

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001
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. Before the quorum was present, Chairperson Webb convened a work session at 4:45 p.m. A quorum was present at 5:10 p.m and the regular meeting was convened. Jim Ryugo, Secretary to the Commission, conducted roll call.

2. ROLL CALL: (two vacancies)

Present: Raymond Bobbitt (4:55 p.m.), Yvonne Myers, Theresa Nelson, William Patterson (5:10 p.m.), Matthew Webb, Jeffery Wong
Excused: Valerie Abad, Dinah Fischbach-Bensen, Elba Sanchez
Staff Present: Jim Ryugo, Mary Perisic, Dan Gallagher
Visitors: Toan Nguyen, Geraldine Martinez

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of October 24, 2001 regular meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved approval. Commissioner Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS: None

5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:

- Upcoming Bond Measures
- School Link Program
- Update on proposed cathedral at Lake Merritt
- Trails Working Group report
- Status of Golf Courses
- Fire Hydrant Issue

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Commissioner Bobbitt submitted his letter of resignation effective December 31, 2001.

8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS: No reports

9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Commissioner Nelson still has not been contacted by any of the advisory councils she is assigned to in response to the letters that went out in November.

10. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:** No report
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. PRAC Long Term Project: The Commission is considering adopting the park maintenance issue as its long term project. Chairperson Webb is attending monthly community meetings regarding the same, every third Thursday at the Garden Center. Mr. Ryugo advised that the Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation is also looking at the park maintenance issue and will make recommendations.
12. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Appeal of Tree Removal Permit ND01-169, 3016 Minna Avenue: Due to lack of a quorum this item was deferred to the next meeting. The parties will return for the next Commission meeting on 1/9/02.
13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:**
 - A. Informational report on School Link Program: It is Councilmember Wan's initiative that all future OPR budget enhancements must be directed towards Oakland youth and schools nearby OPR facilities. We have advised the City Council that to provide an acceptable level of service there will be significant costs. There will be further discussion about a possible resolution to mandate children's programming levels related to school sites.
 - B. Informational report regarding Park Maintenance: In essence, the number of gardeners is down and the number of facilities has increased. OPR is seeing a deluge of maintenance problems throughout the city, and is looking at how we can improve efficiency and use permanent part time and part time staff more.
 - C. A report and recommendation regarding a proposed resolution authorizing an agreement with Jack London Aquatic Center, Inc., for the management, operation and maintenance of the Jack London Aquatic Center, the period of January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2004, in an annual amount of \$170,000, and approving the acceptance by the Jack London Aquatic Center, Inc., of a contribution of up to \$75,000 from the Port of Oakland for construction of kitchen improvements at Jack London Aquatic Center: Under this agreement, the City will provide an annual payment to JLAC in the amount of \$170,000 for assistance in programming, facilities maintenance and cost associated with the building. The budget has committed \$75,000 towards installation of a commercial kitchen. We anticipate the agreement will be signed off soon.
 - D. A report and recommendation regarding a proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and appropriate Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program Grant Funds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the National Park Service and to negotiate and execute a master agreement with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to install capital improvements at Bella Vista Park in conformance with all grants related to this project in an amount not to exceed of \$1,735,046: The grant application will be submitted just in time, and we hope to be working with the Trust for Public Land early next year.
 - E. A report from the City Clerk on the Results of the Signature Verification of the \$59,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Initiative Petition and a resolution submitting to the voters a proposed initiative bond measure entitled "A Measure Authorizing the Issuance of \$59,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds for Oakland's Zoo, Museum and Chabot Space and Science Center Improvements: This report came from the City Clerk's Office. This bond measure should be on the ballot in March and will require a two-thirds majority vote. Commissioner Nelson asked that this item be discussed at the next meeting so that PRAC can give endorsement.

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The City Auditor has issued an opinion that, regardless of the number of minutes allotted on a cellular phone service, you cannot use the phone for personal use. The OPR Director has also made it a policy that cellular phones not be used for personal telephone calls. The previous policy allowed staff to make personal phone calls if they did not go over their allotted time.

Commissioner Nelson had a question about the parking on Bellevue Avenue. Mr. Ryugo responded that there has been stepped up enforcement including limited enforcement of over night parking.

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

- The Commission thanked Ray Bobbitt for his years of dedicated service and wished him good luck in his future endeavors. Commissioner Bobbitt thanked everyone for their support. He would like to see the Commission have a more effective role to advise the City.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. in recognition of Commissioner Bobbit.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ryugo
Secretary

Mary Perisic
Recording Secretary