

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2003**  
**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 the work session at 4:45 p.m. A full quorum was present at 5:45 pm. Mr. Ryugo, Secretary to the Commission, conducted roll call.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Hans Carlberg, Mario Juarez, Theresa Nelson, William Patterson, Mary Ellen Tong, Matthew Webb  
Absent: Valerie Abad, Dinah Fischbach-Benson, Larry Magid, Yvonne Myers, Jeffery Wong  
Staff Present: Jim Ryugo, Mary Perisic  
Visitors: Jackie Artman, Peggy Stinnett

**3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

A. Minutes of February 26, 2003 regular meeting:

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

**4. SPECIAL ORDERS:** None

**5. DETERMINATION OF SCHEDULE—OUTSTANDING AGENDA ITEMS:**

A. PRAC Pending List

- It was suggested that the PRAC tour be held on April 23. The time and route will be determined at the April 9 meeting.
- Feather River Camp – Schedule for April 9 meeting.

**6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Due to a lack of a quorum, all non-action items were moved up.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**8. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**9. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

A. PRAC Liaisons to Recreation Advisory Councils: The updated liaison check sheet will be distributed at the next meeting.

**10. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:** None

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Budget Presentation: Mr. Ryugo reported that the OPR Director met with the City Manager and staff to go over the OPR budget in general. Another meeting will be scheduled to look at the details. When the City's budget is ready for presentation, the OPR Fiscal Manager can make a presentation to PRAC. In the interim, the Finance and Management Committee will have a report to the full Council on March 25 addressing some budget issues. Mr. Ryugo was able to report that OPR's spending has been within budget. The Commission asked when the public will have the opportunity to review the proposed budget. Also, as a related budget issue, there will be a report to the Life Enrichment Committee regarding outdoor maintenance issues on May 13.
- B. RecWare/Gibson Report Presentation: Ms. Kip Walsh, Project Manager, gave an overview of the RecWare program and the Gibson Report. (Please see attached "Evaluation Report Introduction" for a summary.) The report indicates that customers currently participating in OPR programs report a high level of satisfaction with the programs. The question was raised as to how to assess the number of Oakland residents unable to use OPR facilities due to transportation problems, etc., and if OPR could do outreach to find out who and where they are. It was suggested that staff look at other types of survey instruments to gather non-user data besides the forms that are in the actual centers, or do a small mail survey to capture the non users. Commissioners asked if the next reports could include park services, to which Ms. Walsh responded that parks have not been part of the discussion but she will bring it up. Commissioners asked if the report could help show which programs people want to see an emphasis in, what facilities need improvements, what groups are not being providing programs for, where are the gaps in the programs. Further, where does OPR fit in specifically for after school needs and school site collaborations. The RecWare system provides a snap shot of who, what, where and the costs. The City Council tells us how we get programs where they are needed. Putting pieces together with the report is important step so that City Council can see where we are so that we can decide where to go. The next phase of the Gibson report will be completed in November 2003.
- C. Carijama Mosswood: Ms. Jackie Artman, co-founder of the Carijama event held annually at Mosswood Park, spoke concerning the denial of the request for event co-sponsorship by the City. Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, Carijama has become an Oakland tradition every Memorial Day. It is a free event and is co-sponsored by the Mosswood Advisory Council. Commissioner Webb acknowledged Carijama is a valuable event. He advised that the City has been looking to cut back on its expenses and has revised its policies on co-sponsorship. The PRAC is no longer in a position to approve City co-sponsorships. He suggested that Ms. Artman seek support through the City Council.

13. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:**

- A. Report on the Status of the Measure K General Obligation Bonds Program and Resolution authorizing the appropriation and allocation of \$1,346,246 from completed projects and interest earnings to Mosswood Park improvements, the Temescal Pool renovation, and Peralta Hacienda Historical Park improvements, and authorizing \$240,000 in Measure K series D trail improvement funds for two trail-connecting bridges in Joaquin Miller Park and Cesar Chavez Park: Mr. Ryugo gave a brief summary of the report.

14. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

- Commissioner Webb asked about the Mother of the Year program. Mr. Ryugo advised that the program is in jeopardy of budget reductions and that there is no staff assigned to administer the program. The Commission as a whole expressed extreme concern about the cutting of the program. Commissioner Webb stated that it is the sense of the Commission that given the minimal cost of the Mother of the Year program, given the historical significance of the program, given that the program honors women of Oakland, that it provides benefits to the City of Oakland in general and the Rose Garden in particular, that the City use all means necessary to make sure that the Mother of the Year program takes place this year.
- Commissioner Juarez is attending the District 5 Council meetings.

16. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ryugo  
Secretary

Mary Perisic  
Recording Secretary