

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Oakland, California
Wednesday, September 12, 2007
Mosswood Recreation Center, Oakland

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at Mosswood Recreation Center, 3612 Webster Street in Oakland, California. Chairperson Webb convened the meeting at 4:55 p.m. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Secretary to the Commission, conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Valerie Abad, Osagie Enabulele, Michael Hammock, Junaid Mohiuddin
Brad Ricards, Jeffrey Taylor, Matthew Webb, Calvin Wong
Absent: Howard Matis, Susan Montauk
Staff Present: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Karis Griffin, Marguerite Hinrichs, Gail McMillon,
Catherine Payne, Andrea Thompson-Lewis, Dave Valeska
Guests: Carlos Castellanos, Xiomara Castro, Chris Christensen, Nicole Lee, Hector Medina

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes June 13, 2007 meeting:

MOTION: Commissioner Hammock moved approval. Commissioner Ricards seconded the motion.

B. Minutes July 11, 2007 meeting:

MOTION: Commissioner Ricards moved approval. Commissioner Hammock seconded the motion

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Marguerite Hinrichs gave a brief report on the Sunday's In The Redwood Concert Series and invited all of the commissioners to come out and support the event.

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 these priorities, cost them out and checked to see if there is community support to restore Councilmember top 3 priorities. The projects are simply concepts, 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 will use the Master Plan concepts. City Stables is still on track. City Council 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 6 moved up to #4. Items #10 and 12 moved up.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
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8. **PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
9. **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:**
10. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:**
 - A. Mosswood Park Teen Center – Conditional Use Permit: Dave Valeska, Planning and Zoning, gave a brief report. The Staff recommendation is for PRAC to affirm the staff's environmental determination and to approve the Major Conditional Use Permit and Regular Design Review subject to the materials presented by the Community and Economic Development Agency. The cost for the overall renovation to be functional and open will be approximately \$100,000. They are looking at some Capitol Improvement Funds as well. The youth will be involved in the planting and rebuilding to develop an ownership of the Teen Center.

Juan Lopez, long time member of the community and Mosswood Advisory Council spoke in favor of the Teen Center.

Marilyn Bechetti, neighborhood resident and Advisory Council member, spoke in favor of the Teen Center.

AJ Benham, Advisory Council member spoke in favor of the Teen Center. AJ has connections with Rebuilding Together and strongly encourages OPR to submit an application. She is also a jazzercise instructor at Mosswood and is interested in offering training to an instructor for programming.

Christine Christensen, longtime community member, spoke in favor of the Teen Center, however her concerns were; the youth leaving the center late at night, she was worried about the hours of operation with there being a curfew on school nights, as well as patrolling by the rangers.

The focus of the Teen Center is for youth up to the age of 21 with structured programs. OPR is working with the county to bring wrap around services to the center.

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

- B. Lions Creek Crossing – Conditional Use Permit: Catherine Payne, Planning Commission, gave a report. Staff Recommendation is that the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission consider and comment on the Lion Creek Crossing Park plans for the Replacement Park phase of the project. Staff also requests that the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission make a recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding a Major Conditional Use Permit and conditions of approval, as appropriate. PUD approval was issued for a large project. Coliseum Gardens Park is now known as Lions Creek. Revisions to the original design make it necessary to consider a Major Conditional Use Permit. The replacement park is to be provided by the Oakland Housing Authority. Lions Creek restoration project includes

restoration of the concrete channel cap. The replacement park is an In-Kind replacement with the same features that were approved in 2004. There have been some changes to the Restoration Project, to replace the existing concrete channel as well as vegetation. After conducting extensive studies, FEMA has determined that it would not be possible to remove that channel. The Redevelopment Agency has indicated that there would be some additional funding for this project.

MOTION: Commissioner Enabulele moved approval. Commissioner Mohiuddin seconded the motion, two opposed, the motion was denied.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Informational Report – Measure DD, Lake Merritt Park, Lakeshore Avenue/El Embarcadero Project, Option B: Lyle Oehler, CIP Coordinator, gave a brief report. Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission review and support the Measure DD, Lake Merritt, Lakeshore Avenue/El Embarcadero Project, Option B as a viable bid alternate. The dimensions for the multi-use trail are 10ft wide along Lakeshore Avenue to 12th Street. He will be advertising the project to City Council in November. The next Measure DD meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of the month. An informational report only no action taken.
- B. Request from the Emergency Shelter Program, Inc. for permission to collect fees at a Dinner/Fundraiser Auction at Leona Lodge on Saturday, October 20, 2007: Mr. Ralph Johnson, from Emergency Shelter Program, Inc., gave a brief presentation. The ESP is a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter and food for women and children of domestic violence. This is their 8th year hosting the event but the first time at an Enterprise Facility. At least 90% of their clients are from Oakland

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

- C. Request from the Diocese of Oakland, St. Louis Bertrand for Permission to Offer Food for sale at a Religious Event at Lakeside Park on Saturday, December 8, 2007: Gail McMillon, OPR Central Reservations, gave a brief report. St. Louis Bertrand is a non-profit organization. Hector Medina of St. Louis Bertrand spoke. This is their second year holding this event at Lakeside Park but this is the first time that they are asking to sell food on site.

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

13. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

14. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The deadline to register for the CPRS Conference in Long Beach, CA, February 26-29, 2008 is September 13, 2007. Matt Webb will be attending the CPRS Conference. Friday, September 14, 2007 will be the Raimondi Park groundbreaking ceremony and they are looking for someone from OPR to represent. On Saturday, September 15, 2007 we will be having a big event at DeFremery Park from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, we will collaborate with Youth Uprising during the Parks for Peace

celebration. We will be rededicating our parks on the 2nd Saturday of each month for the next 12 months until we have reclaimed all of our parks. Upcoming Parks for Peace events will be held at Dimond Park and at Rainbow. We lost one of our staff members to violence, Tomas Melero-Smith, brother of Marcelina Sanchez, the Program Director of the Carmen Flores Recreation Center.

We are really dealing with radical times with radical youth. On September 15, 2007 Council members Quan and Brooks will be hosting an event at Maxwell Park.

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

- Commissioner Hammock informed the commissioners that Oakland citizens would like to rename a ballfield after baseball Hall of Famer Joe Morgan. With staff recommendations they are considering the Ira Jenkins ballfield and would like to have PRAC support from the commissioners.
- Commissioner Hammock also announced that on November 15, 2007, Bill Patterson and community residents will be hosting a tribute to Joe Morgan and request the support of PRAC.

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 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audree V. Jones-Taylor
Secretary

Andrea Thompson-Lewis
Recording Secretary