



**Minutes: *Special Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory
Commission (PRAC)
Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 4:30 P.M.
Zoom Teleconference**

Meeting Recording Link: <https://oakland.granicus.com/player/clip/4613?&redirect=true>

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:35 PM
2. ROLL CALL:
ALLEN, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, D. SMITH, K. SMITH, TORRES, TRAN, WALTON
Present (7): Commissioners Allen, Ha, Kos-Read, Moore, Reilly, K. Smith, Tran
Excused (1): Commissioners Duhe
Absent (3): Commissioner D. Smith, Torres, Walton
3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:
November 10, 2021
Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Vote:** Yes (5): Allen, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, and Tran. Abstained (1): Moore. **Motion:** Pass.
4. OPEN FORUM: There was 1 speaker.
5. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:
NONE
6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB-361.**

There were no speakers.

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve Item 6, Consent New Business. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Second by:** Commissioner Ha. **Vote:**

Yes (7) Allen, Ha, Kos-Read, Moore, Reilly, K. Smith, Tran. **Motion:** Pass.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None.

9. MEASURE Q: OVERSIGHT/UPDATES/REPORTS:

- **Advancing Race Equity**
Director Darlene Flynn of the Race and Equity Department made a presentation on race and equity. Director Flynn put together a slide deck and pulled information and images from trainings that her department does for City staff, providing the same format and materials but not as much of it in a high-level overview on race and equity work. The presentation will be on the Public Works Department's website.

There were 3 public speakers.

Commissioner Ha left the meeting at 5:35pm.

- **Measure Hiring Tracker**
Acting Oakland Public Works Assistant Director Sean Maher and Lesley Liew provided the Commission an update to status of hiring for Measure Q vacancies. Staff highlighted positions filled, posted, and those in process of being posted as well as related status of interviews and selection process.

Motion: Commissioner entertained a motion to accept the Measure Q informational reports.

Moved by: Commissioner Tran. **Second by:** Commissioner Moore. **Vote:** Yes (6) Allen, Kos-Read, Moore, Reilly, K. Smith, Tran. **Motion:** Pass.

10. UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR, COMMITTEES, RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCILS, COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director's Report:

- California State Parks' Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program award of \$17 million to OPRYD:
 - 8.5 million dollar grant awarded to Lincoln Square for improvements to include a new Community Center, outdoor classroom, badminton court, 2 patio/garden areas, renovate three basketball courts and improve landscaping and lighting throughout the park.
 - 8.5 million dollars to Verdese Carter Park in partnership with PAL will receive a new community plaza with entry promenades, large group picnic and nature play areas, outdoor fitness area and walking loop, and a shade structure to expand programming space as well as renovated playground, community garden, and multi-use field.
- Formerly Oakland Park Ambassadors renamed Oakland Park Stewards – target to begin Spring 2022 in field. Search to hire 20 to 25 part-time Park Stewards and 1 Program Director.
- Grass athletic fields closed for maintenance through end of February 2022 for repair, aeration, and seed and repair.
- A couple of swimming pools are opened. Check website for opened pools.

Committees:

- Tree Advisory Committee: Reminder to PRAC that the Public Works Department put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for community engagement for the Urban Forest Master Plan and they also released a forest resource analysis.
- Measure Q Committee: Extensive report provided earlier in Item 9 for Measure Q.
Chair Allen stated that Mosswood Park is considered one of our major parks under the OSCAR and therefore has significant involvement with the maintenance. Chair Allen received a call from Mosswood Center Director Terri Westbrook, about the good work Public Works is doing at Mosswood to help keep the park clean. Wanted to publicly thank Public Works Director Duffy and Brian Carthan for the responsiveness to needing immediate attention to Mosswood.
- Park Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee: No update. Committee has not met.
- Lake Merritt Task Force: Chair Allen reported that the committee has not met. Reached out to Greg Minor who will set up a meeting. The funding for the Mobile Vending Pilot Program has run out. Greg Minor has been working with OPRYD Director Williams and other community stakeholders to put together a long-term plan. They will come to PRAC with an update in January. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet prior to the January PRAC meeting.

Recreation Advisory Councils (RAC):

Commissioner Tran:

- Franklin: Not an official RAC, but they meet monthly.
- Lincoln Square: There was an in-person community engagement meeting today, December 8 and a virtual meeting will be held on December 9 to talk receive input on the design of the new center.

Chair Allen:

- Attended Lincoln Square's meeting this morning, December 8. Target date for the build is 2023.
- Mosswood: Moss House clean up on Saturday, December 11. Saturday, December 18, the Mosswood Winter Fair will be held at the Mosswood Community Garden. Met with Center Director and the Bay Area Mural Project, new non-profit who will be painting a mural on the field house.
- Brookdale: Chair Allen relayed that Brookdale Recreation has a new Acting Center Director, Rebecca Bresso. There are several holiday activities taking place this month.

Communications and Announcements:

Chair Allen:

- Congratulations to Commissioner Kos-Read on the birth of his son.
- Condolence to Commissioner D. Smith on the loss of his grandmother.
- Congratulations to Diane Boyd on her retirement and welcome to Gail McMillon as Acting Recording Secretary.
- Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

11. OPEN FORUM CONTINUED:

No Speakers.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 6:35 pm

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Zoom Teleconference

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams

Secretary

/s/ Gail McMillon

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Acting Recording Secretary