

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, October 9, 2002
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. In the absence of a quorum, Chairperson Webb convened a work session at 4:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: (four vacancies)

Present: Dinah Fischbach-Bensen, Yvonne Myers, Theresa Nelson, William Patterson,
Matthew Webb, Jeffery Wong

Absent: Valerie Abad

Staff Present: Jim Ryugo, Mary Perisic

Visitors: Mary Eileen Farrell

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of September 11, 2002 regular meeting: deferred

4. SPECIAL ORDERS: None

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Pesticide Use Policy scheduled for November. OPR will not be replacing the IPM (integrated pest management) coordinator. Commissioner Webb advised that it is essential that a staff person who is knowledgeable on the pesticide issue attend the November meeting. Commissioner Fischbach-Benson requested a clear cost analysis of doing park maintenance work without the use of pesticides, including the dollar amount for the FTEs, equipment, weed barriers, etc. The issue of vector control in city parks was discussed. Alameda County handles vector control within City parks; however the baiting is almost entirely underground in the sewer lines so as to prevent poisoning of non-pests, which limits the range of the pest control. Other cities have passed a fast food clean up tax to help generate revenue to help ameliorate the problem of garbage.
- RecWare and recreation program report (Gibson and Associates) scheduled for November as an action item.
- Feather River Camp report scheduled for December or January
- Oakland Moving Forward to be added.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Election of Officers: deferred

B. PRAC vacancies/candidates: Mr. Ryugo spoke with staff from the Mayor's Office. There are three candidates for the Commission that are currently being interviewed. Commissioner Webb asked to see the applications of the candidates.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:** None

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Ryugo gave a brief summary of the informational golf report that was heard at the Finance Committee on 10/8/02, which included updates on the Lake Chabot, Montclair and Galbraith Golf Courses. The green fees for Lake Chabot Golf Course have been raised for residents to \$22 on week days and \$30 on weekends, and for non-residents to \$26 on week days and \$37 on weekends. The Montclair Golf Course fire hydrant project was discussed. The final agreement to install the fire hydrant in addition to the repairs to the facility is still being negotiated.

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

Mary Eileen Farrell, Manager of the Lakeview Branch Library, gave a presentation on the Friends of the Lakeview Library Garden Project. The Friends have adopted a neglected area and volunteers have made detailed plans to create a beautiful garden. The Friends have been raising funds to buy the materials. The Commission suggested contacting Councilmember Danny Wan's office to ask for funding, as well as Greater Mandana Neighborhood Association.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ryugo
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary