 18 foot tall 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. There are three possible sites in Lakeside Park: 1) North end of Lake near Grand Avenue at "Y" (preferred by Rotary Club), 2) North of Science Center, and 3) North path at the "Y". Dr. Tom Schmitz, Incoming President of Rotary #3, gave an update. The preferred site would require grading work or moving of the chess tables and chairs to a flat area (about 20 feet from Grand Avenue).

Commissioner Webb serves on the Children's Fairyland Board of Directors and advised that the CFL Board has many questions about the proposal. Commissioner Nelson recommended that this item be agendaized for a public hearing at the next PRAC meeting and that citizens groups be notified as for the Lake Merritt Master Plan public meetings. OPR staff will send meeting notice.

- B. Medicine Warriors Dance Troupe and All Nations' 5th Annual Powwow request to sell arts and crafts at their event in Clinton Park on Saturday, August 28, 2004: This item was deferred from the last meeting. 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 arts and crafts that they are requesting to sell are hand made by Native Americans. Samples of the crafts were presented, including intricate bead work. Commissioner Webb advised that the policy for selling items in parks is being reviewed by the new OPR Director and PRAC, with a major focus on consistency and fairness.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the sale of arts and crafts at the MWDT All Nations' 5th Annual Powwow with the understanding that because the policy is under review that it not be considered a precedent. The reason for the

approval is that the arts and crafts are directly related to the culture and are hand made. Commissioner Tate seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- C. Signs for Joaquin Miller Park: Mr. Shaun Reid of Bicycle Trails Council of the East Bay gave a report. The BTCEB would like to donate and install two permanent signs in the park. The signs would call for mountain bikers to respect the rules of the park, ride gently on the trails and to volunteer for trail work. The 3x4 foot signs would be wooden with font and color to be consistent with the existing signs in the park. It was recommended that contact information be included.

MOTION: Commissioner Tate moved approval of the signs for Joaquin Miller Park. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:** None

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

15. **OPEN FORUM:** None

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Children's Fairyland Gala fundraiser event will be May 20 at Scott's Restaurant.
- Reception for Bill Patterson scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 6:00pm at Sequoia Lodge.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ryugo
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary