



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Oakland
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Lake Merritt Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue
4:30pm

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:35pm

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Present: Du Bois, Flores, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu

Excused: Belcher and Peterson

Arrivals: Kadera-Redmond (4:41pm)

Staff: Parks and Recreation – Audree Jones-Taylor, Dana Riley, Diane Boyd and Zermaine Thomas. City Council Office -Shereda Nosakhare.

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

October 22, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the October 22, 2014 Special Meeting minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Selna **Second by:** Commissioner Du Bois. **Vote: Yes** - Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller and Selna **Abstained:** Rosenbloom and Wu. **Motion:** Passed

November 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the November 12, 2014 meeting minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Selna **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote: Yes** Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu **Abstained:** DuBois and Marshall **Motion:** Passed

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to modify the agenda and move Item 7A to New Business Item 8A and Item 8A to Consent New Business Item 7A. **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu. **Second by:** Commissioner Selna. **Vote: Yes** Du Bois, Flores, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu
Motion: Passed

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY TO COLLECT ON-SITE DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING PLEDGES FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL MS WALK EAST BAY 2015 AT LAKESIDE PARK BANDSTAND ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015.** The Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission review the staff report for Item 7A presented by Zermaine Thomas. Oakland Parks and Recreation received a request for approval from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, a non-profit organization, to collect on-site donations and fundraising pledges for the 3rd Annual MS Walk East Bay 2015 at Lakeside Park on Saturday, April 18, 2015. The donations and funds raised were allocated to support local programs, services, and research for those affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve Consent New Business Item 7A. **Moved by:** Commissioner Marshall **Second by:** Commissioner Wu. **Vote: Yes**
Motion: Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **REQUEST APPROVAL FROM OAKLAND VEG CALIFORNIA TO ALLOW FOOD VENDORS AND OTHER ARTISANS TO SELL THEIR WARES AND TO ALLOW NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO SOLICIT DONATIONS AT THE OAKLAND VEG FEST AT THE LAKE MERRITT AMPHITHEATRE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015.** The Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8A presented by Zermaine Thomas. Oakland Parks and Recreation received a request for approval from Oakland Veg California, a non-profit organization, to allow food vendors and other artisans to sell their wares and to allow non-profit organizations to solicit donations at the Oakland Veg Fest at the Lake Merritt Blvd. Amphitheatre on Saturday, April 25, 2015. This event will be free and open to the public and held for the first time at an Oakland Parks and Recreation venue. Approximately 20 vendors and 8 non-profits will participate. A Post Event will be filed after April 25th, 2015.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to grant permission to Oakland Veg California to allow non-profit organizations to collect on-site fees for food and other items on sale at their Veg Fest at the Lake Merritt Amphitheatre on April 25, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Selna **Second by:** Commissioner Wu. **Motion Failed. Vote: Yes** Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu

B. Request for Approval to Dedicate a Bench to "D" Fraser

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8B presented by Shereda Nosakhare from Councilmember Schaaf's office. The Friends of Courtland Creek applied for a mural grant from then Councilmember Quan in 2008. Part of the grant was the placement of a bench at the creek. The project was completed in 2011 but the bench was never ordered. Several years have passed but the bench has finally been ordered and is scheduled to be installed in the next few weeks. This will complete the project led by the neighbors that began many years ago. The plaque installation process is in accordance with the Public Works Agency construction requirements.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the request to dedicate a bench to Donna "D" Fraser with the following inscription:

In Memory of "D" Fraser

1951-2014

Friend of Courtland Creek

Moved by: Commissioner Du Bois **Second by:** Rosenbloom. **Vote: Yes**

Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

Nexus Study was approved by City Council. During the coming year Parks and Recreation will be included in the discussion regarding potential funding and will not be lumped in with other departments.

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Selna reported that Commissioner Du Bois will join the Grilling Subcommittee.

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

15. OPEN FORUM:

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- PRAC Retreat – Special Meeting January 10, 2015
The annual parks tour will take place on Saturday, January 10th from 9:30am to 100pm. Waste Management staff and new members of the Friends of Parks and Recreation Board will participate.
- Update: Community Focus Groups
The District 6 Focus Group scheduled for the week of December 15 has been postponed until further notice. The meetings have been well attended and considered a great opportunity to tell OPR's story. There have been repeated requests at the community meetings to have the Park Rangers reinstated as. Many participants commented on the rise in vandalism to recreation centers. Grilling in parks is a hot issue. The ordinance must be reviewed and change with consideration giving to the needs of the various communities. The ordinance gives PRAC the authority to designate specific areas for grilling.

- Parks & Recreation Magazine Article –
OPR staff member Michelle Doppelt wrote an article featured in the December issue of the Parks and Recreation National Magazine on the department's Anti-Bullying Policy

17. ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting is wheelchair accessible. To request materials in alternative formats, or to request an ASL interpreter, or assistive listening device, please call ***Oakland Parks and Recreation at (510) 238-7532*** or **TDD (510) 615-5883** at least three working days before the meeting. Please refrain from wearing scented products to this meeting so attendees who may experience chemical sensitivities may attend. Thank you.

Next Meeting: ***Special Meeting –Annual Retreat and Bus Tour***
Saturday, January 10, 2015, 9:00am to 1:00pm
666 Bellevue Avenue