



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - PRAC

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Lakeside Park Garden Center – 666 Bellevue Avenue – 4:30pm

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was held on the above date and convened at 4:36 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

AIKENS, COLE, CORBIN, HA, HOWZE, KADERA-REDMOND, MOORE, NORMAN, REILLY, TORRES, WOLFSON

Present: 9 - Dwayne Aikens, Amy Cole, C.NE. Corbin, Ethel Howze, Mandolin Kadera-Redmond, Peter Moore, Christopher Norman, Coire Reilly and Evelyn Torres

Excused: 2 - Jinhee Ha and Emilie Wolfson

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:

A. January 26, 2019 Special Meeting Draft Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the January 26, 2019 minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Second by:** Commissioner Howze. **Motion:** Passed.

Yes: 7 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Reilly and Torres

Abstained: 2 Moore and Norman

Excused: 2 Ha and Wolfson

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

5. OPEN FORUM:

There were two speakers on this item.

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

A. REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT ON-SITE DONATIONS AND PLEDGES FOR THE 7th ANNUAL MS WALK EAST BAY 2019 AT LAKESIDE PARK (BANDSTAND) ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 (SET-UP), 2:00PM–6:00PM & SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2018, 6:00AM-12:00PM.

- B. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ALLOW SMALL PRESS DISTRIBUTION (SPD) PERMISSION TO COLLECT FUNDS ONSITE FOR A SMALL RAFFLE AT THE BATTLE OF THE BRAINS: PUB QUIZ TO SUPPORT SMALL PRESS DISTRIBUTION AT THE LAKE MERRITT SAILBOAT HOUSE ON MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019, FROM 7:00PM-10:30PM.**
- C. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES PERMISSION TO COLLECT ONSITE REGISTRATIONS AND DONATIONS FROM SUPPORTERS AT THEIR 6TH ANNUAL 5K HEALING HEARTS WALK/RUN FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION TO BE HELD AT LAKESIDE PARK (BANDSTAND) ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019, 10:00AM -11:30AM.**
- D. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CENTER (NAHC) PERMISSION TO COLLECT ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES AT THE 17TH ANNUAL RUNNING IS MY HIGH 5K AND 10K FUN RUN/WALK AT LAKESIDE PARK (FAIRYLAND AREA) ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019, 8:00AM-1:00PM.**
- E. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ALLOW CENTER FOR EARLY INTERVENTION ON DEAFNESS (CEID) PERMISSION TO COLLECT ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES AND THE SALES OF RAFFLE TICKETS AT THEIR ANNUAL WALK-A-THON TO BE HELD AT LAKESIDE PARK (FAIRYLAND AREA) ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019, FROM 10:30AM-1:30PM.**
- F. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE SPANISH SPEAKING CITIZEN'S FOUNDATION PERMISSION TO COLLECT REGISTRATION FEES ONSITE AT THEIR 5K WALK/RUN AT THE LAKE MERRITT BLVD. AMPHITHEATRE ON SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2019, FROM 9:00AM-11:00AM.**

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to pass Item 6 - Consent New Business. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Second by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Motion:** Passed.

Yes: 9 Aikens, Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Moore, Norman, Reilly and Torres
 Abstained: 1 Cole
 Excused: 2 Ha and Wolfson

Note: Commissioner Cole declared a conflict of interest regarding Item 6C and abstained from the vote on Item 6.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ALLOW BAY VENTURES LLC. PERMISSION TO COLLECT FUNDS ONSITE THROUGH VENDOR SALES OF FOOD, BEVERAGES, MERCHANDISE AND ARTISAN SALES AT LAKE FEST TO BE HELD AT LAKE MERRITT (LAKE MERRITT SAILBOAT HOUSE & PARKING LOT) ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019, 11:00AM-7:00PM.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Zermaine Thomas from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development.

Trevelon Adnanadus, owner of Bay Ventures LLC., and Daniel Swafford, Executive Director of Montclair Village Association and Laurel District Association, requested approval for the exchange of cash for food, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, and artisan merchandise at their Lake Fest free family-friendly event on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House and parking lot.

Shaded seating areas and water will be provided to the public. The event organizers will also consider providing cooling stations.

Approval from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission is required per O.M.C. section 12.64.080.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the June 22, 2019 Lake Fest event as requested. **Moved by:** Commissioner Howze. **Second by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Motion:** Passed.

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Moore, Norman, Reilly and Torres

Excused: 2 Ha and Wolfson

B. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR THE METROPOLITAN HORESMEN'S ASSOICATION CLUBHOUSE AND SEQUOIA HORSE ARENA.

Gail McMillon from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development presented an informational report concerning the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association's (MHA) application to the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board - LPAB for Heritage Property status for the Clubhouse located at 10060 Skyline Boulevard and the Sequoia Arena located within Joaquin Miller Park.

Some of the equestrian training offered by the MHA include western and English saddle styles, jumping and dressage. The Redwood Hills Pony Club and City Stables are among the groups that participate in the MHA programs.

The MHA applied for the Landmark Designation with the LPAB to support the possibility of receiving public or private funding needed to help preserve the historic buildings and prepare for a future museum of Oakland equestrians history; to support equestrian sports, youth programs and mounted policing in Oakland and to work in collaboration with Oakland Public Work to prioritize maintenance concerns.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the staff request to receive and file the informational report in support of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association's application with the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board for Heritage Property designation for the Clubhouse and Sequoia Horse Arena so described. **Moved by:** Commissioner Cole. **Second by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Motion:** Passed.

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Moore, Norman, Reilly and Torres

Excused: 2 Ha and Wolfson

C. REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON PRELIMINARY DRAFT DOWNTOWN OAKLAND SPECIFIC PLAN.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Joanna Winter from the Planning and Building – Strategic Planning Division.

Staff presented a Power Point overview of the Draft Downtown Oakland Specific Plan (DOSP) and received the following comments from the PRAC.

- Community benefits should include, restroom facilities, mixed use outdoor accommodations for children, ADA needs and dogs.
- Create pathways for better access to the waterfront.
- Consider graffiti-friendly tag zones.
- Explore bathroom accommodations for the homeless including bathing and clothing exchange stations.
- Provide equal access signage representation throughout the development.
- Specify the number of housing units and explore considerations for individuals that fall below the standard financial eligibility requirements and are unable to compete for affordable housing.
- Explore attracting national retailers while preserving locally owned small businesses.
- Attain new parks – review/change policies to include community benefits.
- Implement a community oversight evaluation process which measures the success of the DOSP.
- Chinatown, Lincoln Square should be included in the DOSP.

- Explore ways to include existing Oakland Parks and Recreation spaces
- Produce the DOSP Power Point presentation in graphic colors to differentiate all areas including Chinatown.

Meetings and consultations have been held with other department staff and directors regarding the DOSP and will continue to do so as the project enters the implementation phase.

Additionally, community outreach has been multifaceted including online engagement, public noticing, flyers postings at work centers, tabling at community events and hosting stake holder and community group meetings.

For more information go to: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/downtown-oakland-specific-plan>

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the staff request to provide comments on the recommendations contained in the Preliminary Draft to advise development of the Draft Plan. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Second by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Motion:** Passed.

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Moore, Norman, Reilly and Torres

Excused: 2 Ha and Wolfson

D. INFORMATIONAL REPORT: LAKE MERRITT HERON ROOKERY RELOCATION UPDATE.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Terri Fashing, Watershed Program Specialist, Oakland Public Works.

Staff informed the PRAC that initial efforts to attract herons to new rookery sites around Lake Merritt was not successful due to nesting opportunities in the downtown area.

In 2018, Decoy nests, decoy birds and audio broadcast radios were installed to support efforts to attract the birds to the targeted areas for nesting. The Oakland Public Works Tree Division and other stake holder groups have supported the heron attraction plan for 2019 by thinning targeted trees in the downtown area and near the historic rookery in hope of directing the herons to sites prepared for their relocation around Lake Merritt.

Commissioner Corbin informed the body that local students are making plans to have the night heron recognized as the City of Oakland's official bird.

For more information visit: www.goldengateaudubon.org - #OaklandHerons

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to receive and file the informational Report for the Lake Merritt Heron Rookery Relocation Update. **Moved by:** Commissioner Torres. **Second by:** Commissioner Cole. **Motion:** Passed.

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Moore, Norman, Reilly and Torres

Excused: 2 Ha and Wolfson

E. REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE HOLLY MINI PARK RENOVATION GIFT-IN-PLACE PROJECT.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Ha Nguyen, Capital Improvement Project Coordinator, Oakland Public Works.

The collaborative membership of the Oakland Safety Impact Table hosted a series of listing sessions with residents of East Oakland to learn of their concerns and priorities. To address the repeated comments regarding the lack of safe public spaces, the Impact Table selected Holly Mini Park for renovation and as one of its violence prevention strategies.

Construction and renovation of the 15,000- square park located at 9830 Holly Street is expected to take one (1) month commencing in May 2019. In March, Oakland City Council will be asked to approve a gift-in-place of \$300,000 from the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation. To date, a total of \$150,000 has been raised for the \$600,000 project. Organizers have identified other possible funding sources.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the Holly Mini Park renovation gift-in-place project. **Moved by:** Commissioner Cole. **Second by:** Commissioner Howze. **Motion:** Passed.

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Moore, Norman, Reilly and Torres

Excused: 2 Ha and Wolfson

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None

9. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Commissioner Corbin:
 - Met Mosswood's new program director, Kola Thomas. Outstanding issues at Mosswood Park include lighting on the basketball court. Will have discussions regarding a Homeless Ambassadors Program.
 - Want to consider a workshop addressing ways and opportunities to show up on behalf of OPRYD.
- Commissioner Reilly:
 - Community members are having discussions about forming a Recreation Advisory Council ((RAC) for the Rotary Nature Center.
- Commissioner Aikens:
 - Arroyo does not have a solid Recreation Advisory Council ((RAC).

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Commissioner Kadera-Redmond, former PRAC Chair
 - Announced the end term and requested plans be implemented to seat a new member.
 - The Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation invited Commissioner Kadera-Redmond to join its Board of Directors. The Commissioner confirmed participation in the board meetings in her former capacity as the PRAC Chair carried no voting rights.
- Commissioner Cole:
 - Homework – Review the PRAC Ordinance for possible changes.

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Williams provided the following update:

- OPRYD is preparing for the 2019 Town Camp summer program. All 2018 sponsors have recommitted their support for the upcoming season. A 3-day camping trip to Feather River Camp has been added to the list of activities. Parents will have the option of sending their children on one of two excursions.
- OPRYD is applying for two (2) CDBG grants due by June.
- A meeting with Oakland Public Works confirmed the cost to repair the pool at de Fremery to be \$175,000.
- The National Recreation and Parks Association 2019 Conference will be held in Baltimore, MD from September 24th – 26th. All members of the PRAC were encouraged to attend.

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

13. ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

J. Nicholas Williams
Secretary



Diane L. Boyd
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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