



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - PRAC**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 4:30PM**

**Lakeside Park Garden Center – 666 Bellevue Avenue**

**Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL: 4:40 PM

**AIKENS, COLE, CORBIN, HA, HOWZE, MOORE, NORMAN, REILLY, SMITH, TORRES, WOLFSON**

Present: 9 - Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith, Torres and Wolfson  
Excused: 2 - Howze and Reilly

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:

March 13, 2019

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the March 13, 2019 meeting minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 7 Aikens, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith and Wolfson  
Abstained: 2 Cole and Torres  
Excused: Howze and Reilly

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

5. OPEN FORUM:

None

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Request Permission To Allow Afrocentric Oakland To Collect Entry Fees, Sales Of Beer, Wine And Spirits In Beer Garden, Food, And Merchandise At Their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Oak Fam Bam Gathering Held At The Lake Merritt Blvd. Amphitheatre On Thursday, July 4, 2010, From 12:00pm-8:00pm.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of Consent New Business Item 6A. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha. **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith, Torres and Wolfson  
Excused: 2 Howze and Reilly

7. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Request For Approval To Build A Wooden, Split-Rail Fence On The East Bank Of Sausal Creek At El Centro Avenue, Dimond Canyon.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report prepared and presented by Michelle Doppelt from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

In coordination with the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC), Jack Cros, Eagle Scout candidate for Troop 6, proposed to build a split-rail fence on the east bank of Sausal Creek immediately north of the El Centro Avenue culvert and bridge in Dimond Canyon. The purpose of the fence will be to protect fragile wetland zone and water quality of Sausal creek from bikers, hikers and off-leash dogs. The project and materials are identical to past split-rail fence installations in the area coordinated by Oakland Trails' representative, Stan Dodson who is working in collaboration with FOSC's Tim Vendlinski in support of Troop 6's goals. Organizers confirmed that the work will be carried out in compliance with Oakland Public Works' requirements. Construction will take place May and June of 2019 with the

Commission requested before and after photographs be taken to memorialize the project.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for the construction of a spilt-rail fence on the east bank of Sausal Creek as written. **Moved by:** Commissioner Cole. **Second by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith, Torres and Wolfson  
Excused: 2 Howze and Reilly

**B. Request Recommendation To Dedicate A Plaque In Memory Of Sharon Webster Kidder And John Kidder.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report prepared and presented by Gail McMillon from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

Sarah Kidder, and extended family, requested that a bench located in the Gardens at Lake Merritt be dedicated to her parents Sharon Webster Kidder and John Kidder. The plaque would have the following inscription:

In Loving Memory of  
Sharon Webster Kidder and John Kidder  
Forever Our Sunshine and Flowers

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval that a bench located in the Gardens at Lake Merritt be dedication to Sharon Webster Kidder and John Kidder as written. **Moved by:** Commissioner Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith, Torres and Wolfson  
Excused: 2 Howze and Reilly

**C. Request Approval From The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow Onelife Institute To Collect Onsite Donations At Their Poetry Reading And Live Band Concert At The Lake Merritt Sailboat House On Sunday, October 6, 2019, From 7:00pm-10:00pm.**

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

The OneLife Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to the nurturing the wellbeing of caregivers, healers and leaders. The organization offers workshops, retreats and events, counseling and consultations services to its clientele. OneLife requested permission to collect donations at their live concert and poetry reading on Sunday, October 6, 2019. Alice Walker will be a featured speaker and reader.

The Commission expressed concern that the Sailboat House may be undersized for the event and requested that staff be mindful of the fire code capacity restrictions of the venue and monitor with event organizers ticket sales and day of attendance to ensure code compliance.

Approval from the PRAC is required per O.M.C. Section 12.64.080.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for the OneLife Institute to collect donations at their live concert and poetry reading at the Sailboat House on October 6, 2019. **Moved by:** Commissioner Cole. **Second by:** Commissioner Norman. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith, Torres and Wolfson  
Excused: 2 Howze and Reilly

**D. Request Approval To Allow The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation Of The San Francisco Bay Area To Collect Registration Fees And Donations At Their Walk/Run At Lake Merritt Amphitheatre On Saturday, June 8, 2019, 9:00 AM-12:00PM.**

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

The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation of the San Francisco Bay Area is a non-profit membership-based organization which provides access to treatment to a broad community of individuals impacted by the challenges of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD), related disorders and social stigma. Organizers requested permission to collect donations and registration fees at their Walk/Run event at the Lake Merritt Amphitheatre on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Approval from the PRAC is required per O.M.C. Section 12.64.080.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for the Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation of San Francisco to collect registration fees and donations at their Walk/Run event at the Lake Merritt Amphitheatre on Saturday, June 8, 2019. **Moved by:** Commissioner Wolf. **Second by:** Commissioner Smith. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith, Torres and Wolfson  
Excused: 2 Howze and Reilly

**E. Request Approval From The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow Oakland Rising To Collect Donations and Sell Ticket At Their Oakland Progressive Party & Townie Awards Annual Fundraiser At The Lakeside Park Garden Center On Thursday, June 20, 2019, From 5:30pm-8:30pm.**

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

Oakland Rising is a non-profit organization committed to educating and mobilizing voters in the flatlands and encourages them to speak-up on issues impacting their lives and community. Social justice groups, political leaders and community members will attend the organization's Progressive Party & Townie Awards fundraiser on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Lake Side Park Garden Center. Oakland Rising requested permission to sell tickets and collect donations at the event. All proceeds will be earmarked for the organization's general operations budget.

Approval from the PRAC is required per O.M.C. Section 12.64.080.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for Oakland Rising to collect donations and sell tickets at the June 20, 2019 Progressive Party Townie Awards Fundraiser at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. **Moved by:** Commissioner Torres. **Second by:** Commissioner Norman. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith, Torres and Wolfson  
Excused: 2 Howze and Reilly

**F. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Make A Recommendation On Renaming Nicol Park To Gwen Jackson Park.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report prepared and presented by Gail McMillon from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

Kate Chaplin, representing Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)-21xy, neighbors, and community members of Council District 5 “Upper Peralta Creek” neighborhood, requested the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) make a recommendation to the City Council Rules and Procedures Legislative Committee on renaming Nicol Park in honor and memory of Ms. Gwen Jackson (1937-2018).

Nicol Park is located at the corner of Nicol Street and Coolidge Avenue and is renown to area residents for Gwen Jackson’s courage and leadership in transforming a park turned vacant lot and used for illicit activities and loitering, into the playground and public space now known as Nicol Park. Before, and years after the 2001 ribbon cutting ceremony for the reopening of Nicol Park, Gwen Jackson dedicated her time and limited resources planning, organizing and implementing activities absent in her youth, for children and youth in the park. As a community activist and strategist, Ms. Jackson also held many impromptu community gatherings and picnics in Nicol Park to prevent the return of negative public safety activities. Families and individuals were encouraged by her dedication and persistence, and began volunteering and supporting her vision well into her declining years.

Organizers and advocates for the name change cited City Council Resolution No. 65024 which allows for “honorific naming when the honoree “initiated or contributed major time to the establishment of the project” or, has given “extraordinary service to the city or the community.”

Identically to the surrounding community and neighbors of Nicol Park, documents showed that District 5 Councilmember Noel Gallo support the name change to Gwen Jackson Park. As did the multi diverse group of ten individuals who addressed the Commission and shared their personal remembrances of Gwen Jackson and the impact she made in their lives, and the community. Some of the members of the group included, Ken Lupoff, Director of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation; Mandolin Kadera-Redmond, former Chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission; and Holly Alonzo, Director of the Peralta Hacienda.

The Commission requested to be kept updated on the Nicol Park/Gwen Jackson item as it moves through the City's processes and public ceremonies.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion for PRAC to recommend the City Council Rules and Procedures/Legislative Committee rename Nicol Park, Gwen Jackson Park. **Moved by:** Commissioner Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Moore, Norman, Smith, Torres and Wolfson  
Excused: 2 Howze and Reilly

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None

9. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Commissioner Aikens: Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center will host an Earth Day event on Saturday, April 20, 2019.
- Commissioner Wolfson: Redwood Heights Recreation Center will host Love Your Park Day on Saturday, April 13, 2019.
- Commissioner Corbin: Mosswood will host an Earth Day event.
  - Growing concerns regarding homeless in Mosswood Park
  - Request the City's Homeless Outreach Team provide a report to the Commission
- Commissioner Cole: Homework and follow-up:
  - Review the City Charter creating PRAC and be prepared to discuss at the May 8, 2019 meeting. Item to be placed on the agenda
  - Upload resumes/curriculum vitae(CV) to the PRAC shared folder

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioner Norman: Will resign his position on the Commission in June to pursue graduate school in Los Angeles. Leaving to attend graduate school in Los Angeles
- The Commission requested an update on the Parks Rules change
- Staff to provide the Commission with information on the Adopt-a-Spot program and the In-Kind and volunteer processes

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Introduction: Returning Staff, Donte' Watson

- Update: OPRYD Strategic Action Plan

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

None

13. ADJOURNMENT: 6:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams  
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Secretary

/s/ Diane L. Boyd

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Diane L. Boyd  
Recording Secretary



**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2, 2019**

**Lakeside Park Garden Center**

**666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA**

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