



***** Special Meeting *****
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Oakland
February 8, 2014, 9:00 A.M
Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue, Oakland, CA

Agenda

PLEASE NOTE: THE RETREAT LOCATION HAS CHANGED. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN OUR USUAL LOCATION AT THE GARDEN CENTER.

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. ROLL CALL:
BELCHER, DU BOIS, FLORES, KADERA-REDMOND, MARSHALL, MILLER, PETERSON, ROSENBLOOM, SELNA, WU
3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:
January 8, 2014 Minutes
4. SPECIAL ORDERS:
5. PRAC PENDING LIST:
6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:
7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:
8. NEW BUSINESS:

PRAC has moved its regularly scheduled February meeting to Saturday, February 8, 2014 - 9 AM to 1 PM in order to convene its annual retreat. The meeting will be held at the Lake Merritt Garden Center located at 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

The following topics will be covered. The actual time on each item may vary but the meeting will conclude no later than 1 PM.

- A. Welcome
- B. Election of Chair
- C. Roles and Responsibilities of PRAC
- D. Meeting Protocol and Communication
- E. PRAC Committees: Recap Status of Committees
- F. PRAC Liaisons:
- G. Public Safety: *Discussion with Neighborhood Services about City Public Safety*

Break (15 min)

- H. The Future of the Office of Parks and Recreation in
- I. Marketing of Park and Recreation Services
- J. Land Use and Planning Issues
 - a. *PRAC "feedback" on informational reports from outside agencies: How can we make a difference?*
 - b. *What is Open Space and Conservation and Recreation "OSCAR" (level of service standards, etc.)?*
 - c. *Park Zoning and Use Permits: Quick recap/ Q&A*
- K. What's New in Community Gardening and Urban Agriculture?
- L. Upcoming capital projects—what's on the horizon for PRAC?
- M. Upcoming dates and events (*Council meetings, PRAC report to Life Enrichment Committee, Annual PRAC parks tour, upcoming Parks/Rec events*)
- N. Parting Thoughts and Goals for 2014—How can PRAC do better? (15 min)

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

15. OPEN FORUM:

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

18. ADJOURNMENT:

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Next Meeting:

*Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 4:30 p.m.
Lakeside Garden Center
666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA*



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Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:
4:36pm

2. ROLL CALL:
BELCHER, DU BOIS, FLORES, KADERA-REDMOND, MARSHALL, MILLER, PETERSON,
ROSENBLOOM, SELNA, WU

Present: Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna, Wu
Arrivals: Dubois (4:40pm) Peterson (4:58pm)
Excused: Flores
City Staff: Diane Boyd, Karis Griffin, Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Gail McMillon,
Dana Riley

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:
December 4, 2013 meeting minutes

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the December 4, 2013 minutes which should include removal of the last sentence on page 4, include Laura Kaminski under the staff roster and specify adult programs in Commissioner Belcher's comments under Item 12. **Moved by:** Commissioner Selna, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Wu: **Abstained: Commissioner Marshall Motion Passed**

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to move Item 9A above Item 8B. Moved by: Commissioner Du Bois **Seconded by:** Commissioner Marshall: **Motion Passed**

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINES
None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Request for Approval to Dedicate a Bench to Lou Albertini.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Dana Riley. Ms. Amelia Kirby contacted the City of Oakland and requested that an existing bench located where Hanover Avenue meets Lakeshore Avenue on the shore of Lake Merritt be dedicated to honor her father Mr. Lou Albertini. The desired bench faces Lake Merritt and was placed through Measure DD improvements.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion approves the request to dedicate a bench located where Hanover Avenue meets Lakeshore Avenue to: Lou "Poppo" Albertini "It's All Good". **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Belcher: **Motion Passed**

- B. **An Ordinance Amending Section 6.04.080 of the Oakland Municipal Code, *Dogs At Large In Parks*, to Designate Additional Areas as Permitted On-Leash and Off-Leash Areas.** Staff requests that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission recommend the City Council approve an ordinance amending Section 6.04.080 of the Oakland Municipal Code, *Dogs At Large in Parks*, to designate additional areas as permitted on-leash and off-leash areas.

Speakers' Comments

Supporters of amending the ordinance recommended some East Oakland parks be considered in the on-leash/off-leash proposal.

Dog owners are good public safety ambassadors and are considered the eye and ears of neighborhoods.

Proposed amended ordinance considered a good first step and will make it easier to include new parks and pals on the ground.

Bay Trail is the closest area for East Oakland residences to walk their dogs.

A community member recommended that every dog owner should have a license.

It was suggested that the more options or places dog owners have for walking their dogs that there would be less congestion and fewer occasions of aggressive behavior.

It was recommended that the Commission look at the Oak to 9th Street Project for DD funds and reference the Point Richmond dog area.

Commission Comments and Concerns

Commissioner Rosenbloom clarified that the owners are allowed to walk their dogs along the perimeter and through Lakeside Park.

Commissioner Marshall inquired how the change in the Ordinance would impact staff safety as related to enforcement new rules.

Commissioner Belcher suggested the licensing fees be increased.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to recommend the City Council approve an ordinance amending Section 6.04.080 of the Oakland Municipal Code, *Dogs At Large in Parks*, to designate additional areas as permitted on-leash and off-leash areas. **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Selna: **Motion Passed**

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

- A. **Request the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Consider Their Support for the City Slicker Farms Minor Conditional Use Permit by the City of Oakland Planning Department.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Mark Hall. This report provides an update on the previous (PRAC) report from November 8, 2006. City Slicker Farms (CSF), a local West Oakland nonprofit, desires to renew the support of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) for a Minor Conditional Use Permit for a Community Market Farm and Outdoor Classroom at Fitzgerald and Union Plaza Park. While preparing for the meeting, OPR conducted a further investigation and learned that the park in question is not zoned as a park, but is zoned for housing. Therefore, a Minor Conditional Use permit is not required, nor does PRAC have authority to approve the recommendation.

Speakers' Comments

Speakers in opposition to the outdoor classroom stated that the structure attracted criminal activity and requested that it be dismantled because of reoccurring prostitution, open drug use and drug sales. The community recommended that City Slicker Farms partner on programming with the Poplar/Willie Keys Recreation Center.

Commission Comments and Concerns

Commissioner Selna questioned the lack of a prior agreement with the City and the permission through a Minor Conditional Use Permit to erect the structure. He inquired as to when Barbara Finnin was installed as the Executive Director of City Slicker Farms, and subsequently learned that she assumed the leadership position in 2008.

Director Jones-Taylor: The issue of the structures existence falls under the jurisdiction of Code Enforcement. There is no executed agreement or contract with the Office of Parks and

Recreation and City Slickers Farm. City Slickers Farm did not receive approval from OPR nor the Planning Department.

Commissioner Miller suggested 2 options addressing the classroom:

- A. Tag and Remove Outdoor Classroom
- B. Acquire proper permits for Outdoor Classroom

Commissioner Woo noted that local community stakeholders need to "caucus" to figure out a shared use for the structure, or develop a consensus to remove the structure.

Commissioner Dubois supported a community process with local stakeholders to determine the best use of the site, and expressed concern that in the interim the City of Oakland could be exposed to possible liabilities.

Commissioner Peterson suggested the possibility of dismantling the structure and placing it in storage until a permanent solution has been determined, but learned that the process could be cost prohibitive.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to recommend that City Slicker Farms engage in a 30 day process to include a discussion with community stakeholders regarding the best solution for the Outdoor Classroom at Fitzgerald and Union Park Plaza and to obtain the required code compliance permits from the appropriate departments. **Moved by:**

Commissioner Belcher, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Wu: **Vote:**

Yes: Selna, Rosenbloom, Marshall, Kadera-Redmond, Wu and Belcher **No:** Peterson, Miller and Du Bois Motion Passed

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16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor from Studio One provided the Commission with an overview of programs and services.
- Director Jones-Taylor informed the Commission of the January 4th 2014 missing child incident and the disruptive facility rental.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

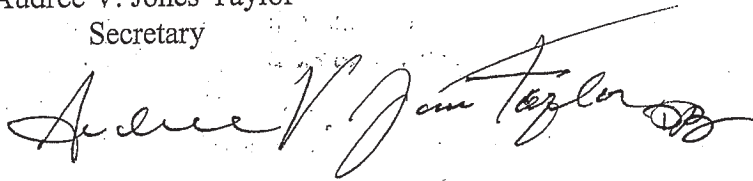
Reminder: Commission retreat on Saturday, February 8th, 2014 at the Oakland Zoo, 9am to 1pm.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 7:09pm

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Respectfully submitted,

Audree V. Jones-Taylor
Secretary



Diane Boyd
Recording Secretary



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