



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016**

**Lakeside Park Garden Center**

**Draft Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:40pm

2. ROLL CALL

**CORBIN, DU BOIS, HOWZE, KADERA-REDMOND, MANNING,  
MARSHALL, MILLER, PETERSON, REILLY, ROSENBLOOM, WU**

**Present:** Commissioners Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Miller, Reilly, Rosenbloom, Wu

**Excused:** Commissioner Du Bois, Manning, Marshall and Peterson

**Staff:** Nicholas Williams Dana Riley, Diane Boyd, Zermaine Thomas, Gail McMillon,  
Valorie Winn,

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES

Draft of July 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the July 13, 2016 minutes **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu **Second by:** Commissioner Howze.

**Vote:** Yes - Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Miller, Reilly, Rosenbloom and Wu.

**Motion:** Passed.

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

5. OPEN FORUM

The Commission received a letter dated September 14, 2016 from the Director and Chair of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation regarding recommended amendments to Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 12.64 and Recreation Area Use Regulations, Section 12.60.070 Bicycle Operation Rules, Violations and Penalty.

Inquiry regarding the process for allowing dogs in Astro Park on and off leash. Rangers not available to enforce current rules.

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS

**A. REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE YOUTH SPEAKS ORGANIZATION TO  
HAVE A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL EVENT (LIFE IS LIVING) WITH  
VENDORS AT DEFREMERY PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016**

Oakland Parks & Recreation received a request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to grant approval allowing Youth Speaks to host their Life is Living community festival event with vendors at deFremery Park on Saturday, October 8, 2016. Youth speaks has held the Life is Living Festival for five years at deFremery Park. Proceeds raised will continue to support Youth Speaks in the

service of youth and arts in Oakland and the surrounding Bay Area communities. Approval from the PRAC is required per Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) Section 12.64.080.

**B. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE OAKLAND BLACK COWBOY ASSOCIATION TO ALLOW VENDORS TO SELL ITEMS AT DEFREMERY PARK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016**

Oakland Parks & Recreation received a request from the Oakland Black Cowboy Association (OBCA), a non-profit organization, to have approximately 20 vendors at the annual parade on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at deFremery Park from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Vendors will sell water, t-shirts and hats. All proceeds from OBCA’s fundraising efforts will be earmarked for continued support of the organization’s future festivals. Approval from the PRAC is required per OMC Section 12.64.080.

**C. REQUEST APPROVAL FROM MCCLYMONDS ACTION COMMITTEE TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL REUNION AND TO COLLECT ON-SITE DONATIONS AT DEFREMERY PARK ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016**

Oakland Parks & Recreation received a request from the McClymonds Action Committee to host their annual reunion on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at deFremery Park, from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. Proceeds raised from this event will be used to support the organization and planning for the following year’s event. Approval from the PRAC is required per OMC Section 12.64.080.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve Consent New Business Items 6A – 6C. **Moved by:** Commissioner Howze. **Second by:** Commissioner Corbin. **Vote:** Yes - Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Miller, Reilly, Rosenbloom and Wu. **Motion:** Passed.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ELECTION OF PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Vote for a new Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was to have taken place in January 2015. Chair Miller offered to remain seated until his departure from PRAC in December 2015. Vice Chair Wu termed out this year, but offered to remain as Vice Chair until Commission Miller steps down. Elections will take place in January 2017.

**Nomination:** Commissioner Reilly nominated Commissioner Miller as Chair. The nomination was second by Commissioner Howze. **Vote:** Yes - Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Reilly, Rosenbloom and Wu. **Abstained:** Miller.

**Nomination:** Passed.

**Nomination:** Commissioner Miller nominated Commissioner Wu as Vice Chair. The nomination was second by Commissioner Howze. **Vote:** Yes – Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Miller, Reilly and Rosenbloom. **Abstained:** Wu. **Nomination:** Passed.

**B. REQUEST APPROVAL OF DESIGN AND LOCATION OF A SKATE STRUCTURE IN MONTCLAIR PARK**

Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation Director, Ken Lupoff presented the staff report for Item 7B on behalf of Vice Mayor Campbell Washington. Young Oakland residents in search of recreational skateboarding activity space asked the Office of Vice Mayor and District 4 Councilmember Annie Campbell Washington, For The Town, and the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF) to assist them in replacing and upgrading the skate structure previously located in Montclair Park. It is requested that the PRAC provide input and approval of the design and location of the skate structure.

The newly designed skate structure would be located in the underutilized lower basketball court adjacent to the restroom. Programs, community groups or events will be displaced as a result of erecting the structure in this location. Nor will Parks & Recreation staff provide programming or supervision over its use.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the design and location of the skate structure at Montclair Park. **Moved by:** Commissioner Rosenbloom. **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Vote:** Yes - Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Miller, Reilly, Rosenbloom and Wu. **Motion:** Passed.

**C. INFORMATIONAL REPORT TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITYWIDE PARK RULES SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 12.64 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, PARK AND RECREATION AREA USE REGULATIONS AND SECTION 12.60.070 OF THE OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, BICYCLE OPERATION RULES-VIOLATIONS-PENALTY AS RELATED TO USE IN PARKS**

The Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission heard the Informational Staff Report presented by Gail McMillon, Parks & Recreation Assistant. Staff requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission accept the informational report and receive public input on the proposed citywide park rule amendments to

Chapter 12.64 of the Oakland Municipal Code (OMC), Park and Recreation Area Use Regulations and Section 12.60.070 of the OMC, Bicycle Operation Rules-Violations-Penalty. The recommended amendments were the result of a Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission task force effort to review potential ordinance changes for park rules and signage as it relates to children play areas, bikes in parks and other park rule usage.

Public Comments Summary:

The Commission heard comments from approximately 37 speakers. The community was divided over the duration and volume of sound generated by individual musicians, permitted and non-permitted (pop-up) event organizers and participants around all parts of Lakeside Park. Many speakers expressed continued distress and duress over what was commonly described as non-stop amplified noise or sound late into the evenings during the week and throughout the weekend. Some described frustrations with delayed responses to complaints from Oakland Police. While still there were some who supported music and activities at the park, but wanted to see efforts to curtail some of the disruptions. Various speakers viewed the issue of playing music in the park as their right to do so in a publicly own space and that culturally, for some, playing music is a religious and spiritual expression.

Concerns were expressed about the effects of amplified sound on the bird sanctuary.

Because of the growing public interest and concern regarding sustainable adoption of changes to the OMC, the Commissioner requested staff convene another public meeting in order to continue community dialogue and capture additional suggestions to possibly augment changes to the OMC particularly as is related to noise.

**Motion:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to receive informational report and further recommend Oakland Parks & Recreation convene a public meeting gather additional feedback regarding changes to the OMC as written. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Second by:** Commissioner Howze. **Vote: Yes** - Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Miller, Reilly, Rosenbloom and Wu. **Motion:** Passed.

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

9. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Staff to follow up with information on Sundays in the Redwoods and Art and Soul

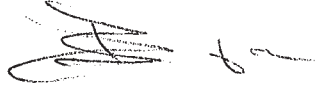
11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Will share plan for direction of Parks & Recreation at October's meeting

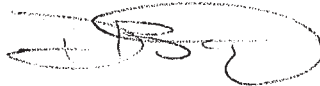
12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM

13. ADJOURNMENT 7:01pm

Respectfully submitted,



J. Nicholas Williams  
Secretary



Diane Boyd  
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting:**

***Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4:30 p.m.***

***Lakeside Park Garden Center***

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

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