

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2000
Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held in the Garden Room of the Lakeside Park Garden Center, Oakland, California. The meeting was convened at 4:10pm. Secretary Jim Ryugo conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Valerie Abad, Raymond Bobbitt, Yvonne Myers, Theresa Nelson, William Patterson, Elba Sanchez, Matt Webb, Jeffery Wong, Anne Woodell
Excused: Joe Guzman, Martha Robles
Staff Present: Jim Ryugo, Mitch Thomson, Robert Newman, Mary Perisic
Visitors: Moges Gessesse, Cayren King, Jack Klein, Arlene Kock, Bill McLauchlin, Tom Mosmiller, Nancy Stark, William Talmage, Sgt. Richard Yelder

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of September 13, 2000 regular meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Webb moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2000. Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion which passed with seven ayes.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS: None

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

Secretary Jim Ryugo advised the Commission on a future item, PAC Bell telecommunication issues, to be scheduled for PRAC tour on 10/25/00. The Commission would like to view the sites along with other centers and parks in the area, and then discuss the item at its regular meeting of 11/8/00.

Other items pending include permit for the Lake Chabot Golf Course, including the long-awaited EIR (environmental impact report) which will soon be for review by the Golf Committee and then PRAC.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Items 11 and 10 moved up.

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Mountain Bike Action Magazine Article – The Commission briefly discussed the article and then moved the discussion to Joaquin Miller bike issue. This item is scheduled for the 10/24/00 Life Enrichment Committee as an update only. The Commission also reminded staff that items should go to them for review before Council, or that they should at least know when an item is going to Council. Commissioner Patterson added that he was called by a Councilmember to discuss the City Stables item, but could not since he didn't have knowledge of the Council report.

Commissioner Wong arrived at 4:20pm.

8. **PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

9. **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:** Commissioner Bobbitt reported that several advisory councils are in the process of putting together a town hall work shop on “how to make recreation centers better”, which is planned for October 19, 7:00pm at Mosswood Center. Commissioner Nelson report on the planning process for the advisory council training sessions. There will be three sessions, one for each area.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Illegal Parking in Lakeside Park - The Ranger Division has been in contact with Traffic Enforcement staff who have started ticketing cars in the first 200 yards in front of Children’s Fairyland, as well as trucks parking over night. There will be greater enforcement of the existing two hour parking limit between 6:00am and 12:00noon. Nancy Stark, Executive Director of Children’s Fairyland, informed the PRAC that there are large trucks that park on a regular basis over the weekend, taking up to three spaces each. Children’s Fairyland holds about three overnights a year, so special overnight parking permits will be needed and Traffic Enforcement notified. New signs, including overnight parking violation, need to be installed. Also a concerted effort of enforcement, say every day for two-three weeks, would help curb the parking problem.
- B. Mediterranean Garden –Mr. Ryugo gave a brief report on this item.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve in concept the plans for the Mediterranean Garden, and that the details be worked out and returned to PRAC at a future meeting. Commission Sanchez seconded the motion which passed with nine ayes.

- C. Policy on Sale of Items in the Parks – The Office of Parks and Recreation Policy on Concession Stands, a two page document, was included in the packet. This document is from the Director of Parks and Recreation and is for information only. Mr. Ryugo informed the PRAC on a related item, that Councilmember Spees requested a future Council item on community sponsored events and fund raising activities at park facilities. He also updated PRAC on the new financial procedure in place for Advisory Councils to handle money. They will be allowed to carry a certain amount in petty cash and the balance generated from any sales would go into an account which is being set up for every Advisory Council. It will allow for checks to be cut for trips, etc. Commissioner Woodell asked to see the permit from the Montclair Lions Club for use of Montclair for the flea market.
- D. Clarification of Renaming Public Facilities – A PRAC ad hoc committee, Teresa Nelson, Anne Woodell, Matt Webb and Yvonne Myers, met to discuss the process of renaming facilities. The committee will send its recommendations to staff.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chair Woodell relinquished the chairmanship to Vice-chair Webb for the tree appeal issues, 11A-B.

- A. Tree Appeal Permit ND00-101 for 257 Vernon Street - Arborist Mitch Thomson gave a brief report on the meeting of the PRAC Tree Committee. The owner of the property had previously requested removal of five trees for structural reasons. After providing reports from a structural engineer, those trees have been approved for removal. The question remained, however, on the

removal of redwoods from a planter near the structure. Discussion ensued. Speaking on this issue were Mr. Bill Talmage, project manager, Tom Mosmiller, neighbor, and Jack Klein, property owner.

Commissioner Nelson arrived at 4:45pm.

MOTION: Commissioner Woodell moved to allow the removal of tree #1 and #3 as shown in the photograph in the PRAC packet. Commissioner Wong seconded the motion which passed with eight ayes and one abstention (Commissioner Sanchez).

- B. Tree Appeal Permit ND00-089 for 3125 Harrison Street – Arborist Robert Newman reported on the tree inspection. The owner had applied to have two redwoods removed; one tree is in poor health and was recommended for removal. However the tree in the front of the property is healthy and not recommended for removal. One of the neighbors, Arlene Kock, spoke on behalf of saving the tree. Mr. Moges Gessesse, the property owner, also spoke his concerns.

MOTION: Commissioner Woodell moved to uphold staff's recommendation to preserve the tree in the front yard and remove the tree in the back. Commissioner Wong seconded the motion which passed with nine ayes.

- C. PAC Bell Notice Re: Vaults in Parks – Secretary Ryugo provided information on the three sites in Oakland. This item will be agendized for a future PRAC meeting.
- D. Follow-up Reports on East Bay Pride, Rowing Regatta – No follow up report.
- E. Copy of Permits for Rowing Regatta – The Commissioners advised that there needs to be more scrutiny regarding the selling of items in parks.

12. **COUNCIL REFERRAL/BUSINESS:**

13. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

14. **OPEN FORUM:** Commissioner Woodell said that she was approached by several media regarding the caretakers in the parks item. She spoke on Bay TV.

15. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ryugo
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary