

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Oakland, California
Wednesday, July 11, 2007
Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue in Oakland, California.

Chairperson Webb convened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Secretary to the Commission, conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Osagie Enabulele, Michael Hammock, Howard Matis, Susan Montauk
Brad Ricards, Jeffrey Taylor, Matthew Webb

Absent: Valerie Abad, Junaid Mohiuddin, Calvin Wong

Staff Present: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Myka Hammock, Mark Matarrese, Gail McMillon,
Sue Piper, Andrea Thompson-Lewis, Mary Perisic, Jeanne Zastera

Guests: Lynne Grigsby, Don Link, Scott Rosen, Kathren Stevenson, Monica Sudduth

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes June 13, 2007 meeting:

MOTION: Commissioner Ricards moved approval. Commissioner Hammock seconded the motion. There were 2 abstentions, which deferred the minutes to the September 12, 2007 PRAC Meeting.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS: To hold the meeting in Mary Perisic's honor and PRAC presented Mary with a cake and a card in celebration of her retirement.

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Director Jones-Taylor reported that there was a lot of excitement about City Stables at the Council meeting. City Stables is one of the top three parks that Councilmember Brooks would like to have project ready for if in fact grant funds become available. The Project Delivery Division hired an architect, who looked at the priorities, cost them out and checked to see if there is community support to restore certain parks. This is just a concept, should grants become available. OPR will go back before Council in September with a recommendation regarding City Stables. Council has approved to extend the Master Plan, so that if in fact we found a concessionaire that was interested, they can use the Master Plan. City Stables is still on track. The City wants to ensure that the inner city youth needs are met and that the concessionaire will make youth programs a priority and that the program is up and running before City Council releases the funds to upgrade City Stables.

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Commissioner Ricards has attended two of the Recreation Center Open House events at Ira Jenkins and Bushrod.
- Commissioner Taylor visited the McClymonds Pool swimming event.
- August 11, 2007 will be the Parks for Peace kick off at Brookdale Park.

8. **PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

9. **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

10. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:**

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Request from Councilmember Jean Quan's Office to Rename the Shepherd Canyon Regional Trail to the Montclair Railroad Trail pending Council approval of a trade of real property with the East Bay Regional Park District: Sue Piper, Councilmember Jean Quan's' office, gave a brief report, asking PRAC to approve renaming the trail to the Montclair Railroad Trail and to have dogs on a leash allowed on this trail pending the City Council's approval of the trade. Councilmember Jean Quan plans to bring this amendment to the municipal code forward at the same time as the trade so that residents may continue to walk their dogs on a leash on this trail, as they have been able to do under EBRP regulations.

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

- B. Erosion Control and Trail Improvement Plan – Dimond Canyon: Kathren Stevenson, from Friends of Sausal Creek, gave a brief presentation. The FOSC is a community-based organization. Urban storm run-off from private property at the top of the hill has caused the erosion problems. The plan includes measures to control urban runoff, eliminate social trails, and improve a segment of the Dimond Trail on a two-acre restoration site located in the redwood forest along Sausal Creek near Monterey Boulevard.

MOTION: Commissioner Ricards moved approval and would like to encourage the Public Works Agency to meet with the Friends of Sausal Creek to discuss the drainage problem. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRAC will review the policy of mountain bikes in the parks and revisit that policy at a future PRAC meeting.

- C. Request from the United Negro College Fund, Inc. to Collect Donations and Pledges at the 23rd Annual Walk-a-thon and Health and Education Fair at Lakeside Park on Saturday, September 15, 2007: Gail McMillon, OPR Central Reservations, gave a brief report. The UNCF is a non-profit organization. Monica Sudduth of UNCF spoke. This is their third year holding this event at Lakeside Park but this is the first time that they are asking to collect donations and pledges on site.

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

- D. Request from the Shattuck Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council for a Fee Waiver and Permission to Host a Community garage Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at Bushrod Park: Gail McMillon, OPR Central Reservations, gave a brief report. Don Link, from Shattuck Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council, gave a brief presentation. A portion of the funds that are raised will go to support the Bushrod Recreation Centers.

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

- E. Request from the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay for Permission to Sell Falafel Sandwiches at a Community Picnic to be Held at Joaquin Miller Park on Sunday, September 9, 2007: Gail McMillon, OPR Central Reservations, gave a brief report. Scott Rosen of the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay spoke. The event is free to the public and has been held at Joaquin Miller Park for the past few years. This is the first time they have asked to sell food at this event. The JCF will sell falafel sandwiches for \$5.00 each or request a donation of \$5.00 for the sandwiches at their annual picnic festival. The event will be held in three different picnic sites and the meadow area.

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

- F. Request from Smiley Dog Rescue to Accept Donations at a Picnic on Sunday, September 30, 2007 at Joaquin Miller Park: Gail McMillon, OPR Central Reservations, gave a brief report. This is their third year coming before PRAC for this event and each event has been very successful. Lynne Grigsby was there to answer any questions from the commissioners.

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

- G. Dunsmuir Estate Hours: The Office of Parks and Recreation is recommending that PRAC set the park hours from dawn to dusk at the Dunsmuir Estate. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, OPR Director, gave a brief report. The park hours are not posted throughout the park, so signage needs to be supplied to the park stating that the park hours are from dawn to dusk.

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

H. Nomination of Officers:

Commissioner Ricards nominated Commissioner Webb as Chair. Commissioner Enabulele seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Hammock nominated Commissioner Taylor as Vice Chair. Commissioner Enabulele seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Matis nominated Commissioner Ricards as Vice Chair.

The election of officers will be done at the September 12, 2007 PRAC meeting.

Commissioner Webb left the meeting and gave the gavel to Commissioner Montauk to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

- I. PRAC meetings at Recreation Facilities in each Council District: The commissioners were in agreement on all of the meeting locations. The commissioners changed the time of the District 7, December 12, 2007 PRAC meeting to 4:45 pm instead of 4:30pm to allow time for all of the commissioners to arrive.

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:**

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Director of Parks & Recreation, Audree V. Jones-Taylor gave a brief report. The opening and dedication of Lowell Park was a success. The Golden State Warriors resurfaced and dedicated two new basketball parks. The two new draft picks were there as well as the Coach and other players. The resurfacing was funded by the Golden State Warriors and private funds led under the leadership of Larry Harper with the Good Tidings Foundation. This was a great event for the West Oakland community. Lincoln Square, Rainbow, Brookdale and Mosswood parks all were resurfaced under this same type of agreement over the years.

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

- Reminder: The annual PRAC Woodminster event is scheduled for Saturday, August 18.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A. Upcoming Events:

NRPA Congress – September 25-29, 2007 – Indianapolis: Commissioner Mohiuddin will attend.

CPRS Conference – February 26-29, 2008 – Long Beach: Commissioner Webb will attend.

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audree V. Jones-Taylor
Secretary

Andrea Thompson-Lewis
Recording Secretary