



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
City of Oakland
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Lake Merritt Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue
4:30pm

Draft Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Present: Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu

Excused: Belcher, Flores, Marshall, Miller

Staff: Parks and Recreation: Dana Riley, Diane Boyd, Zermaine Thomas, Mark Hall; Oakland Public Works: Tora Rocha, Janet Nelson, Ha Nguyen; Planning and Building: Rachael Flynn

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

- May 13, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes
- July 8, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes

Note: The vote to approve the Draft meeting minutes for May 13 and July 8 was postponed until the October 14th meeting due to the lack of required votes to pass the item.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND INC. FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT ON-SITE DONATIONS AT THE 30TH ANNUAL WALK-A-THON FOR EDUCATION AT LAKESIDE PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015.**

The United Negro College Fund, Inc. (UNCF) has held its Walk-A-Thon for Education at Lakeside Park for many years. The event draws approximately 200+ people who participate in a 5K walk. The Walk for Education helps to raise funds for minority students endeavoring to fulfill their educational dreams.

B. REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS AT LAKE MERRITT AND OAKLAND PUBLIC WORKS FOR CONSENT TO USE THE GARDEN CENTER AND THE GARDENS AT LAKE MERRITT TO HOLD A FUNDRAISER CALLED THE "AUTUMN LIGHTS FESTIVAL" ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH AND 17TH, 2015.

Friends of the Gardens at Lake Merritt (FGLM) have requested use of the Lakeside Park Garden Center and the Gardens at Lake Merritt to hold a fund-raiser "The Autumn Light Festival" event. Net event receipts will entirely go to benefit improvements to the new entrance of the Gardens and Garden Center. Proud Festival Nation has been hired to manage the event.

Note: Oakland Public Works Parks Supervisor, Victoria Rocha requested permission to extend the event to Sunday, October 18th due to increased popularity. Staff expects an estimated 9K people to attend the 3 day event and have made plans to expand its security, rest rooms, food and other logistical needs as necessary.

C. REQUEST FROM MCCLYMONDS ACTION COMMITTEE TO HOLD THEIR REUNION ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 AT DEFREMERY PARK AND TO COLLECT ON SITE DONATIONS.

McClymonds has had more than 25 successful reunions at deFremery Park. It is a time for people to reunite and rekindle old friendships with former classmates, visit their old community and family home, share family stories and have fun revisiting old memories. All class years are invited from classes of the 1950's to the graduating class of 2014. The community looks forward to a day of family engagement and community involvement. Proceeds from this event will continue to support their organization and planning for the following year's event.

D. REQUEST FROM YOUTH SPEAKS ORGANIZATION TO HAVE AN EVENT (LIFE IS LIVING) WITH VENDORS AT DEFREMERY PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015.

Youth Speaks has held Life is Living Festival for five years at deFremery Park. There are various platforms for youth to enjoy. Spoken word, Food Justice, Hip Hop Dream Stage, Eco-Empowerment Health and Wellness Fair and skateboard competitions to name a few. The attendance is very high and the community looks forward to it. Proceeds from this event will continue to support Youth Speaks in the service of youth and arts in Oakland and the surrounding Bay Area.

E. REQUEST FROM THE BLACK COWBOY ASSOCIATION TO HAVE VENDORS AT THEIR ANNUAL PARADE AND FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT BEING HELD AT DEFREMERY PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015.

Oakland Black Cowboy Association (OBCA), a non-profit organization, request to have up to 20 vendors at their Annual Parade and Festival event held at deFremery Park. OBCA has had forty successful parades and festivals. Horses, cars, drill teams and spectators are all strategically placed. There is anticipation among neighbors, surrounding city communities and beyond who look forward to this family friendly affair. Proceeds from their fundraising efforts will continue to support this historical West Oakland heritage.

Motion: Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to approve the Consent New Business Items 7A-7E, including the modifications to Item 7B. **Moved by:** Commissioner Peterson. **Second by:** Commissioner Du Bois . **Vote:** Yes – Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu, **Motion:** Passed

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST APPROVAL FROM BAY LOCALIZE AND PARTNER, SEED & SOUL: INDIGENOUS CLUTURAL EXCHANGE TO HOST A FUNDRAISER, COLLECT DONATIONS AND SELL FOOD ,BEVERAGES AND ARTISTIC WARES AT THEIR OUTDOOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND FESTIVA AT LAKESIDE PARK (FAIRYLAND GRASSY AREA) ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8A presented by Zermaine Thomas from Central Reservations with Oakland Park and Recreation. Bay Localize is an Oakland-based non-profit organization which supports community leaders with building equitable, resilient communities. The organization confronts the challenges of climate instability, rising energy costs, and recession by boosting regional capacity to provide for everyone's needs. Seeds and Soul is a one-day, Indigenous wombyn-led gathering and festival which centers on the themes of environmental sustainability, social justice, and indigenous wombyn's leadership.

Motion: Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow Bay Localize and Seed and Soul request to host a fundraiser and collect donations and sell food, beverages and artistic wares at their outdoor Cultural Exchange and Festival at Lakeside Park on Saturday, October 24, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Second by:** Commissioner Peterson. **Vote:** Yes – Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu, **Motion:** Passed

B. REQUEST FROM THE BONSAI GARDEN AT LAKE MERRITT FOR APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A MUSEUM STORE AT THE BONSAI GARDEN AT LAKE MERRITT TO FUNDRAISE FOR RENEWEL OF THE BONSAI GARDEN DISPLAYS.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8B presented by Victoria Rocha from Oakland Public Works. Staff and workers at the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM) requested permission from PRAC to create and run a Museum Shop to raise funds for the revitalization of the Garden display area. BGLM became member of the California Association of Museums (CAM) and the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) in an effort to elevate their status as an accredited museum. The project for which BGLM seeks California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) grant funding is for the replacement of 40-2'x3' and 13-2'x10' display benches and 3-2'x6' seating benches for the bonsai represented in the collection. In addition, the group would like to redesign the layout of the benches to add at least six to eight small benches plus another two to three seating benches for our visitors.

Staff intends to use an existing structure within the garden gates to serve as the museum store. Note cards, t-shirts, coffee mugs other related items would be sold to help raise the \$50,000 in matching funds needed to receive support for the CCHE, sponsored by the California Natural Resources Agency.

Motion: Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to approve the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt's request to establish a Bonsai Museum Shop in the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. **Moved by:** Commissioner DuBois. **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote: Yes** – Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu, **Motion:** Passed

C. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO DEDICATE A BENCH TO JO AND NORM BUDMAN.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8C presented by Dana Riley from Oakland Parks and Recreation. Scott and Margo Budman, children of Jo and Norm Budman, contacted the City requesting that a bench be dedicated to honor their parent's 50th wedding anniversary. The desired bench location is on the east side of Lake Merritt along Lakeshore Avenue. The specific bench faces the lake and is the most northerly of two benches across from the entrance to the Cleveland Cascades. The plaque installation process is in accordance with the Public Works Agency construction requirements.

The Budman's will donate \$600 to the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation for the purchase and installation of the plaque which will read as follows:

Jo and Norm Budman
Celebrating 50 years of marriage
"I'll never find another you"

Motion: Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to grant the staff recommendation to approve the plaque language as written for a bench on the shore of Lake Merritt to be dedicated to Jo and Norm Budman. **Moved by:** Commissioner Peterson. **Second by:** Commissioner Rosenbloom. **Vote: Yes** – Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu, **Motion:** Passed

D. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO DEDICATE A BENCH TO JUNE SPERO.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8D presented by Dana Riley from Oakland Parks and Recreation. The family of June Spero is requesting that a bench across from the bird pond adjacent to the Rotary Nature Center inside Lakeside Park is dedicated to honor her memory. Mrs. Spero is survived by three children and five grandchildren who would like a place to remember her.

The Spero family will make a minimum donation of \$600 to the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation to have the bench spruced up and for the purchase and installation of the plaque.

Motion: Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to grant the staff recommendation to approve the plaque language as written for a bench across from the bird pond in Lakeside Park to be dedicated to June Spero. **Moved by:** Commissioner Du Bois. **Second by:** Commissioner Rosenbloom. **Vote: Yes** – Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu, **Motion:** Passed

E. **REQUEST FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE CAMRON STANFORD HOUSE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8E presented by Mark Hall from Oakland Parks and Recreation. The Camron-Stanford House, as a Victorian house museum, has been a venue for many historical exhibits and public and private events since 1978, when much of the building had been restored to the 1880 period. The Camron-Stanford House Preservation Association (CSHPA) has a current lease with the City of Oakland, which is the owner of the Camron-Stanford House and its property. Existing lack of public safety during evening use and the protection of the historic house and its grounds have been on-going concerns for the CSHP. Although there is excellent exterior lighting on the front and right side of the building, installed by the City during the Measure DD project, there is no night illumination on the back and left side of the building.

Due to the historical designation of the Camron-Stanford House modern lighting may not be attached to the building. Low voltage LED lamps will be attached to palm trees on the property and used to light the north side of the building, the main garden gate and parking lot. Lamp shields will be installed to block light from other areas. The lamps will be installed at a height such as to prevent vandalism and are dimmable which will allow organizers to control the ambience during events held in the garden.

Motion: Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to accept the informational report regarding the Camron Stanford House Landscaping and Lighting improvements. **Moved by:** Commissioner Selna. **Second by:** Commissioner Peterson. **Vote:** Yes – Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu, **Motion:** Passed

F. **REQUEST FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT FOR A MURAL INSIDE VERDESE CARTER RECREATION CENTER.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8F presented by Mark Hall from Oakland Parks and Recreation. Staff received a proposal to install a community inspired mural inside the Verdese Carter Recreation Center located at 9600 Sunnyside Street from One Toyota of Oakland. The Verdese Carter Recreation Center is operated by the Police Athletic League (PAL) and proposes to work in collaboration with local community leaders and youth to design and install the mural inside the recreation center to provide inspiration to program participants and visitors. There will be an unveiling ceremony to showcase the art piece to the community.

Motion: Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to accept the informational report regarding the mural installation at Verdese Carter Recreation Center. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Second by:** Commissioner Peterson. **Vote:** Yes – Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu, **Motion:** Passed

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

A. REQUESTING ENDORSEMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, PERMITS FOR CONDITIONAL USE AND TREE REMOVAL FOR THE BISHOP FLOYD L. BEGIN PLAZA RENOVATION PROJECT.

Staff from the Oakland Public Works (OPW) and the Oakland Parks and Recreation (OPR) request endorsement for the Conditional Use Permit in the design and implementation of Bishop Floyd L. Begin Plaza Renovation (Begin Plaza) Project funded by Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP). The project includes improvements to approximately 12,833 square feet of the 19,020 square foot site located at 2251 San Pablo Ave, Oakland

The design of the project will address security and visibility issue plaza and will make it user friendly. Elements of the project include the removing dense clusters of pine trees, installing pedestrian lights, filling or leveling the open space, and removing high walls. These and other new design features will curtail the current homeless encampment and illegal activities in the plaza. The Department of Human Services (DHS) and Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council staff will provide and address the issues of the homeless encampment and criminal activities as the project moves forward.

Construction of the project is scheduled to begin in May of 2016 with a completion target of October 2016.

Motion: Commissioner Wu entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to endorse the Bishop Floyd Plaza Renovation Project and recommend approval to the planning Commission for the Design Review. **Moved by:** Commissioner Selna. **Second by:** Commissioner Peterson. **Vote: Yes** – Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu, **Motion:** Passed

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

During Communications, Commissioner Selna shared an update in reference to Planning and Building Director Rachel Flynn letter dated July 9, 2015 regarding the Coliseum Area Specific Plan presented to the PRAC on September 10, 2014. Director Flynn was present and fielded questions from the Commission.

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

15. OPEN FORUM:

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Director's Report was presented by Mark Hall, Capital Improvements Coordinator for Oakland Parks and Recreation.

- A. The groups listed here were slated to go to before the City Council for approval on September 29, however, have been move to a meeting at a later date due to changes to the field maintenance and stewardship language.

- ❖ East Bay Warriors Football
- ❖ Oakland Babe Ruth
- ❖ Oakland Dynamites Football
- ❖ North and South Oakland Youth
- ❖ Oakland Girls Softball

- B. Street Soccer USA (SSUSA)

In partnership with SSUSA the existing tennis courts will be renovated into multi use courts by SSUSA and accompanied by leadership, empowerment and educational programming offered by SSUSA. SSUSA has provided this program in several cities throughout the nation, including New York City.

- C. Oakland Unified School District – Curt Flood Field

In partnership with OUSD and several public and private funders, OPR will renovate Curt Flood field replacing the natural grass field with synthetic turf to provide a safer playing surface and longer playing hours. The project is slated to begin in November 2015.

- D. East Bay United

OPR has partnered with the East Bay United Soccer Club who has raised over \$1.7 million dollars to complete the phase II multi use field at Raimondi Sports Complex. The Gift in Place and Agreement for field use will go before the City Council in October.

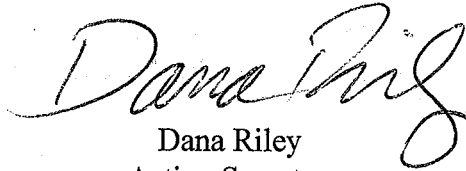
- E. Gift in Place/Naming Rights/Sponsorships

The Gift in Place, Naming Rights and Sponsorships update will be provided by Director Jones-Taylor when she returns.

- F. Golden State Warriors

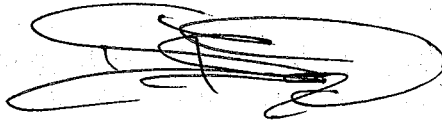
The Golden State Warriors and the Good Tidings Foundation have partnered with OPR to renovate the basketball gym at Rainbow Recreation Center. The first indoor gym the Warriors have completed in Oakland, the new Courts will mirror the actual Warriors gym floor, complete with Warriors half court logo, banners and NBA hoop systems. The project is slated to complete in November 2015.

17. ADJOURNMENT: 6:35pm



Dana Riley
Acting Secretary

Diane Boyd
Recording Secretary



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Next Meeting: ***Wednesday, October 14, 4:30 p.m.***
Lakeside Garden Center
666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA