



## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 4:30 P.M.

Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue, Oakland, CA

### Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:34pm

2. ROLL CALL:

BELCHER, DU BOIS, FLORES, KADERA-REDMOND, MARSHALL, MILLER, PETERSON, ROSENBLOOM, SELNA, WU

Present: Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Petersen, Rosenbloom, Selna,  
Arrivals: Peterson (4:39pm)  
Excused: Flores, Miller  
Absent: Belcher  
City Staff: Diane Boyd, Christina Ferracane, Audree Jones-Taylor Gail McMillon,  
Dana Riley

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

October 9, 2013 meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to approve the October 9, 2013  
**Moved by:** Commissioner Du Bois **Seconded by:** Commissioner Rosenbloom  
**Abstained:** Commissioner Wu **Motion: Passed**

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to modify the agenda and move Item 8B above Item 8A. **Moved by:** Commissioner Marshall **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond **Motion: Passed**

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Informational report on the Draft Lake Merritt Station Area Plan and associated Draft Environmental Impact Report** Christina Ferracane presented the informational staff report for Item 8A. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the informational staff report on the Draft Lake Merritt Station Area Plan presented by Christina Ferracane from the Strategic Planning Division. The City of Oakland, community members

BART, and the Peralta Community College District have developed the Draft Lake Merritt Station Area Plan (Draft Plan) for the area around the Lake Merritt BART Station. A Draft Environment Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared to identify possible impacts to the environment associated with the Draft Plan. Planning staff would like to solicit feedback from PRAC members on the parks and recreation aspects of the Draft Plan and DEIR.

Chair Wu noted that in 2008 the community expressed lots of concern regarding the lack of open space and subsequently noted that there were no residents in the audience today.

Christina Ferracane noted that Zoning is looking at changing the rules for charter schools. New schools will have to provide recreation space or provide a fee – which could be used to improve nearby recreation spaces and centers. Commissioners expressed that the project is already “not feasible” and to add more requirements, i.e., open spaces, might result in no development at all.

The Commission was concerned that the report did not include mention of a dog park as Referenced in Exhibit A of the report – PRAC Minutes December 14, 2011 and requested the Planning staff use its expertise to insert PRAC Dog Park recommendations where appropriate. It was noted that the high density plan did not specify the type of housing to be developed.

Staff clarified that “calming of traffic” on 1-way streets with the use of bike lanes, bump-outs and crosswalks rather than speed bumps were more appropriate for residential areas. Planning staff concluded that traffic circles tend to be difficult for pedestrians to navigate. Staff also informed the Commission that parking lots were not allowed in the project design, but parking structures would be included

The Commission suggested than efforts could be focused on revitalizing areas underutilized rather than follow the practice of selecting spaces already popular which will not lose clients or users if improvements are not made.

The Commission learned that the Draft plan does not extend past I-80 toward Jack London as the Jack London Planning group wants to develop their own process.

The timeframe for the project could not be specifically determined or guaranteed, however, it was suggested that 2025 would be an optimistic goal.

Comments will be accepted through December 20, 2013. Staff will make an oral presentation to the Planning commission on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

The Final Plan and FEIR adoption hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council are anticipated for to take place in summer 2014.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to accept the Information Report on the Draft Lake Merritt Station Area Plan and associated Draft Environmental Impact Report.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond **Seconded by:** Commissioner Selna **Motion:**  
**Passed**

- B. Request from 1000 Mothers to Prevent Violence for Permission to Accept Donations and Host a Fundraiser at their Annual Purple Gala Awards Dinner at Jack London Aquatic Center on Thursday, December 12, 2013. Gail McMillon presented the staff report for Item 8B. The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed a request from **1000 Mothers to Prevent Violence**, a non-profit organization. The organization requested permission to host their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser Purple Gala Awards Dinner at the Jack London Aquatic Center on Thursday, December 12, 2013 and to collect a fee of \$50.00 from each guest. Event activities include dinner, a raffle and auction. An Oakland police officer and two parents of grieving families will also be honored.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to approve the request to all 1000 Mothers to Prevent Violence to hold their Purple Gala Awards Dinner at the Jack London Aquatic Center on Thursday, December 12, 2013.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Marshall **Seconded by:** Commissioner Selna **Motion: Passed**

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Commissioner Kadera-Redmond met with the community Gardening Council and discussed new rules and regulations for plots.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

15. OPEN FORUM:

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

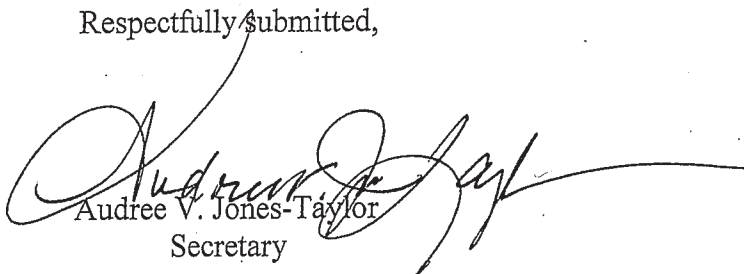
**Curt Flood Field Renovation**

On December 5, 2013, the Office of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Friends of Parks and Recreation, will host an invitation only fundraiser to benefit the Curt Flood Field Renovation. The event will take place from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at a private residence in the Oakland Hills. The Director's goal is raise 1.7mil for the project.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

18. ADJOURNMENT: 5:55pm

Respectfully submitted,



Audree V. Jones-Taylor  
Secretary



Diane Boyd  
Recording Secretary

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*Next Meeting:*

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013 - 4:30 p.m.*  
*Lakeside Garden Center*  
*666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA*