



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

City of Oakland

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Lake Merritt Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue

4:30pm

**\*\*\*Special Meeting – SUPPLEMENTAL\*\*\***

**Agenda**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

**BELCHER, CORBIN, DU BOIS, KADERA-REDMOND, MANNING, MARSHALL,  
MILLER, PETERSON, ROSENBLUM, SELNA, WU**

S3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

- May 13, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes
- July 8, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes
- September 16, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes
- November 4, 2015 Draft Special Meeting Minutes

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS

**A. REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ALLOW NIANTIC, INC. TO HOST A MOBILE CASH BAR, AND HAVE WINE, BEER AND MOBILE FOOD TRUCK VENDOR SALES AT THEIR "ABADDON OAKLAND" EVENT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015 AT THE LAKESIDE PARK (BANDSTAND) AND LAKESIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER.**

Oakland Parks and Recreation received a request from Niantic, Inc. to host a mobile cash bar and food truck vendors at their Abaddon Oakland event at Lakeside Park (Bandstand) and Lakeside Park Garden Center on Saturday, December 12, 2015. 100% of the sales from the beer, wine and food will be retained by the vendors. This is Niantic, Inc. first year hosting their fundraising event at Lakeside Park Bandstand and Garden Center. Their Post Event Report will be submitted to Oakland Parks and Recreation after the event, provided approval is granted by the Commission.

**B. REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ALLOW OAKLAND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL'S PTSA TO COLLECT ON-SITE DONATIONS AT THE 3RD ANNUAL OAKLAND TECH FAMILY FITNESS AND FUN 5K AT LAKESIDE PARK ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015.**

Oakland Parks & Recreation received a request from Oakland Technical High School PTSA requesting permission to collect on-site donations at their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oakland Tech Family Fitness and Fun 5k. Proceeds raised will be used to offset the cost to host the event and support PTSA programs and activities.

**C. REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF A CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL STATUE IN LAKESIDE PARK.**

Oakland has had almost 200 minors die violently in the past 20 years. The majority have been killed by guns. Because of this appalling number our population is riddled with families mourning the loss of a beloved son or daughter, brother or sister, grandchild, niece, nephew or friend.

9. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:**

**A. REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON A MAJOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND DESIGN REVIEW FOR THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A TEN FOOT (10') EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING 64.3 FOOT PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC (PG&E) TOWER TO CREATE A MINI - TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY WITH SIX (6) ANTENNAS AND A 646 SQUARE FOOT EQUIPEMENT AREA ON THE GROUND IN A PORTION OF COLUMBIAN GARDENS PARK OWNED BY PG&E.**

The applicant requests Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission approval of a Major Conditional Use Permit and Regular Design Review to construct a Mini Telecommunications Facility consisting of a ten foot (10') extension to an existing 64.3 foot Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) tower with six (6) antennas and a 646 square foot equipment area on the ground in a portion of Columbian Gardens Park owned by PG&E

10. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

11. **PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:**

12. **ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

14. **COUNCIL REFERRALS:**

15. **OPEN FORUM:**

16. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- PRAC Voting Requirements:

**Staff recommends that the City Council:** Adopt An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 8065 C.M.S. And Ordinance No. 11731 To Amend The Rules And Procedures Of The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Change The Vote Required To Adopt Motions From Six (6) To A Majority Of The Members Present And Voting.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

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**Next Meeting :**

***Wednesday, December 9, 4:30 p.m.***

***Lakeside Garden Center***

***666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA***



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

City of Oakland

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

Lake Merritt Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue

4:30pm

**Draft Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:35pm

2. ROLL CALL:

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

**Present:** Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna

**Arrivals:** Wu (4:38)

**Excused:** DuBois, Flores and Peterson

**Staff:** Parks and Recreation – Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Diane Boyd, Zermaine Thomas, Stephanie Benavidez, Karis Griffin, Elena Bermeo, Vinzuela Bolden: Neighborhood Services Division Coordinator – Hoang Banh: Council District 2 - Jennie Gerard

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

April 8, 2015 Draft Minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the April 8, 2015 Draft Minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Rosenbloom. **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote:** Yes - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom and Selna.  
**Motion:** Passed

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

- A. REQUEST FROM PREVENTION INTERNATIONAL: NO CERVICAL CANCER FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT REGISTRATION FEES, DONATIONS AND SELL EVENT-RELATED ITEMS ON-SITE AT LAKESIDE PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015. Oakland Parks and Recreation received a request from Prevention International: No Cervical Cancer (PINCC), a non-profit organization, for permission to collect on-site donations, registration fees and sell event-related items at their "Walk for Women of Africa" Walkathon on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at Lakeside Park. The funds raised will support African clinics that will benefit thousands of women by reducing their chances of developing cervical cancer.

- B. **REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT REGISTRATION FEES, VENDORS TO SELL EVENT RELATED ITEMS AND MOBILE FOOD TRUCKS AT THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAITH FANCHER BREAST CANCER CHALLENGE WALK/RUN AT LAKESIDE PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015.** Parks and Recreation received a request from the Friends of Faith, Inc. (FOFI), a non-profit organization, for permission to collect registration fees, allow vendors sales and mobile food vendors at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith Fancher Breast Cancer Challenge Walk/Run at Lakeside Park on Saturday, August 22, 2015. The funds raised will help provide health services support to breast cancer survivors and to share information about the importance of early detection. The 2014 Post Event Report is attached.
- C. **REQUEST FROM THE EAST BAY FRONT RUNNERS AND WALKERS FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES AND SELL ONE MERCHANDISE ITEM DURING THE PRIDE RUN/WALK AT LAKESIDE PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015.** Oakland Parks and Recreation received a request from the East Bay Front Runners and Walkers, a 501c3 non-profit organization, for permission to collect on-site registration fees and sell one merchandise item during the 5K and 10K Pride Run/Walk at Lakeside Park on Saturday, October 10, 2015. The limited merchandise is a pair of socks bearing the club's initials. Proceeds raised from the event will be donated to several local non-profit organizations. A Post Event Report from the 2014 Pride Run/Walk is attached.
- D. **REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO GRANT PERMISSION TO ALLOW COMMUNITY MERCHANDISE AND FOOD VENDORS COLLECT DONATIONS ON SITE AT THE EASTSIDE ARTS ALLIANCE'S MALCOLM X JAZZ FESTIVAL AT SAN ANTONIO PARK ON SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015.** Oakland Parks and Recreation received a request from Elena Serrano, Program Director for Eastside Arts Alliance, for permission to have community merchandise and food vendors collect donations at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Malcolm X Jazz Festival at San Antonio Park on Saturday, May 18, 2015. The funds raised will be used to cover the costs of presenting the festival, e.g: stage rental, clean-up, tables/chairs, etc.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the Consent New Business Items 7A – 7D. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher. **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote:** Yes - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. **Motion:** Passed

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **REQUEST TO ALLOW A CAMERA TRAPPING STUDY TO BE PLACED IN JOAQUIN MILLER OPEN SPACE FOR A MOUNTAIN LION RESEARCH PROJECT BY FELIDAE CONSERVATION FUND:** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8A presented by Stephanie Benavidez, Naturalist and Open Spaces Specialist with Parks and Recreation. In June 2010 a 100 pound mountain lion was struck and killed at the Joaquin Miller exit of 13. Since that time, verified reports of what is known as deer caches have been found in Joaquin Miller and Dunsmuir Ridge Open Spaces. With fragmented wildlife corridors in the Oakland/ Berkeley hills and drought issues drawing animals to water sources to fountains and pools in backyards, it is imperative to account for the movements of these wild creatures and educate

the public properly without giving rise to panic. Residents are multi users of recreational activities that may encroach in areas where a cougar may be residing.

Through the collection of data and images, this 10 year research project will give a larger picture overall of the Bay Area movement of these cats, as well as shine light on their pathways and travels through Oakland's open spaces. Notices of the project will be posted and all images of humans will be deleted. The analysis will be shared with the public for educational purposes and is not intended to recommend people not use the land. Cal Trans relies on the data from the study along with EBMUD and 17 other agencies and municipalities in the region. Researchers are approximately 3 years into the study and will begin generating reports in 6 months to a year.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow a camera trapping study to be placed in Joaquin Miller open space for a mountain lion research project by Felidae Conservation Fund. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher. **Second by:** Commissioner Selna. **Vote:** Yes - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. **Motion:** Passed

- B. **REQUEST FROM ADOPT A SPECIAL KID (AASK)/LILLIPUT CHILDREN SERVICES FOR PERMISSION TO HOST A FUNDRAISING 5K RUN/WALK BY ACCEPTING ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND DONATION FEES AT LAKESIDE PARK ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8B presented by Zermaine Thomas from Central Reservations with Parks and Recreation. Oakland Parks and Recreation received a request from Adopt A Special Kid(AASK)/Lilliput Children Services, non-profit organizations, to host a fundraising walk by collecting on-site registration and donation fees at their 3rd Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk for AASK/Lilliput Child Services at Lakeside Park on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Funds raised will help support the AASK/Lilliput Child Services programs which serve children who are transferred from foster care and placed into adoptive homes. A Post Event Report from 2014, 5K Fun Run is attached.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow organizers of Adopt A Special Kid/Lilliput Child Services s collect on-site registration and donation fees at their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Fun Run/Walk at Lakeside Park on Saturday, August 1, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher. **Second by:** Commissioner Marshall. **Vote:** Yes - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. **Motion:** Passed

- C. **REQUEST FROM OAKLAND ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS (OAR) FOR PERMISSION TO HOST A FUNDRAISING WALK-A-THON ON BEHALF OF THE ORAL LEE BROWN FOUNDATION BY ACCEPTING ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND DONATION FEES AT LAKESIDE PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8C presented by Zermaine Thomas from Central Reservations with Parks and Recreation. Oakland Parks and Recreation received a request from Oakland/Berkeley Association of Realtors and the Oral Lee Brown Foundation, to host a fundraising walk-a-thon by collecting on-site registration fees and donation at Lakeside Park on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Funds raised will support the Oral Lee

Brown Foundation's goal of fully funding the college tuition of disadvantaged and underprivileged youth in the Oakland community. This is the second presentation and request to the Commission by these organizations.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation and allow the Oakland Association of Realtors (ORA) to collect on-site registration fees and donations at their walk-a-thon at Lakeside Park on Saturday, October 3, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher. **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote: Yes - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. Motion:** Passed

**D. REQUEST THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION ACCEPT THE INFORMATIONAL REPORT REGARDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT**

**RAIMONDI PARK.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8D presented by Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Director of Parks and Recreation. As a result of significant budget cuts, OPR has had to initiate creative avenues to increase revenues for the capital improvements needed in Oakland's parks. By partnering with its users, community non-profits and businesses, OPR can better sustain its parks and sports fields to ensure safe and community oriented environments.

Under this proposed agreement, Phase II of the renovation at Raimondi Park would include construction and surfacing of a second multi-purpose field with artificial turf and revitalization of the putting green with artificial turf.

The Jack London Youth Soccer League East Bay United Chapter will execute an anonymous gift in place not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) through fiscal agent Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, formerly known as Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation (Friends).

Shimmick Construction Company will act as the general contractor for Phase IIA for the capital improvements at Raimondi Park and will provide in-kind services not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). In addition, a gift in place construction contract of one dollar (\$1) will be put in place and advertising and bidding requirements waived.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to accept the Informational Report regarding the capital improvement project at Raimondi Park and support the Gift in Place, In-Kind Services, and License Agreement for approval by the City Council on June 2, 2015 and June 9, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Selna. **Second by:** Commissioner Belcher. **Vote: Yes - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. Motion:** Passed

**E. REQUEST FOR PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION APPROVAL OF SOLICITATION OF FEES FOR FOOD CONCESSIONS AND SALES OF GOODS AND WARES FOR OAKLAND CARNIVAL 2015 COMMUNITY WELLNESS FESTIVAL AT MOSSWOOD PARK.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8E presented by Karis Griffin, Director of Cultural Arts with Parks and Recreation.

This is Oakland Carnival's annual free community festival held at Mosswood Park on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 7pm. Oakland Carnival Festival & Parade is a cultural community festival

featuring the musical and artistic traditions of Carnivals throughout the African Diaspora; including the Caribbean, South, Central and North America. Carnival is rich culturally and highly celebrated in Brazil, Trinidad, the Americas and places all over the World.

Staff suggested that the event be approved provided that all documents are received by May 15th. The application for the event was paid in full and submitted to Central Reservations. Outstanding documents include proof of insurance, waste management, verification of portable restrooms and others.

### **Theo Williams – Event Organizer**

The post evaluation from 2014 was not included in the application to staff. Mr. Williams requested to distribute an official version of the evaluation document to the body. The 2014 event did not include food vendors which will be involved this year. The Commission was informed that food vendors/trucks would have to carry individual permits and not set-up on park property. Approximately 300 – 500 attended the 2014 event. The proposed event will include a community wellness component to the exclusion of alcohol. Organizers were unable to secure funding from the City's Cultural Arts Fund, but received financial support from a private foundation and Council District 3, as well as other community organizations. According to the organizer all documents have been submitted.

The Commission expressed concern that event planners submitted their proposal letter (dated April 22, 2015) for the project so late in the process.

According to staff, the seven outstanding items listed under Recommendations on the staff report were not received. Prior to the evening's meeting, staff gave the event planners until Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the required documentation.

The event organizer informed the Commission that waste management and portable restroom services were arranged and offered to show verification via email, but stated the staff deadline date of May 15<sup>th</sup> was still in place.

Director Jones-Taylor reminded staff that all required documentation must be included with the staff report for the Commission's review, and completed including the special event approval and permit by OPD.

Regarding food trucks, the Director received clarification that staff had not received a list of event vendors, and that food truck vendors could not be on city



park property without the completing the proper process and securing the necessary permits.

The event organizer clarified that the request for approval now excluded food vendors as the late date made it improbable to secure them for participation in the park. However, if able to secure them, food truck vendors would be posted off park property.

The Director informed the event organizer that the City had a policy regarding food trucks and that those vendors should be advised of to avoid any conflict.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow the Oakland Carnival Festival organizers to solicit fees for food, concessions and sales of goods and wares by vendors at their May 25, 2015 event at Mosswood Park. This consideration is contingent upon staff receipt of all seven (7) documents listed on the staff report (See Recommendation) no later than 5pm on May 15, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher. **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote:** Yes - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. **Motion:** Passed

- F. **RECOMMENDATION: STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC) ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE WHICH INCLUDES CITY OFFICIALS FROM OAKLAND PARKS AND RECREATION, OAKLAND PUBLIC WORKS, OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, PARK PATRONS, OAKLAND RESIDENTS AND PRAC MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A POLICY REGARDING GRILLING IN OAKLAND CITY PARKS, WITH THE PRIORITY BEING LAKESIDE PARK.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8F presented by Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Director of Parks and Recreation. As the City prepares for another exciting spring and summer, it is critical that Oakland Parks and Recreation (OPR) and City officials are ready to meet the challenges of heavy use and grilling in City parks.

The Director recognized Jennie Gerard from Councilmember Guillen's office – District 2 and acknowledged their partnership and conversations regarding patrons' park use and grilling at Lakeside Park.

Priority for reviewing the designation of grilling areas has been given to Lakeside Park as there have been many complaints from area residents regarding nuisance behavior and park violations. OPR collected input from community focus groups over a 9 month period which includes grilling in Oakland City Parks, but has not established a solid policy. The ordinance gives the PRAC authority to designate grilling area city parks. Director Jones-Taylor requested the Commission to approve the request and to form a task force to address issues at Lakeside Park and to designate areas for grilling. OPR has developed a brochure which describes the process for park use and requesting permits. In a response to public complaints OPD cruisers and bike officers have been patrolling Lakeside Park informing patrons that grilling is not allowed. The Director requested expedient formation of the task force to determine policies governing grilling so that the public can be informed and to establish guideline should OPD need to issue citations.

The Commission was asked to reference the staff report and to consider the information and recommendations gathered from the community focus group meetings recorded in the report when drafting park policies on the subject.

Speaker Comments:

- Support task force because it includes the community input.
- There is a growing diverse group of people enjoying the Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park and is very popular on Sundays
- Park patrons are taking advantage and pleasure in the benefits from the Measure DD improvements
- There are problems with people behaving badly
- Increased popularity is having a negative impact on wildlife.
- The community would like the task force to make policies for patrons who just want to picnic
- Mitigate issue of excessive trash and hot coals dumping by including additional waste receptacles and coal bins in the new plans – consider trash compactors
- A comprehensive policy this will allow OPD to cite those who are behaving badly and to correct behavior
- Use of Lake Merritt has grown significantly and is creating noise and air pollution, public urination, public drinking
- Add bb pits near existing picnic tables
- Consider propane tanks rather than coal
- Must consider enforcement and Park Ranger program, advocate for funding
- Look at SF Park Patrol program and consider as training for new OPD officers
- Concerned the no regulation to regulation will be an issue – should not be a citation free-for-all or cash cow for the City
- Consider foot and bike officers rather than cruisers
- Do not lose the diversity around the Lake through citations
- Add more restrooms and/or portable restrooms
- People Behaving Badly video does not show parks users and residents gathering trash
- Business benefit from spill over visitors on Lake Merritt/Lakeside Park
- Area feels safer due to increased park use

Hoang Banh - Neighborhood Services Division Coordinator

From 2014 -2015, OPD has only distributed literature regarding park rules. No tickets or citations were issued until the beginning of May 2015, they include three main areas:

Lakeside park patrons are being cited for the following repeated violations:

- Excessive public drinking
- Public urination
- Excessive noise

Unfortunately, some residents have moved away from the area due public urination. To date, OPD has not issued tickets for barbecuing in Lakeside Park.

Director Jones-Taylor encouraged the public to visit the department's website to review staff

report 8F.

Chair Miller:

PRAC subcommittee members Selna, Kadera-Redmond and DuBois have met several times on the subject.

**Kadera-Redmond**

There are many of concerns and issues regarding the subject. The subcommittee has walked the area to determine the best places for installing permanent grill. The committee is currently considering no coals grilling.

Commissioner Selna asked for clarification on establishing policy and dates for moving forward.

**Director Jones-Taylor**

Wants to establish one voice on the subject and bring all entities working separately together. Since PRAC has the authority to designate the areas it is not necessary to hold too many meetings to move forward. While OPR does not have a complete inventory of all park grills, the PRAC can begin the process of designation sites with Lakeside Park. OPD is not issuing citation for grilling and is waiting for PRAC's input. Ordinances for City Parks will not change.

Chair Miller asked for clarification regarding the level of staff support in meeting the challenges of completing the task necessary develop and issue the requested policy.

Director Jones-Taylor reported that OPR will take the lead on developing the task force and appointed Zermaine Thomas as the department's point of contact for Lakeside Park and will later designate staff for other parks.

Staff created and circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested in participating on the Grilling Task Force.

**Note: Commissioner Marshall was not present for the vote.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the recommendation that Oakland Parks and Recreation establish a task force which includes officials from Oakland Parks and Recreation, Oakland Public Works, Oakland Police Department, park patrons, Oakland residents and PRAC members for the purpose of creating a policy regarding grilling in Oakland City Parks, with a focused priority on Lakeside Park and to report back on June 10, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher. **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote: Yes** - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu.  
**Motion:** Passed

- G. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND RENAMING THE NEW GOLDEN GATE RECREATION CENTER AFTER CHARLES PORTER.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8G presented by Vinzuela Bolden from Parks Recreation. Charles Porter served as a member of the Golden Gate Recreation Center Advisory Board where he advocated for programs and activities that would meet the needs of the local community. He was also a faithful member of the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Beat 10x (North Oakland Community) which met once a month at Golden Gate Recreation Center. Mr. Porter worked tirelessly on behalf of the children, youth and community to renovate the recreation center and dreamed of having a state-of-the-art facility that would expand programming to include cooking classes, a computer lab, performing arts, arts/crafts and sports and fitness programs. Mr. Porter met with architects, project managers, State of California officials and often spoke at City Council meetings in an effort to ensure his vision of the renovations, and to secure the grants and funding necessary to complete the project. Mr. Porter often recalled his youth at the Golden Gate Recreation Center, and would refer to it as a "one room shack", but praised the influence participating in the programming there had on his life. Mr. Porter was a hard working dedicated man who, even though ill, worked on behalf of his community. The newly renovated Golden Gate Recreation Center is scheduled to reopen in 2016.

#### Community Comments/Summary

Mr. Porter's family moved to the Golden Gate neighborhood in 1946, attended Golden Gate School and played at the Golden Gate Recreation Center when it was new. His was one of the first Black families to move into the neighborhood. He worked with the city for over 3 decades to improve the conditions of the neighborhood including better business, lighting, landscaping and traffic improvements and the Golden Gate Recreation Center. Mr. Porter was so well loved that he was known as the "Mayor of San Pablo".

He also worked on citywide projects as well and served on the CDBG Board, he was a founder of the local Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and served on the Golden Gate Advisory Board for decades. He always sought funding for the children. When talk of remodeling the center was raised, Mr. Porter had a larger vision and recognized that children lost participation as they aged because of the lack of programming. He envisioned a state-of-the-art center with a stage, indoor basketball courts, and computer lab and more that could include older youth.

In spite of many delays and changes of architects, Mr. Porter worked with the community for over 30 years to have the Golden Gate Recreation Center renovated. He was instrumental in securing a total of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for the project; five million dollars

(\$5,000,000) from the State of California and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from the Bushrod project. Mr. Porter was a tireless advocate for the Golden Gate community, and City of Oakland community at large.

Before his death in January of 2013, Mr. Porter hoped to have seen the Golden Gate Recreation Center's renovation.

**Commission Comments Summary:**

Learned that the community held several meeting regarding the center's name change and the Councilmember Kalb - District 1 supports the proposed name change. The community was directed to the PRAC then to City Council for final approval. The commission clarified the requested name change to be: the Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center and subsequently learned that "Golden Gate" was left in the name as agree upon by the community.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to accept the request to rename the Golden Recreation Center to the **Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center**. The request was made in honor of Charles and in memory of his dedication and service to the City of Oakland and the Golden Gate community. **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu. **Second by:** Commissioner Selna. **Vote:** Yes - Belcher, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. **Motion:** Passed

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A letter to the Planning Commission was circulated for signing.
- The Commission received an invitation from the Planning Commission to tour the Brooklyn Basin Project.

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Susan Montauk to present the Oakland Parks Coalition's State of the Parks report

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

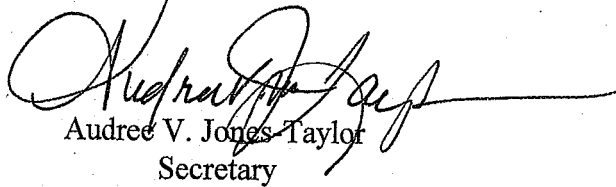
15. OPEN FORUM:

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:


- Naming Rights – OPR will be going before the City Council requesting the adoption of a policy on naming rights, sponsorships and donations.
- Budget Update
  - Ball fields maintenance will be transferred to Oakland Public Works
  - No reductions to OPR's budget. 5 PPT positions will be frozen. The Oakland Zoo and the Chabot Space and Science will absorb the potential hit.
- 2015 Retreat – Staff will schedule for June or possibly for May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Adult Recess – May 29th
- Green Tee – July 13th
- Intimate Evening July 25<sup>th</sup>
- Dads and Jazz – June 21st

17. ADJOURNMENT: 7:11pm

Respectfully submitted,



Audree V. Jones-Taylor  
Secretary



Diane Boyd  
Recording Secretary

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**Lakeside Garden Center**  
**666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA**



## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

Lake Merritt Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue

4:30pm

Draft Minutes

**NOTE: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be on official recess from July 9, 2015 until September 8, 2015.**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:35pm

2. ROLL CALL:

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

**Present:** Belcher, Du Bois, Flores, Marshall, Miller, Peterson, Wu

**Arrivals:** Kadera-Redmond (4:38)

**Excused:** Rosenbloom and Selna

**Staff:** Parks and Recreation – Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Dana Riley, Diane Boyd, Zermaine Thomas, Mark Hall, Karis Griffin and Gail McMillon, Harith Aleem and Tiffany Lai-Inouye; Council District 2 - Jennie Gerard

Chair Miller introduced nine visitors participating in President Obama's Young Africans Leadership Initiative (YALI). The participants are based at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy for six weeks. As part of their academic, business and leadership development, each is partnered with, and shadows a City of Oakland Agency Director one full day weekly. The YALI participants represent nine different countries from Africa, whose work and interests ranged from human rights organizing and monitoring, legal representation, UN peace keeping, women and children's wellbeing, domestic violence, LGBT rights, and health and welfare.

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

- May 13, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes

Note: Approval of the draft minutes for the May 13, 2015 meeting was held over until the September meeting.

- June 10, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the draft minutes for the July 10, 2015 meeting. **Moved by:** Commissioner Peterson **Second by:** Commissioner DuBois

**Vote:** Yes - Belcher, Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Peterson and Wu

**Abstained:** Flores **Motion:** Passed

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **REQUEST FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON THE CAMRON STANFORD HOUSE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS.** 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 Camron-Stanford House Preservation Association (CSHPA), the governing organization for the Camron-Stanford House museum. 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. This perpetuates unsafe conditions for people coming and going from the house at night. Also, vagrancy and fires around the building have long been issues.

**Note:** Item 8A was pull from the agenda by Parks and Recreation staff member Mark Hall. Representatives for the Camron Stanford House were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Hall distributed the site plans to the Commission for consideration and preparation for when the item is reintroduced at the September meeting.

- B. **THE OMNIRA INSTITUTE IS REQUESTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION APPROVAL FOR VENDORS AND ON-SITE COLLECTION OF MONEY FOR ITEMS AND FOOD SOLD FOR THE BLACK EYED PEA FESTIVAL AT MOSSWOOD PARK ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2015.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Karis Griffin. The Omnira Institute plans to host their second annual free Black Eyed Pea Festival event on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 11am to 5:30 pm at Mosswood Park. This event is expected to attract 500 or more attendees with its primary focus on Oakland and the East Bay. The Omnira Institute requested permission to allow vendors to sell services, merchandise, and food. A Post Event report was not prepared as the organizers did not request to approval to collect fees for exchange merchandise for funds at the 2014 event.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow organizers of the Black Eyed Pea Festival and vendors to collect fees and sell merchandise and food at the September 12, 2015 festival at Mosswood Park. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher **Second by:** Commissioner Marshall **Vote: Yes -** Belcher, Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Peterson and Wu **Motion:**

- C. **REQUEST FROM FAMILY PATHS, INC. FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT FUNDS FOR A PRIZE DRAWING/RAFFLE TO RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AT THEIR OAKLAND WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON AT THE LAKESIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Zermaine Thomas. Family Paths, Inc. an Oakland-based non-profit, requested permission to collect funds for a prize drawing/raffle at their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Leadership Luncheon Fundraiser to be held on October 14, 2015 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. This is Family Paths' 4<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser and their first time hosting the event in the East Bay/Oakland Parks and Recreation.



Family Paths is an Oakland based organization and has provided support services to families caregivers and children for over 43 years. Support also includes a 24 hour English and Spanish speaking hotline and referral service. Funds will be used to continue and expand services.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow Family Paths, Inc. to collect funds for their raffle drawing at the Women's Leadership Luncheon on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Lakeside Park and Garden Center. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher **Second by:** Commissioner Peterson **Vote: Yes - Belcher, Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller and Peterson** **Motion:**

- D. **REQUEST FROM URBAN UNIVERSITY (UU) FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT FUNDS ON-SITE FOR ENTRY TICKET DOOR SALES, SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (WINE/BEER), VENDOR SALES (GOODS, FOOD & PHOTOS), SALES OF RAFFLE TICKETS, COLLECTION OF MONIES FROM SILENT AUCTION AND COLLECTION OF TIPS FOR HIRED MUSICIANS (LIVE BAND AND DJ) AT THEIR 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL A SUMMER WHITE PARTY FUNDRAISER HELD AT THE LAKESIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2015.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Zermaine Thomas. Urban University, an Oakland-based non-profit requested permission to collect funds at the Lakeside Park and Garden Center at their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual - A Summer White Party Fundraiser on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

Urban University was established in 1994 to provide supportive services to low income single women with children moving from welfare to employment and has expanded their service delivery to hands on training through the Urban Furniture Store and Urban Boutique. Urban University also serves Oakland youth and has plans to launch its first housing initiative. Marketing plans to raise funds include outreach via Facebook, Eventbrite, radio stations 91.1 FM and 102.1 FM and leafleting neighborhoods and Farmers' Markets. The event will include an awards ceremony which will honor participants and community partners.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow Urban University to sell tickets, beer, wine, food, raffle tickets and photos and to collect silent auction proceeds and tips for the musical entertainers at their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual - A Summer White Party Fundraiser on August 29, 2015 at the Lake Merritt Garden Center. **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu **Second by:** Commissioner Marshall **Vote: Yes - Belcher, Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Peterson and Wu** **Motion:**

- E. **REQUEST FROM THE EAST BAY INNOVATION ACADEMY (EBIA) FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES AND THE SALES OF RAFFLE TICKETS AT THEIR 5K FUN RUN/WALK AT LAKESIDE PARK (PERGOLA) ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Zermaine Thomas. This is the first 5K event hosted by East Bay Innovation Academy (EBIA) at Lakeside Park and Oakland Park property. EBIA offers an alternative educational model focused on science, technology, engineering, art and math. Social and emotional skills needed in leadership are also addressed. Funds raised will directly benefit EBIA for their technology and operating costs.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approval the staff recommendation to allow the East Bay Innovation Academy (EBIA) to collect onsite registration fees and sell raffle tickets at their 5K Fun Run Walk event at Lakeside Park (Pergola) on Sunday, October 4, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher **Second by:** Commissioner Marshall  
**Vote: Yes** - Belcher, Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Peterson and Wu  
**Motion:**

F. **REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PIEDMONT COUNCIL, BSA TO COLLECT FUNDS ON-SITE AT THEIR LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION AND TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE FUNDRIASING PARTY AT THE LAKE MERRITT SAILBOAT HOUSE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Zermaine Thomas. The Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, requested to host a fundraiser at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House on October 17, 2015. Proceeds from the ticket sales will cover the cost of hosting the event, while the silent auction and raffle profits will benefit programming. This will be first year the event will be hosted at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House and Oakland Park property.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America to collect funds and sell raffle tickets at their fundraiser and party at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House on Saturday, October 27, 2015. **Moved by:** Commissioner Peterson **Second by:** Commissioner Wu **Vote: Yes** - Belcher, Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Peterson and Wu **Motion:**

G. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FROM THE FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER NETWORK TO COLLECT FUNDS ON-SITE WITH INTERNATIONAL FOOD, BEVERAGES AND ARTS AND CRAFTS VENDORS AT THEIR OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL AT LAKESIDE PARK (BANDSTAND) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2015.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Zermaine Thomas. The Festival Fundraiser Network requested to host a free classic soul musical event at Lakeside Park on Saturday, August 29, 2015. Event organizers expect approximately 200 individuals and will food and beverage vendors and arts and crafts. The entertainment lineup includes classic artists Philly Intruders, Delphonics, Blue Magic, Stylistics Review and a host of local talent. This will be the first year the event will be hosted on Oakland Park property. Security personnel will be provided. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for community based programs in need of support.

After a period of discussion, it was determined that the Festival Fundraiser Network 501c3 was pending. However, the Commission raised concern that the organizers under estimated local public interest of a projected 100 to 200 attendees for the proposed free concert. Given the popularity of the entertainers and the marketing plan to promote the event through KBLX, Channel 2 News, and local community channels, the Commission estimated that organizers should expect several thousand attendees. It was also determined that the crowds generated by the free concert would conflict with an event previously scheduled approximately for the same time on August 29<sup>th</sup> and in close proximity. The Commission requested the organization work

with Parks and Recreation staff to locate a different venue or date to host the event and to reconsider logistics including the number of attendees. The PRAC also requested the organization to track and list the organizations selected to receive funds and the amount donated to each.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allow Festival Fundraiser Network to host their Outdoor Music Festival contingent upon working with staff to change the location and date from Lakeside Park Bandstand on August 29, 2015, re-strategize advertisement and security and expectations of attendance. **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu **Second by:** Commissioner Belcher **Vote: Yes** - Belcher, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall and Wu. **No:** Miller and Peterson. **Abstained:** Du Bois **Motion:**

H. **APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED GRILLING LOCATIONS, SIZE OF PROPANE GRILLS IN DESIGNATED AREAS, AND DESIGNATED GRILLING HOURS IN LAKESIDE PARK AND PINE KNOLL PARK.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) reviewed the staff report presented by Gail McMillon. The PRAC requested that Oakland Parks and Recreation (OPR) establish a task force including OPR, Oakland Public Works (OPW) and Oakland Police Department (OPD) staff, Oakland residents and PRAC members for the purpose of creating a city policy for grilling and designating locations. The initial priority will be focused on Lakeside Park.

**Community Comments:**

Members of the community recommended that the cut off time for grilling at the Lakeside Park be 2pm rather than the proposed 3pm timeframe. Speakers were concerned with air quality and recommended propane and solar grills be permitted instead of charcoal cookers.

Only portable propane cookers and stationary charcoal grills will be permitted. According to Director Jones-Taylor, OPW and OPR in share the cost installing signs. Until formal installation of the signage has been determined, a temporary flag system will be implemented to show designated areas for use of propane grills. The OPR park use brochure will be updated to include current information.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendations including the resolution approved by the City Attorney with the caveat to substitute "propane grill" with "non-charcoal grill". **Moved by:** Commissioner Du Bois **Second by:** Commissioner Belcher **Vote: Yes** - Belcher, Du Bois, Flores, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Peterson and Wu.

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Commissioner Peterson: Studio One will host their Beer, Bites and Bella community event on for Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm.

Commissioner Flores: Music in the Park at Carmen Flores Jose de la Cruz Park will be held on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit the summer camp program at Carmen Flores Recreation Center.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

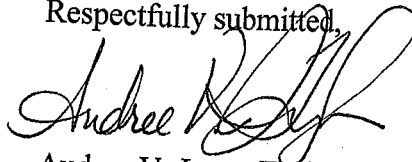
15. OPEN FORUM:

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

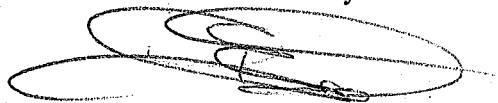
- Introductions
  - New Staff  
Director Introduced Tiffany Lai-Inouye, the incoming Programing Director for Parks and Receptions Aquatics
  - YALI Fellows (Young African Leaders Initiative) See Item 2 – Roll Call for information
- Final Budget
  - Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation Receive d 50K to fund a grant writer position
  - Feather River received 40K to support youth camps
  - OPR received one time funding for outreach to kids in hot spot areas
  - The Oakland Zoo lost 121K
  - OPR Aquatic staff have been moved from the General Purpose Fund to 1820
- Water Conservation Plan – Brown is the New Green  
The City is addressing water conservation and city water features. Until further notice, maintenance crews will not be making repairs to broken or failing water features.
- Warriors' Dedication at Verdese Carter Park  
Basketball courts at Verdese Carter Park have been completed thanks to the partnership with the Golden State Warriors and Good Tidings
- Intimate Evening  
The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual An Intimate Evening event will be held on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate.

17. ADJOURNMENT: 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,



Audree V. Jones-Taylor  
Secretary



Diane Boyd  
Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted

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**\*\*\*\*\*MEETING INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\***

**The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will be on official recess from July 9, 2015 until September 8, 2015.**



# 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 Verdesse Carter Recreation Center located at 9600 Sunnyside Street from One Toyota of Oakland. The Verdesse 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 Verdesse 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.

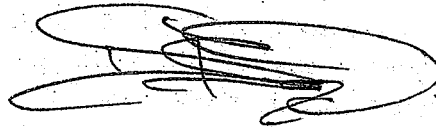
- F. Golden State Warriors

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***



## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Lake Merritt Garden, 666 Bellevue Avenue

4:30pm

### **\*\*Draft Special Meeting Minutes\*\***

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:34pm

2. ROLL CALL:

**BELCHER, CORBIN, DU BOIS, KADERA-REDMOND, MANNING, MARSHALL, MILLER, PETERSON, ROSENBLOOM, SELNA, WU**

**Present:** Corbin, DuBois, Manning, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu

**Arrivals:** Kadera-Redmond (4:36)

**Excused:** Belcher, Marshall and Peterson

**Staff:** Parks and Recreation: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Dana Riley, Diane Boyd, Gail McMillon and Mark Hall

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

- Wednesday, May 13, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Wednesday, July 8, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Wednesday, September 16, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes

**Note:** Due to an insufficient quorum, draft minutes for the May 13, July 8 and September 16, 2015 meetings were not approved.

- Wednesday, October 14, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the October 14, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes with changes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu **Second by:** Commissioner Rosenbloom. **Vote:** Yes – Corbin, DuBois, Kadera-Redmond, Manning, Miller, Rosenbloom, and Wu. **Abstained:** Selna. **Motion:** Passed.

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO NAME RAINBOW RECREATION CENTER GYM AFTER FORMER GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS PLAYER JASON RICHARDSON FOLLOWING RENOVATION OF THE GYM BY THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8A presented by Mark Hall. The Golden State Warriors selected the Rainbow Recreation Center gym for renovation and request the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission approval to name the renovated courts after former Golden State Warrior Jason Richardson. The resolution for the gift of in-kind services will be presented to City Council on November 17, 2015. In order to receive this donation, the City must facilitate the completion of the project by the funders required deadline of December 18, 2015. OPR recommends that PRAC approve the name change to accompany the gift of in-kind. In partnership with the Good Tidings Foundation and the Warriors Community Foundation, this will be the first indoor court project which will also bare the Warriors' team logo.

Through the One Dollar Gift-in-Place construction contract with the City of Oakland, the Warriors Community Foundation and the Good Tidings Foundation are allowed to work directly with the selected contractor on City property.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to name the basketball courts inside the Rainbow Recreation Center after former Warriors basketball player, Jason Richardson. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Second by:** Du Bois. **Vote:** Yes – Corbin, DuBois, Kadera-Redmond, Manning, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. **Motion:** Passed.

Commissioners were invited to attend the December 12<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting and unveiling. The time of the event will be announced at a later date.

### B. REQUEST TO FORM A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW EXISTING RULES AND ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO SIGNAGE IN PARKS AND TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 8B presented by Gail McMillon. This report is to form a task force to review potential ordinance changes for park rules, hours of operation, grilling, children play areas, park pathways, private groups and other park rule signage.

The Rules and Ordinances Review task force met twice before this recording. Staff reported great community interest. Attendees requested that their suggestions be placed in draft form for review at the next meeting. Staff received a request from City Council District 2 staff to be given information about the public hearing to be posted on their website. The date and time of the public hearing should be determined within the two weeks.

Task force members have begun research on New York and Indianapolis Parks and Recreation Department's noise and park hours ordinances.

Regarding park hours, the previously agreed upon decision of dawn to dusk park usage may be amended as some task force members have requested that specific hours be posted, as times change seasonally. A primary goal of the task force is to eliminate the existing ambiguity, and make the ordinances more explicit so the public can follow the rules as best as possible.

It was clarified that the purpose of this item was to seek permission to allow Commissioners Mandolin Kadera-Redmond, Toshia S. Marshall and C.N.E. Corbin to serve on the task force to review and update park ordinances governing rules and signage. The projected goals are to present the recommended changes at the December PRAC meeting. The task force is comprised of members from the grilling task force including, Jennie Gerard from District 2, Hoang Banh from OPD-Neighborhood Services Coordinator and other community members from the local Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and residents from around the Lake Merritt area. In addition, members will consider rules governing other major issue including Segways, Hoverboards and bikes, as well as prohibiting adults unaccompanied by children inside fenced in tot lots.

Changes to the park ordinances and rules will be reviewed the City Attorney's office and presented to the City Council in March or April of 2016.

Staff encouraged the Commission and task force members to keep in mind that the changes will affect communities and parks citywide and that the rules service as educational tools for the public and supports enforcement as needed.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to accept the staff recommendation to allow three PRAC members including, Commissioners Mandolin Kadera-Redmond, Toshia S. Marshall and C.N.E. Corbin to serve on a task force to review and update existing rules and ordinances pertaining to parks rules and signage, and to hold a public hearing to receive feedback from the community. **Moved by:** Commissioner Manning **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote: Yes** – Corbin, DuBois, Kadera-Redmond, Manning, Miller, Rosenbloom, Selna and Wu. **Motion:** Passed.

#### 9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

#### 10. COMMUNICATIONS:

Chair Miller: Provided a brief update regarding the Planning Commission's review of the Brooklyn Basin Item and the Downtown Initiative.

- The Planning Commission did not approve the item, but moved to create a subcommittee comprised of 2 members from each commission including Planning, PRAC and Landmarks for the purpose of convening a public hearing to receive more community input and to work on the design of the Project. Commissioners Kadera-Redmond and Chair will represent PRAC at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at City Hall, in Hearing Room 3, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Other PRAC members were encouraged to attend.

Plan Downtown Initiative:

- City staff organized a 10 day community engagement event of charrettes and meetings designed to capture input and ideas from stakeholders. Based on the information collected, the project designers made a public presentation at the Paramount Theater. This was phase 1 of the design process which will continue for another year and a half.

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Chair Miller: Commissioners Corbin and Manning will be assigned liaison responsibilities at a later date.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

15. OPEN FORUM:

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dana Riley presented the Director's Report on behalf of Director Audree V. Jones-Taylor.

- OPR will be going to Council to request the PRAC Ordinance be restructured so that the quorum stays the same at 6, but allows the majority of the members present the ability to pass an item. Staff plans to present the report to Council in December, but because it is an ordinance, it is required that two readings are made at City Council after the Committee approves the request. Staff anticipated that the process will be completed in late January.

Chair Miller: Regarding the Director's Pending Retirement:

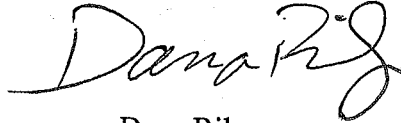
- The Commission was reminded that Director Jones-Taylor will be retiring at the end of December. PRAC was invited by the City Administrator's Office to participate in the recruitment process for the new OPR Director. As requested, the Commission will form a three member subcommittee to represent the PRAC in the national search. The exact role of the committee has yet to be determined.

The commission engaged in a brief discussion regarding the necessity of having a diverse representation on the committee. The subject will be readdressed at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was recommended that commissioners consider questions to be asked of potential candidates.



ADJOURNMENT: 5:29pm

Respectfully submitted,



Dana Riley  
for  
Audree V. Jones-Taylor  
Secretary



Diane Boyd  
Recording Secretary

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**Next Meeting:**

***Wednesday, November 18, 4:30 p.m.***

***Lakeside Garden Center***

***666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA***