

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 10, 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. Ms. Audree Jones-Taylor, Secretary to the Commission, conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

2. ROLL CALL: (one vacancy)

Present: Valerie Abad, Alex Hahn, Larry Magid, Theresa Nelson,
Brad Ricards, Jeffrey Taylor, Mary Ellen Tong, Matthew Webb

Absent: Rosa Linda Armendariz, Mario Juarez

Staff Present: Audree Jones-Taylor, Jim Ryugo, Gail McMillon, Mary Perisic

Visitors: Emily Rosenberg, Dinah Benson, Kathleen Rardon-Yamanaka, Chris Weahunt

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of October 13, 2004 meeting:

MOTION: Commissioner Magid moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2004. Commissioner Tong seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

A. PRAC Pending List - No change

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

- Commissioner Ben Tate resigned from the Commission, as per his e-mail of 11/9/04.

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PRAC Committees:

- Children's Fairyland Committee – Commissioner Webb gave an update on the CFL contract with the City. The City has not agreed to increase the annual subsidy of \$83,000. Insurance issues were also discussed.
- Golf Committee meeting requested by Commissioner Tong.
- Committee Roster updated:
Alex Hahn volunteered for Golf Committee.
Jeffrey Taylor volunteered for Special Events Committee.

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

A. PRAC Advisory Council Liaisons updated: Will send revised list to PRAC.

10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS: None

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Dog Park – Informational presentation by Emily Rosenburg: Ms. Rosenburg, representing O'Dog (Oakland Dog Owners Group), spoke to the Commission. Currently, in Oakland there is less than one acre of legal off-leash space for dog owners. O'Dog proposes turning an under-utilized open space into an off-leash dog park. The open space is part of an over flow parking lot at Leona Park, too narrow for cars, that belongs to the City. This dog park would use the natural surface of the land, the existing contours, and the parking area that is already available. The location is easily accessible. With fencing and signage the space could become a dog park. O'Dog would help raise funds for the fencing and signage. The only maintenance would be emptying the garbage. There would be no turf and no watering. O'Dog members would monitor the site to be sure people clean up after their dogs. The proposed budget is \$25,000 with about \$10,000 from City Council. The fence would be the biggest expense. There are few residences near the proposed park and a child care center across the street. Ms. Dinah Benson, who spoke in favor of the dog park, suggested that the PRAC should visit the site, and that it is a great location.

The PRAC will invite O'Dog to a future meeting to review the full proposal. All interested parties, both pro and con, will be invited to the meeting.

- B. Request from Kathleen Rardon-Yamanaka to host a fundraiser at Lakeside Park on Saturday, March 5, 2005: Ms. Rardon-Yamanaka and her children are organizing a walk to honor her first husband who died of a brain tumor, and to bring awareness to the National Brain Tumor Foundation. The proceeds would go to the Foundation. Ms. Rardon-Yamanaka requests collection of sponsorship revenues on site. Ms. Gail McMillon, OPR Central Reservations, will meet with Mrs. Rardon-Yamanaka to discuss the gathering site.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to allow the collection of the sponsorship revenues on site for the National Brain Tumor Foundation. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- C. Request from Native American Health to collect registration fees on site at its Walk/Run at Lakeside Park on Saturday, March 12, 2005, and blocking of parking stall for the start/finish line: Ms. Chris Weahunt of the Native American Health Center (NAHC), spoke. The NAHC, located in the Oakland, is having its fourth annual walk/run event at Lakeside Park. The overall goal is to promote fitness, good nutrition and diabetes prevention. They request collection of registration fees on site to allow for a large attendance for the event. The money collected will be use to support the event. They would like to start the race in the Sailboat House parking lot, which would require the blocking of parking stalls. Ms. McMillon will meet with Ms. Weahunt at the Sailboat House to review the parking situation.

MOTION: Commissioner Tong moved to approve the request to collect registration fees subject to the approval of the parking issue. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- D. PRAC Tour of 5 best and 5 worst facilities: The PRAC decided have the tour on Saturday, January 29, to meet at 10:00 am at the Garden Center. The tour will include:

Five highest rated facilities

- Redwood Heights
- Mosswood
- Lincoln Square
- DeFremery
- Dimond and Sheffield (tied)

Five lowest rated facilities

- Bushrod
- Tassafaronga
- Allendale
- Golden Gate
- Franklin

The tour will also include the Leona Lodge overflow parking area, the site for the proposed dog park

- E. Revenue for OPR – Raiders Surcharge: Ms. Audree Jones-Taylor gave a report. A few members of the City Council are questioning how the money is distributed and how the ballfields are selected. This year the \$164,000 will be spent on the renovation of Golden Gate Field. The agreement with the Raiders is that the money is to be spent on city-wide youth programs.

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:**

- A. PRAC Participation with City Council: As Director of OPR, Ms. Jones-Taylor is looking for more involvement from the PRAC on OPR related items that go before the City Council. Staff will be sending to PRAC Council information including draft and final reports and meeting dates so that Commissioners can prepare for the meetings.

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- The City Stables RFPs were accepted last Friday at 3:00 p.m. A panel reviewed the three RFP's and selected two to be interviewed, which will take place on 11/19.
- The Kroc Foundation is interested in possibly donating \$30 million to build a recreation/sports complex at the Ira Jenkins Center.

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

- Commissioner Nelson asked that the Naming of Facilities item, that was heard at the PRAC Retreat, be placed back on a future agenda. At the retreat, PRAC had decided to leave the policy as it is. However, Commissioner Nelson would like to re-evaluate the policy and recommend more specific criteria as to what it means to give significantly to the community.
- Commissioner Tong suggested that PRAC go back to meeting twice monthly (every 2nd and 4th Weds.). Brief discussion ensued, pro and con. Commissioner Ricards suggested that instead of twice monthly meetings, to have quarterly retreats.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audree V. Jones-Taylor
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary