

Agenda
*****Special Meeting*****
Of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC)
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 4:30 PM

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Topic: Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting – March 9, 2022

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AGENDA

Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) Wednesday, March 9, 2022 4:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

ALLEN, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, MOORE, D. SMITH, K. SMITH, TORRES, TRAN,
WALTON AND WATKINS

1. MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA:

2. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

- February 9, 2022 Draft Meeting Minutes

3. OPEN FORUM:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

- 4A. **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**

5. MEASURE Q OVERSIGHT/AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

*See Measure Q [website](#) for more information, documents and reports

- Informational Report: OPW Monthly Hiring Matrix Update and Performance Measures
- Review of OPW Park Projects Lists and Mapping Data Seeking PRAC Priorities to Submit to the As Recommendations in the Midcycle Budget Process

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6A. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE LOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC ART MURAL IN CELEBRATION OF OAKLAND FUKUOKA SISTER CITY 60TH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMUNITY BUILDING.**

6B. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMEND THE RENAMING OF MADISON SQUARE PARK IN HONOR OF ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR WILMA CHAN'S LEGACY, AND APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A BENCH OR PLAQUE MEMORIALIZING THE NAME CHANGE.**

7. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

8. UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR, COMMITTEES, RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCILS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

9. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 4:30PM

Via Zoom Teleconference

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OAKLAND PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

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.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded. *See* <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing hard. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>; and

WHEREAS, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19

symptoms stay home. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>; and

WHEREAS, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

WHEREAS, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>; and

WHEREAS, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities that do not ensure circulation of fresh / outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; and

WHEREAS, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or would live with someone who is at high risk; and

WHEREAS, in-person meetings would tempt community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

WHEREAS, attendees would use ride-share services and/or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2021, year the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission adopted a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings 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; now therefore be it:

RESOLVED: that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission renews its determination that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission firmly believes that the community's health and safety and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and is committed to balancing the two by continuing to use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever occurs first.



DRAFT MINUTES:
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Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC)
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Zoom Teleconference**

Meeting Recording Link:

<https://oakland.granicus.com/player/clip/4715?&redirect=true>

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL:

ALLEN, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, D. SMITH, K. SMITH, TORRES, TRAN

Present (8): Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Torres (joined meeting at 4:39 pm), Tran

Excused (1): Commissioner Moore

Absent (2): Commissioners D. Smith, Walton

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to move Item 6A up from Consent Calendar and move to Adopt Resolution to continue meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Reilly. **Second by:** Commissioner Duhe.

Vote: Yes (7) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Tran. **Motion:** Passed.

Vice Chair Torres joined the meeting.

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:

- January 12, 2022 Draft Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Duhe; **Second by:** Vice Chair Torres. **Vote:** Yes (7) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, Torres, Tran. **Abstain:** K. Smith. **Motion:** Passed.

4. OPEN FORUM: There were 5 speakers.

5. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to move Item 9 - Measure Q up on the agenda to Item 6 after Open Forum and move Item 4 - Open Forum to Item 5.

Moved by: Commissioner Tran. **Second by:** Commissioner Reilly.

Vote: Yes (8) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Torres, Tran.

Motion: Passed.

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.**
- B. **REQUEST FROM OAKLAND RUNNING FESTIVAL FOR APPROVAL TO SERVE AND SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOOD, MERCHANDISE AND ACCEPT DONATIONS ON-SITE AT THE 13TH ANNUAL OAKLAND RUNNING FESTIVAL MARATHON AT SNOW PARK ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022.**
- C. **REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY FOR PERMISSION TO COLLECT ON-SITE DONATIONS AND PLEDGES FOR THEIR ANNUAL MS WALK EAST BAY 2022 AT LAKESIDE PARK (BANDSTAND) ON SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 (SET-UP), 2:00PM – 6:00PM & SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2020, 6:00AM – 12:00PM.**

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve Item 6 B and C – Consent New Business. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Second by:** Commissioner Duhe. Yes (8) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Torres, Tran. **Motion:** Passed.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7A. **ELECTION OF THE COMMISSION'S CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.**

Motion: Commissioner Reilly nominated Chair Allen to continue as the Commission's Chair. **Second:** Commissioner K. Smith.

Motion: Suspended to take public comment. Second: Commission Duhe.

Vote: Yes (8) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Torres, Tran.

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion for nominations to elect a new Vice Chair for 2022. **Moved:** Commissioner Reilly nominated Vice Chair Torres to continue as Vice Chair for 2022. **Second:** Commissioner Kos-Read.

Moved: Commissioner Duhe nominated Commissioner Tran. **Second:** Commissioner Ha.

Chair Allen opened the floor for public comment.

There were no speakers.

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to move forward with the election of current Chair Allen to be PRAC Chair for 2022.

Moved: Commissioner Reilly. **Second:** Commissioner Ha.

Vote: Yes (8) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Torres, Tran.

Motion: Commissioner Reilly moved to hold the vote for Vice Chair where current Vice Chair Torres and Commissioner Tran are the nominees.

Moved: Commissioner Reilly. **Second:** Commissioner Ha.

Vote for Tran: Allen, Duhe, Ha, Reilly, Torres, Tran.

Vote for Torres: Kos-Read.

Abstain: K. Smith. **Motion:** Yes (6) for Commissioner Tran as PRAC Vice President for 2022.

7B. **REQUEST THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION RECEIVE FOR DISCUSSION AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON PARKS & EQUITY: THE PROMISE OF OAKLAND'S PARKS.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the report for Item 7B presented by Lakshmi Rajagopalan, Planner with the Strategic Planning Division, Planning and Building Department.

Staff presented a brief overview of the General Plan and its Guiding Principles that include Key Elements of the process, Phase 1, and Community Engagements. The General Plan will happen in two phases with the focus on Phase 1 that will go through early 2023 and include a Housing Element, Safety Element and Environmental Justice Element. Phase 2 of the General Plan will start in 2022 and will include the Open Space, Conservation and Recreation (OSCAR).

There were no public speakers.

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to accept the informational report.

Moved by: Commissioner Tran. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith.

Vote: Yes (8) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Torres, Tran.

Motion: Pass.

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None.

9. MEASURE Q: OVERSIGHT/UPDATES/REPORTS:

Item 9 moved up before Item 6 – Consent New Business.

- OPW Monthly Hiring Matrix Update

Sean Maher, Public Works Information Officer, Public Works Department, presented the Monthly Hiring Matrix Report that provide the Commission a monthly update on park maintenance services and the hiring progress. Staff highlighted positions filled, posted, and those in process of being posted as well as related status of interviews and selection process.

Leslie Liew, Business Analyst, Public Works Department, presented an initial draft of the Performance Measures that are required by Measure Q. Ms. Liew explained that it is a starting point on how they are reporting the measurements. OPW requests feedback from the Commissioners and the public through comments and suggestions. The information shown was baseline data. The first chart showed the hiring trend from July 2021 to January 2022 on positions filled. OPW received suggestions from the PRAC Measure Q Ad Hoc

Committee on design of the chart. Other charts shown included details and identifying the number of ballfields and the number of fields being mowed. Some of the fields will be identified and named at the March PRAC meeting. Ms. Liew also presented staffing hours by parks. The data displayed was baseline data before Measure Q positions were filled. OPW will continue to work on data as feedback is received. OPW has started to collect data for park restroom cleanings. Another item OPW is working on is litter pickup. Litter pickup was not captured because it is a deliverable. OPW will start capturing deliverables for litter pickup as they start to develop the reports. Future details of data will include the size of parks in relation to the staff hours used. The charts will be posted on the Measure Q website.

There was 1 speaker.

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion from Commissioner Tran to permanently move Agenda Item – Measure Q to follow the Consent Calendar and move Agenda Item – New Business after Measure Q.

Moved by: Commissioner Tran. **Second by:** Commissioner Duhe.

Vote: Yes (8) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Torres, Tran.

Motion: Passed.

- Discussion: Measure Q Update on the City Budget Process
Tom Morgan, Public Works Department, discussed the mid-cycle budget that officially kicked off on February 10, 2022. Over the next 4 weeks, OPW will develop the department's budget proposals and priorities and submit the information to the Budget Office in the middle of March. The deadline for submission of proposals is March 16, 2022. In the middle of May, the Budget Office will release the Mayor's proposed mid-cycle adjustments, at that point it will be turned over to the City Council, they will get questions and answers from the Council and sometime in early to mid-June they'll make any adjustments and adopt the budget.

In the draft budget instructions, one of the requirements for department submittal is a list of recommendations for excess funding from boards and commissions that oversee specific funding sources. The information does not have to be submitted with OPW's budget packet. The best time to submit the information is before April 10, 2022, when OPW starts to go into budget meetings. If there is any excess funding identified in Measure Q, OPW would like to provide the priorities from the PRAC.

Sean Maher provided a couple of proposals on how OPW, OPRYD and the PRAC can approach the information needed regarding the list of excess funding.

Chair Allen: The Measure Q Ad Hoc Committee will take up the discussion in their next upcoming Measure Q Ad Hoc meeting. They will have two meetings before the next PRAC meeting. In the next PRAC meeting, they will have a more robust conversation about the mid-year budget cycle and how they're going to go about getting more money for the park projects.

Motion: Chair Allen entertained a motion to accept the Measure Q informational report. **Moved by:** Commissioner Tran. **Second by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Vote:** Yes (8) Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K. Smith, Torres, Tran. **Motion:** Passed.

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

Director's Report:

- Director Williams reported as follows:
 - OPRYD is hiring for various positions that include Recreation Aide, Recreation Leader 1 & 2, Recreation Specialists, Recreation Attendants, Sports Officials, Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructors and Pool Manager positions. Hiring will be for Town Camp jobs and beyond.
- Provided sincere thank-yous and gratitude to those Commissioners that have served with OPRYD and are moving on.
- Congratulated staff who are in new positions within the organization.

PRAC Committees:

- Priority & Goals Ad Hoc Committee: Commissioner Tran reported out. Would like a better understanding of the orientation on-boarding process, structure of OPRYD and OPW, and study session for Measure Q. Recommended an on-boarding session on how the PRAC interact and interface with each other and who they interface with. Would like to propose a study session on Measure Q.
- Tree Advisory Committee: No update.
- Measure Q Ad Hoc Committee: Heard update in Item 9 – Measure Q.
- Tree Inventory and Urban Forest Plan: No update.
- Park Rules & Regulations: No update
- Lake Merritt Task Force Mobile Vending: On Thursday, January 27, 2022, Chair Allen attended a meeting on a discussion about Lake Merritt. Attendees included Council President Bas, Joe DeVries, Director Nicholas Williams, Representatives from Councilmember Fife's Office, and Commissioner Kos-Read. Council President Bas hoped there was a focus on inclusive programming around the lake. Director Williams asked if the members present had ideas on programming at the Lake. Any suggestions can be provided to Director Williams or to any of the attendees' present. Marc Weinstein, OPRYD Recreation Supervisor, talked about the Park Steward program that is coming online this summer. Currently in interview process.

Communications:

Chair Allen:

- In 2021, Commissioners were assigned to ad-hoc committees and park assignments. Let Assistant Director Riley know if you are interested in switching or would like to change committees or park assignment. Can be discussed at a later PRAC meeting.

Recreation Advisory Councils (RAC):

Chair Allen:

- Mosswood: The RAC meet the 1st Wednesday of the month. They had two meetings since the last PRAC meeting about murals at Mosswood. Someone broke in to the Moss House and damaged the site after the community did a big site cleanup. The new Community Center was to break ground in April 2022, there is a shortfall in the amount of \$8,500,000 in order to execute Phase 1 of the project. Director Williams has a plan in place to help the park.
- No other reports on Chair Allen's parks.

Commissioner Duhe:

- Suggested that there be an orientation of what the role is for the Commissioners relative to the relationships to the Centers they are supporting.

Commissioner Kos-Read:

- Toured Junior Center of Arts and Science. Site was damaged by a fire and the site remains in disrepair but movement is being made to get the improvements done. Assistant Director Riley provided an update that the site is an insurance repair and going through a permit process that is required by the City. The work will be completed and is in process.

Announcements:

Chair Allen:

- This will be Commissioner Reilly's last meeting. The mayor has appointed a new individual to join the PRAC. Thanked Commissioner Reilly on the work that he has done while on the PRAC. Other Commissioners thanked Commissioner Reilly and provided their well wishes for his leadership and service on the PRAC.
- Thanked Former Vice Chair Torres for her time and dedication as Vice Chair. Congratulated Commissioner Tran in her new role as Vice Chair.

11. OPEN FORUM CONTINUED:

There were 2 speakers.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 p.m.

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Zoom Teleconference

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams
Secretary

/s/ Gail McMillon
Gail McMillon
Acting Recording Secretary



**CITY OF OAKLAND
Oakland Parks & Recreation**

TO: Princess Allen, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC)
FROM: Sean Maher, Oakland Public Works (OPW)
DATE: March 9, 2022
SUBJECT: Informational Report: OPW Monthly Measure Q Hiring Matrix and Performance Measures Update, OPW Park and Facility Maintenance/Project List

SUMMARY

This report provides OPW’s routine updates to PRAC regarding the hiring of staff related to Measure Q-funded park maintenance services. For reference, this report includes the draft reporting of OPW’s performance measures in the delivery of Measure Q-funded services, as presented at the February 9, 2022 PRAC meeting – however, staff are still implementing new improvements to that reporting and incorporating stakeholder input, so that reporting here is unchanged from the February report.

This report also includes the OPW Park and Facility Maintenance/Project List, for projects that are eligible to be Measure Q, 4400-Deferred Maintenance and CDBG funded, as well as spreadsheets and mapping of that information.

FISCAL IMPACT

Since this report is informational only, no fiscal impacts are included.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Measure Q, approved by Oakland voters in March 2020, provides funding for City of Oakland services related to parks maintenance, homelessness services, and water quality, subject to civilian oversight. The Oakland City Council assigned PRAC the oversight role regarding the Measure Q expenditures related to parks maintenance and water quality services.

As a component of this oversight function, OPW routinely submits to PRAC updates on hiring of positions related to Measure Q-funded park maintenance services. This report provides an update for the PRAC’s meeting of February 9, 2022. For the first time, this report now also includes a chart representing hiring trends, so that PRAC and the public can see how hiring and staffing of Measure Q positions is changing over time.

Additionally, Measure Q includes service performance requirements. OPW has been working with the PRAC Measure Q ad hoc committee and with community members to develop a reporting template for measuring and tracking performance of those services. The department’s goal is a routine report that is clear, simple, and accessible to the community to provide transparent and accessible reporting on service delivery. This will be an iterative process, and OPW welcomes feedback from PRAC on how the department can continue honing that reporting template.

RECOMMENDATION

OPW recommends that PRAC accept this informational report.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sean Maher

Prepared by:

Sean Maher

Acting Assistant to the Director

Oakland Public Works

Identification of Support Documents:

Attachments: Exhibit A – *Measure Q Hiring Progress Tracker, Updated 02/24/2022, and Performance Measures and Service Delivery Charts, Updated 01/27/2022*

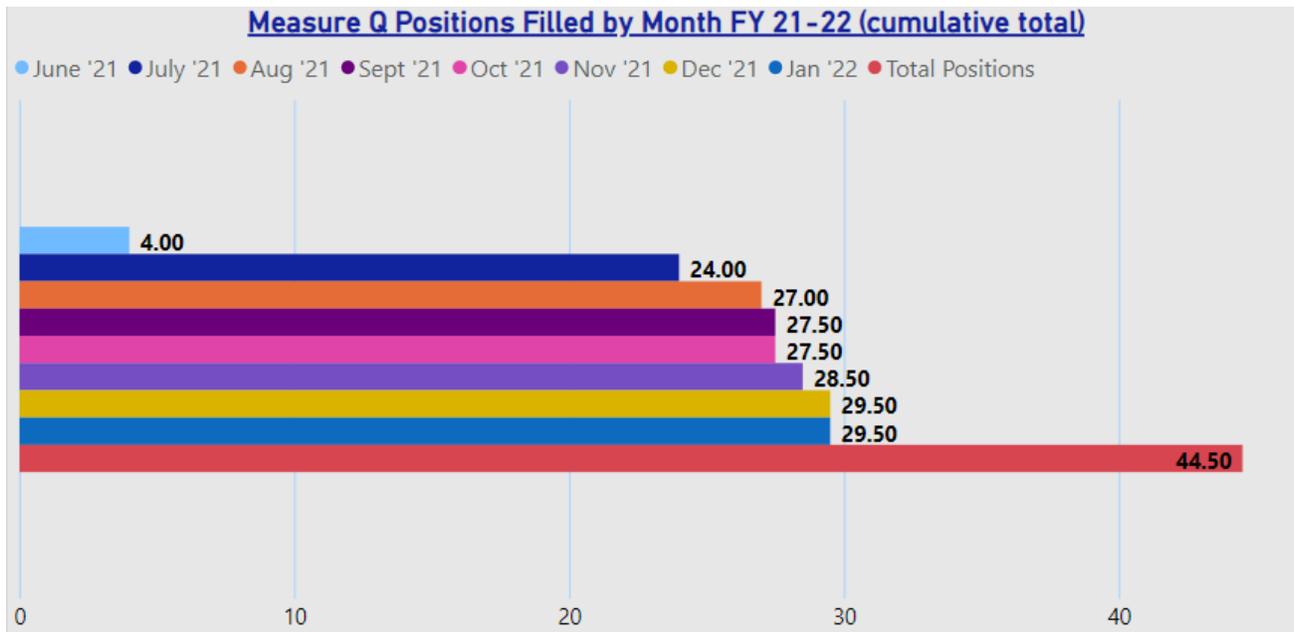
Exhibit B –*OPW Park and Facility Maintenance/Project List*

Measure Q Hiring Progress Tracker
 February 24, 2022 Civil Service Board Meeting

DEPT	CLASSIFICATION	FTE POSITIONS	FILLED	ELIGIBLE LIST AVAILABLE	DETAILS
HSD	Budget & Grants Administrator	1	0	Yes	Referrals sent to department to review and schedule interviews.
HSD	Administrative Assistant II	1	1	Yes	Filled (8.22.2020)
HSD	Case Manager I	1	1	Yes	Filled (March 2021)
OPW	Custodian	5	2	No	2 FTE starting 2/5/22, 3 FTE (6TPT) will be hired in the next TPT recruitment immediately following completing the full time hires.
OPW	Assistant Engineer I	1	0	No	Interview for the restricted list candidate scheduled for February 24, 2022.
OPW	Administrative Assistant II	1	1	Yes	Filled (2.26.2021)
OPW	Construction & Maintenance Mecha	2	2	Yes	Filled (10.30.21) Filled (11.13.21- one position on hold. Employee is currently on leave)
OPW	Business Analyst II	1	1	No	Filled (11.14.2020)
OPW	Gardener Crew Leader	7	4	Yes	Performance Exam held 2.17.22, Interviews will follow.
OPW	Gardener II	15	15	Yes	Filled (5 filled 6.12.2021, 5 filled 7.24.2021, 3 filled 8.7.2021, 2 filled 8.21.2021)
OPW	Painter	2	1	Yes	2 employees starting 2/19 and 3/5
OPW	Park Attendant, PT (NEW)	0.5	0.5	Yes	Filled (D. Mabon effective 11.13.21)
OPW	Park Equipment Operator	2	2	No	Filled 1.22.22 (K. Wilkerson and R.Armstrong)
OPW	Park Supervisor I	2	0	No	CPS managing recruitment, waiting on the job analysis to be completed in order to proceed.
OPW	Park Supervisor II	1	1	Yes	Filled (K. Charles effective 6.26.21)
OPW	Tree Worker (formerly Tree Worker I)	1	1	No	Filled (E. Rodriguez effective 11.13.21)
OPW	Tree Trimmer	1	0	Yes	The Division submitted an add/delete to convert Tree Trimmer positions to Tree Workers. 2.9.2022, waiting for response and next steps.

UPDATED: 2.24.2022

Hiring Trend for Measure Q Positions



Mowing Fields: # of Work Orders Completed for All Parks by Month and Labor Hours

DATE

of Work Orders Completed for Mowing Fields

Month name	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	Total
Jul	104	84	188
Aug	124	64	188
Sept	122	125	247
Oct	149	97	246
Nov	96	103	199
Dec	101	85	186
Jan	104	60	164
Feb	104		104
Mar	105		105
Apr	144		144
May	186		186
Jun	61		61
Total	1400	618	2018

Labor Hours for Mowing Fields

Month name	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	Total
Jul	9095	10895	19990
Aug	7429	10272	17701
Sept	9793	10207	20001
Oct	10019	10296	20315
Nov	8405	9289	17695
Dec	8552	10256	18808
Jan	7458	5906	13365
Feb	6761		6761
Mar	8493		8493
Apr	9308		9308
May	8610		8610
Jun	10240		10240
Total	104164	67122	171286

*****NOTE: Data displayed is baseline data before all Measure Q positions have been filled. Future reports will show mowing by field names and mowing frequency.**

STAFFING HOURS BY PARK: FISCAL YEAR 21-22

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Item #5, Measure Q Hiring Progress Tracker and Performance Measures and Service Delivery Charts

Measure Q deliverable: Provide dedicated staff at major parks. “Major Parks” means City operated Community Parks, Region-serving parks, and Resource Conservation Areas, as those terms are used in the Open Space Conservation & Recreation (OCSAR) Element of the Oakland General Plan.” *Section (3)(B)(1) (m)*

Community Serving Parks: • Mosswood • Bushrod • DeFremery • San Antonio • Brookdale • Brookfield • Arroyo Viejo • Montclair • Dimond

Region Serving: • Lakeside • Joaquin Miller (part)

Resource Conservation Areas: • Glen Daniel/King Estates • Dimond Canyon • Garber • Beaconsfield • Claremont Canyon • Joaquin Miller (part) • Leona Heights/Open Space

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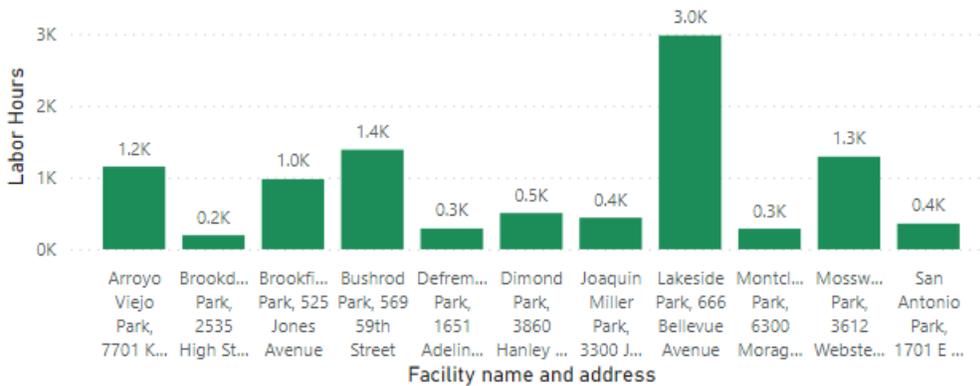


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PARKS

Staff Labor Hours by Park FY 21-22





Staff Labor Hours by Park FY 21-22

Facility name and address	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Total
⊕ Arroyo Viejo Park, 7701 Krause Avenue	144	115	146	229	215	182	121	1152
⊕ Brookdale Park, 2535 High Street	32	25	40	58	6	35		196
⊕ Brookfield Park, 525 Jones Avenue	147	174	151	113	158	167	68	978
⊕ Bushrod Park, 569 59th Street	274	205	181	131	268	235	93	1387
⊕ Defremery Park, 1651 Adeline Street	55	43	46	14	29	66	37	290
⊕ Dimond Park, 3860 Hanley Road	35	73	65	36	96	121	80	506
⊕ Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road	18	1	57	100	140	96	29	440
⊕ Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Avenue	381	315	671	541	319	509	245	2980
⊕ Montclair Park, 6300 Moraga Avenue		6	34	98	62	70	17	287
⊕ Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster Street	107	149	226	118	153	173	367	1291
⊕ San Antonio Park, 1701 E 19th Street	8	22	35	34	29	129	102	359
Total	1200	1128	1651	1472	1474	1782	1158	9865

*****NOTE: Data displayed is baseline data before all Measure Q positions have been filled. Many Parks reflect a staffing shortage due to unfilled positions. Locations from the list will be added as systems are in place to measure service.**

OPW Park and Facility Maintenance/Project List
Measure Q, 4400-Deferred Maintenance and CDBG funded

OPW's Facilities Services and Parks and Tree Services Divisions is responsible for maintenance at all City Facilities and Parks. The Facilities Services Division estimates a backlog of \$35-\$40M of deferred maintenance at City Facilities overall. This does not include replacement of building systems, HVAC upgrades, and mandatory upgrades including natural gas to electrical conversions at all City Facilities by year 2030.

OPW has compiled a prioritized deferred maintenance project list for City facilities, these projects are funded through various funding sources, including Facilities Fund 4400 - O&M, Facilities Fund 4400 - Deferred Maintenance, CDBG Funds and Measure Q Funds. These lists include many of the projects that we are currently working on but doesn't include all of the deferred maintenance required at City Facilities -- as that list is continually growing.

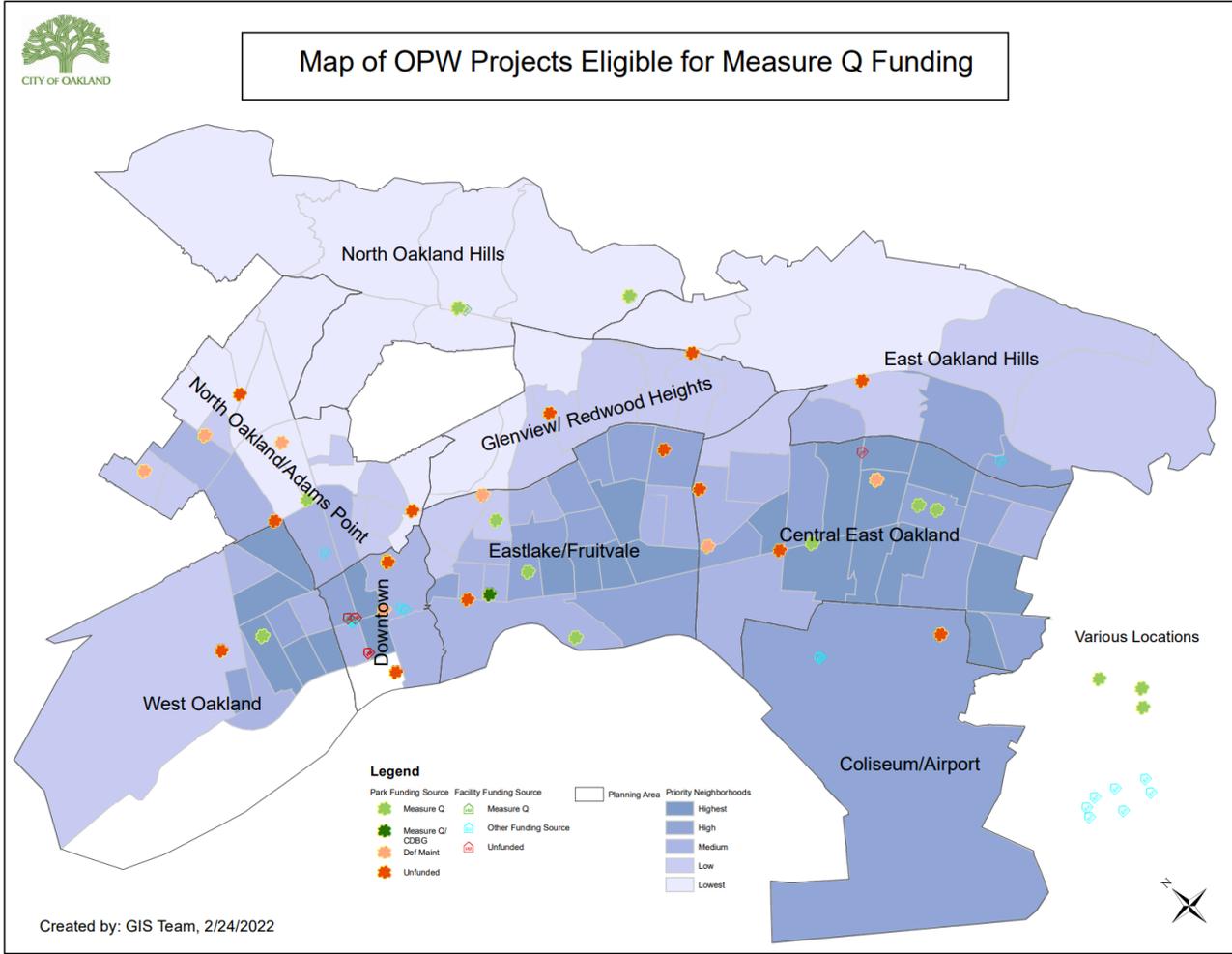
The deferred maintenance list and MQ list was forwarded to the committee for the purposes of this discussion. The lists show projects funded by MQ for FY21-22 total 3,235,564. It also shows that an additional \$3M in other repairs and projects that will utilize MQ and other funds to complete, these are either waiting for quotes, in progress or waiting for additional funding to complete. Lastly the lower section of the list includes additional projects/ repairs that are currently unfunded, this unfunded group is estimated to cost around \$8M-\$10M. This list continues to grow faster than the funds become available to complete them.

Due to the ramp-up time it took to hire all of the various positions associated with Measure Q, OPW realized a significant salary savings in the first year of the Measure and was able to utilize some of those funds to complete other critical projects included on the list. OPW has now completed the majority of hiring for the positions, there are several remaining custodial positions to be filled in the next 30-60 days which will reduce or eliminate any future salary savings.

OPW Facilities Division prioritizes the work on the list based on health and safety, prevention of injuries or accidents, ensuring the safe healthy operation of parks and facilities, preservation of city parks and facilities. The projects list is generated through service requests or reports from citizens, employees, customers and visitors through OAK311 and Cityworks. The list is also generated by staff performing inspections or repairs, preventative maintenance work and responding to service requests. Some work is generated through the CIP process or in coordination with the Mayor, City Administrator, Council offices, Department representatives and community groups.

The projects list is provided in PDF spreadsheet format, and will be posted to the [Measure Q web page](#). At the request of the PRAC Measure Q Ad Hoc Committee, OPW has also produced an interactive map representing project data overlaid on the [OakDOT Geographic Equity Toolbox](#) mapping data. The OakDOT Geographic Equity Toolbox was created as a data-driven way for the City of Oakland to recognize and prioritize neighborhoods based on concentrations of people with demographic factors determined to have experienced historic and current disparities. The project data overlaid against this information is available at this link: <https://arcg.is/1W18af0>

A static version of this mapping information is also shared below.



PLEASE NOTE: The intent of this information is to provide PRAC with an overview of the of the projects OPW is prioritizing and managing. New requests for maintenance service or capital projects should be routed through their respective channels:

- Public maintenance requests should be directed to OAK311, which can be contacted in four ways:
 - Dial 311 (or 510-615-5566)
 - Report online at 311.oaklandca.gov
 - Email OAK311@oaklandca.gov
 - Report via the free OAK311 mobile app, available for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices
- Capital project requests are routed and prioritized through the City of Oakland’s [Capital Improvement Program](#) as part of the City’s two-year budget cycle.

CITY OF OAKLAND
Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development

TO: Princess Allen, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: Jennifer Valles, Acting Park Supervisor, Oakland Public Works
DATE: February 09, 2022
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO APPROVE LOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC ART MURAL IN CELEBRATION OF OAKLAND FUKUOKA SISTER CITY 60TH ANNIVERSARY & COMMUNITY BUILDING

SUMMARY

The Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association (OFSCA), an all-volunteer, 501c(3) nonprofit organization, requests approval of a public mosaic mural art installation at the Gardens at Lake Merritt at Lakeside Park in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the City of Oakland's longest-standing sister city relationship with Fukuoka, Japan. To commemorate this occasion, OFSCA, in collaboration with our counterparts in Fukuoka, requests approval for installation of the mosaic mural within The Gardens at Lake Merritt at Lakeside Park. OFSCA has a longstanding relationship with this location, including prior projects which make the location requested meaningful, including prior projects in 2002 and 2012 approved by PRAC and fully paid and maintained by OFSCA via community fundraising.

OFSCA has worked with Park Supervisor Lydia Swann (retired as of December 2021) in selecting a suitable size, form, and location for the mural. The planned 8' wide and 5.5' tall, freestanding mosaic mural design elevates the message of "Compassion, Peace and Community" and investigates symbols and imagery that represent the long-standing connection of Oakland, California and Fukuoka, Japan. The mural will be fabricated with community youth volunteer participation, led by artists Rachel Rodi and Guy Fuerte and licensed expert carpenter Jay Van Arsdale, including mosaic design and fabrication, materials selection and sourcing, and installation. Pending approval, the anticipated installation date of this mural would be August 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

This project will be fully funded by donations (both cash and in-kind services or materials) coordinated by OFSCA and maintained as part of OFSCA's existing commitments to maintenance and upkeep of our other fully funded projects within The Gardens at Lakeside Park. OFSCA will be responsible for 100% of costs of the installation, maintenance, and upkeep of the mural and frame for the lifespan of this installation. There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the City of Oakland for installation or maintenance expenses for this project.

OFSCA Mural Project Budget Expenses Overview	Amount
Lead Artist Fees	\$ 13,800
Other Collaborating Artists (<i>includes frame and plaque</i>)	\$ 6,350
Direct Artist Expenses (<i>materials includes local and sourced material from Japan</i>)	\$ 2,000
Subtotal, Artist Expenses	\$ 22,150
Organization Personnel	\$ 0
Organization Non-Personnel (<i>materials, interpretation, translation, coordination</i>)	\$ 700
Subtotal, Organization Expenses	\$ 700
Permit Fees*	\$500
Contingency (inflation and unforeseen expenses)	\$1,700
Total Expenses	\$ 25,000

**Permit fees are estimated and will be adjusted as needed.*

As of January 10, 2022, a total of **\$8,780.74** (not including matching funds that are yet to be released from a gift matching opportunity) has been raised in the first two weeks of community fundraising, and fundraising will continue through Spring 2022 via established events and grant submissions. OFSCA has successfully fundraised 100% of costs for every past project submitted to PRAC and we do not anticipate difficulty reaching our final goal by the target deadline.

Maintenance will be a part of the OFSCA organization’s budget and will be carried out by OFSCA, partners, and occasionally volunteers led by OFSCA members. OFSCA shall repair and maintain the mosaic mural, keeping it in good condition once installed including but not limited to touch-ups as a result of vandalism and graffiti. Maintenance activities may also include removing or trimming vegetation around the mural. See project description for additional details.

For a complete list of all responsible parties, see **Exhibit A: Roles and Responsibilities of Project Partners**.

PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Purpose: Our proposed artwork is a freestanding, public mosaic mural at the Gardens of Lake Merritt to commemorate Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association’s 60th anniversary. The mural design elevates the message of “Compassion, Peace and Community” and investigates symbols and imagery that represent the long-standing connection of Oakland, California and Fukuoka, Japan. The mural will be installed on a custom-built, freestanding wooden frame, fashioned in traditional Japanese style that is intrinsic to the artwork concept and connection to Fukuoka, Japan. The frame will also relate to existing features at and near the site. The mosaic art will measure 7’ wide x 3.5 high. The artwork including the frame will be 8’ wide x 5.5’ high.

Goals and objectives: OFSCA goals with this project are to:

- Celebrate and affirm Oakland’s relationship with sister cities during the 60th Anniversary of the friendship between Oakland Fukuoka Sister City.
- Share and elevate the message of compassion, peace, and community through art with the community at large, and through the programming tied to this project;
- Community and Youth involvement:
 - Bring voices from the Oakland community, youth members and members in Fukuoka, Japan to explore how Fukuoka and Oakland relate and connect through the symbolism represented in art and through the programming and fabrication of this mosaic mural;
 - Community-building through relationships bonded by this project through programming and in the co-creation if this mosaic mural;
 - Build interest in mosaic art and build capacity in local youth members through instruction and hands-on learning via community creation of the mosaic mural.

Additional details of the design, including sample artwork with donor recognition tiles, details of the custom freestanding wooden frame by Jay Van Arsdale, materials and installation information, can be found in **Exhibit B - Design Details**.

Community members and groups served: The mural will be fabricated with OFSCA community youth participation, led by artists Rachel Rodi and Guy Fuerte. Through helping build the mural, youth will learn safety, mosaic cutting and fitting techniques, color blending and mosaic setting with various lay patterns. Prior to helping create the mosaic, a select group of youth will receive training in mosaics and then use that training to help lead other youth participants in the artwork fabrication. Natural pebbles sourced from streams in both Oakland and Japan will be integrated into the artwork to deepen the symbolism of the international message. Donor recognition tiles for Oakland residents and project supporters will be artistically integrated in the mural design.

As Oakland’s longest-running sister city relationship, the OFSCA organization membership and event participation includes hundreds of Oakland families, including many generations of individual families who have lived in the city for decades and beyond, and OFSCA participation includes youth from Oakland K-12 public schools and afterschool programs at community organizations, families, adult residents of Oakland with interest in maintaining ties between our city and Japan, other Oakland nonprofit associations and volunteer interest groups, and representatives of state and national organizations involved in US-Japan friendship and sister city program organization. OFSCA cultural and community service events take place annually at the proposed location and are free and open to the community, and advertised in local newspapers, websites, and Oakland-area social media groups.

Location: Peter Bowyer, OFSCA’s Garden Lead, collaborated with Park Supervisor Lydia Swann in selecting a suitable size, form, and location for the mural.

The proposed location is in the Gardens of Lake Merritt at Lakeside Park located adjacent to Lake Merritt in Oakland, CA. The artwork is proposed to be located near the existing Torii Gate entrance and Japanese lanterns that were installed by OFSCA per previous PRAC approval in 2002 and 2012, respectively. The mural will be parallel to and set off from the footpath, which makes the mural unobtrusive, a hidden treasure adjacent to a small bench and pool side shrub at the edge of the forest, overlooking the ponds. See **Exhibit C - Proposed Location Details and Map**.

OFSCA proposed this location in part because OFSCA has a long and significant history at the Gardens at Lake Merritt at Lakeside Park. OFSCA's presence at the Gardens at Lake Merritt dates from the 1962 founding of the East Bay Garden Center Inc and installation of a rustic Torii and thirteen Yukimi lanterns. Subsequently, OFSCA contributed the large granite Yukimi lanterns near the Kohan-en Japanese Friendship Garden. On its 40th anniversary in 2002 OFSCA relocated and upgraded the torii gate, now dedicated to Frank H. Ogawa, the first Asian-American Oakland Councilman. OFSCA has been improving and maintaining approximately 5,000 square feet of the surrounding landscape since 2006, formalized by a 2012 PRAC approved masterplan and concept statement. For its 50th anniversary OFSCA installed ten Japanese stone lanterns in the park and a coastal Japanese Pine and plaque commemorating the Sister Port relationship between our cities and hosted a public event with Oakland and Fukuoka officials in attendance.

See Exhibit K – *Project Timeline for the Implementation plan*

Plan for ongoing operation or maintenance: OFSCA will perform general maintenance and review of the condition of the mural which will occur quarterly with or without the assistance of volunteers. Peter Bowyer is the garden maintenance lead. These quarterly maintenance and check-ups are on OFSCA's calendar of events for prior improvements at the Gardens of Lake Merritt. A deeper cleaning of the mural and frame will occur annually during a community work day in March. Repairs and maintenance as needed shall be completed within a reasonable timeframe, taking into account that there may be delays for reasons beyond OFSCA's control, including but not limited to issues with the supply chain and scheduling with contractors and volunteers.

OFSCA has been improving and maintaining approximately 5,000 square feet of the surrounding landscape at the Gardens at Lake Merritt located at Lakeside Gardens since 2006, including the existing OFSCA installed lanterns and torii gate. Our proposed mural installation will be maintained in kind. A letter addressing the maintenance promise by OFSCA past President, now First Vice President, Ed Bantilan on February 15, 2021. OFSCA also has an MOU for maintenance of the proposed mural project (if approved and installed) with the Friends of the Gardens at Lake Merritt effective January 11, 2022. See *Exhibit E – Maintenance Letter and MOU*.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On November 22, 2021, OFSCA and the artist presented the mosaic mural to the Friends of the Gardens at Lake Merritt, a volunteer community organization maintaining the area of the gardens where the proposed mural would be located. We presented the mural project and notified the group about this project. OFSCA promised to the Friends of the Gardens at Lake Merritt that OFSCA would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the mural per the maintenance plan included in the proposal. On January 2, 2022, OFSCA received a letter of support for this project from the Friends of the Gardens at Lake Merritt. See *Exhibit F - Letters of Support*.

Meeting attendance list:

- **Friends of the Gardens at Lake Merritt:** Alexander Klassen, Brooke Levin, Aixa Gannon, Dick Austin, H. Mahlmann, John Tsutakawa, Justin Richardson, Mary Mortimer, Pat Cahill, Rocio Briseno, Sloane Paige, Tora Rocha, Carole Levenson, Sarah Vanroo

- **Mural Project Team Presenters:** Rachel Rodi, Peter Bowyer, JJ Kotler, Liane Scott

On December 19, 2021 a community survey was emailed and published to social media to collect feedback on this project. Responses are pending but are being collected at the time of this proposal. **See Exhibit G: *December 2021 Community Survey*** for details on how the community was surveyed.

The survey notification and request was published on the following community Facebook pages soliciting for feedback about this project on December 19, 2021:

- **Lake Neighbors (4.1K members)**
 - Description: Founded in 2008 by residents of the Lake Merritt neighborhoods in Oakland, this group began IRL before the Facebook Group existed and serves as a conduit of positive community building efforts, including great events and fun, productive meetups. (Also known as The Lake People's Group and Lake Peeps back in the day). Neighbors wanted an innovative and fun way to work together to take action outside of traditional group structures or neighborhood borders (e.g. unlike NCPCs). An enthusiastic diverse group of neighbors began meeting to contribute to the positive unique energy that makes our Oakland neighborhood home.
- **Lake Merritt Joggers & Striders (2.2K members)**
 - Description: LMJS is a large social, recreational, and competitive running club in Oakland, CA. The mission of the club is to promote running for persons of all ages and abilities, and to foster a sense of community, camaraderie, and collaboration within the club and with other running organizations. Our Fourth Sunday Run features 5K, 10K, and 15K races around the lake. Our Tilden Tough Ten miler, in the Berkeley Hills, is an alternative to the Bay-to-Breakers.
- **What's Happening in Oakland (2K members)**
 - Description: Large public group for those who are interested in learning about what is happening in Oakland, CA.
- **Oakland Now! (7.2K members)**
 - Description: Welcome to all those interested and passionate about Oakland! Oakland Now is dedicated to the great City of Oakland and its ever evolving spirit. ON is a safe place to engage in spirited conversation, disagree with reasoned and passionate intent but do so in a civil manner, and share your vision for how all the stakeholders of the community can grow together.
- **Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association (215 followers)**
 - Official page of OFSCA.
- **I AM SO OAKLAND (5.9K members)**
 - Description: Welcome to all those interested and passionate about Oakland! Oakland Now is dedicated to the great City of Oakland and its ever evolving spirit. ON is a safe place to engage in spirited conversation, disagree with reasoned and passionate intent but do so in a civil manner, and share your vision for how all the stakeholders of the community can grow together.

The survey was **emailed** to contact lists who were also asked to send out to their Oakland community contacts on December 19, 2021:

- 44 families and youth members who have participated in prior youth programming with OFSCA;
- 500 OFSCA members and friends contact list.

Survey results as of January 4, 2022:

- 19 responses were received. Of these responses, 3 were from representatives responding on behalf of organizations: 1) Norman Yoshida of the Buddhist Church of Oakland, 825 Jackson St, Oakland CA; 2) Don Saito of the Eastbay Astronomical Society; 3) Jeffrey Suda of the Miles Suda Engineers, Buddhist Church of Oakland, and ABSMC
- 100% of the respondents replied “Yes” to the question: Are you in favor of installing the the proposed art commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Oakland Fukuoka sister city relationship and in celebration of Oakland's youth community at the Gardens at Lake Merritt located at Lakeside Park, Oakland, CA
- Reference **Exhibit H: December 2021 Community Survey Results** for full survey results and comments by respondents.
- About the respondents at the time of this survey:
 - 6 or 32% are not currently OFSCA members; 13 or 68% are currently OFSCA members
 - 10 or 53% currently live in Oakland; 6 or 32% do not live in Oakland but they have a business in Oakland or belong to a community organization in Oakland; 3 or 16% do not live in Oakland but have lived in Oakland in the past
 - Age distribution. 50 + years: 10 or about 56% of respondents; 35-49 years: 6 or about 33%; 25-34 years: 1 or 5.5%; Younger than 18: 1 or 5.5%

RECOMMENDATION

Oakland Public Works recommends that the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission approve the request for the Oakland Fukuoka Sister City Association to install a freestanding mosaic mural with a wooden frame near the Torii Gate entrance located within the Gardens at Lake Merritt.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Jennifer Valles

Prepared by: Jennifer Valles

Title: Acting Park Supervisor

/s/Kevin Charles

Approved by: Kevin Charles

Title: Park Supervisor II

Identification of Support Documents:

Attachments: Exhibit A - *Roles and Responsibilities of Project Partners*
Exhibit B - *Design Details*
Exhibit C - *Location Details and Map*
Exhibit D - *Permit Department Correspondence*
Exhibit E - *Maintenance Letter and MOU*
Exhibit F - *Letters of Support*
Exhibit G - *December 2021 Community Survey*
Exhibit H - *December 2021 Community Survey Results*
Exhibit I - *Artist's Resume*
Exhibit J - *Artist's Sample of Work*
Exhibit K - *Project Timeline*
Exhibit L - *PAAC Approval*

Exhibits are updated and are linked here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xp-ZybIRMgTlrb7OGKxVAzT4CM1ts1-/view?usp=sharing>



CITY OF OAKLAND
Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development

TO: Princess Allen, Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: City Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, District 2
DATE: Wednesday March 9, 2022
SUBJECT: **Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Recommend the Renaming of Madison Square Park in Honor of Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan’s Legacy, and Approve the Installation of a Bench or Plaque Memorializing The Name Change.**

SUMMARY

The Honorable Wilma Chan served Oakland and Alameda County for over 30 years with a distinguished career in public service, first on the Oakland school board, then as the first Asian-American to be elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, as well as representing District 16 on the State Assembly before returning to her role as an Alameda County Supervisor. Chan left a powerful legacy of prioritizing and serving our marginalized communities, championing youth, families, immigrants, health equity, AAPI community members, and much more.

With her tragic death last year in a pedestrian traffic collision in the City of Alameda, many of my constituents – including community organizations that anchor and provide life-giving services in Chinatown, such as Asian Health Services, Asian Pacific Environmental Network, and Oakland Chinatown Improvement District – have expressed with conviction to my office the community’s desire to honor Chan’s legacy with the renaming of Madison Park, a historic Oakland Chinatown park that Chan demonstrated strong support and advocacy for throughout her career in public service. Madison Park is presently and historically a critical activity hub for the Chinatown and broader Oakland community, through robust programming and activation such as Tai-Chi exercise groups organized among our Asian elders, nearby public school physical education classes, and one of the city’s most active COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites.

The Oakland Chinatown community considered Supervisor Chan to be a powerful champion for health access, women’s empowerment, and immigrant rights. In honor of her legacy, my office respectfully requests the PRAC recommend renaming Madison Park to Wilma Chan Park.

Asian Health Services and OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates East Bay Chapter (OCA-East Bay) are members of Oakland’s Adopt-A-Spot clean-up program and for the past six years have taken responsibility for organizing regular volunteer events to clear trash in and around the Park, make minor improvements to the infrastructure, and water the newer batch of trees along the Park perimeter. There is immense community support for this effort from community organizations, neighborhood leaders, and families both in my district and citywide.

FISCAL IMPACT

There would be potential, minimal one-time costs associated with the renaming of the Park for OPRYD and other City public information / communications (e.g. maps and facilities lists) materials that could be absorbed in existing operations. There would be potential one-time costs in installing new signage in or around the Park by OPW. There currently are no signs at the park identifying the park as Madison Park; the last sign was destroyed during a traffic accident in 2019 and has yet to be replaced.

The Oakland Chinatown community would assume the costs of a COVID-safe re-naming event, including:

- Purchase of a plaque or bench honoring Chan somewhere prominently in the Park, which would be installed by OPW.
- Light refreshments
- Entertainment

PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Renaming this park in honor of Wilma Chan has more than symbolic value. As major developments and thousands of new housing units are being built in and around Oakland Chinatown, it is crucial that public open space like Madison Park be updated and improved to meet our community's needs. As the nearby Lake Merritt BART Transit-Oriented Development is planned to break ground on construction in one or two years, now is an important moment to invest City attention and resources in the Park.

While minor improvements have been possible through more recent city budget cycles, the renaming provides momentum towards much-needed public support and private investment for deepened stewardship, future planning, improvements, redesigns, and capital fundraising.

The signage could also recognize the histories of Madison Square, and before that Caroline Square, so that important community and cultural history are not forgotten or erased.

BACKGROUND

Caroline Square was one of Oakland's original public squares, until the 1960s when the Square was relocated to make space for the Lake Merritt BART Station. The Park was relocated one block over, where Madison Park is currently located.

RECOMMENDATION

Council President Fortunato Bas recommends the PRAC recommend renaming Madison Park as Wilma Chan Park and approve the installation of a bench or plaque memorializing Chan's contributions to the Oakland and AAPI / Chinatown community.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikki 7 Bas

Nikki Fortunato Bas
Council President, District 2

Prepared by:
Tiffany Kang
Policy Analyst and Community Partnerships Manager
Council President + District 2 Office

Exhibit A – Petition initiated by Asian Health Services with individual and organizational petition signatures to accompany proposal.

Petition Language:

Supervisor Wilma Chan was the personification of leadership, courage, and impact without ego. Her tenacity and humane values were the constants that were woven through all she touched — her relationships, her legislation, and her initiatives. She was our champion — yes she valiantly represented our AAPI community but also all communities of color and vulnerable people. And with all her heart and soul: she fought for community health centers, health care for all, and she advocated so effectively for children, and access to healthy food. She did not hesitate for even a second when called upon to stand up for and with controversial or unpopular issues, be they immigrant rights or language and cultural access, and so much more.. Supervisor Wilma Chan’s legacy as a stateswoman and pioneer will be felt for generations to come and the Oakland Chinatown community feels the best way to honor her legacy is to rename Madison Park in her honor.

Madison Square Park is an important asset for the Oakland Chinatown community and for Oakland as a whole, serving thousands of Oaklanders per week in different capacities:

- A walkable location for a COVID-19 community testing and occasional pop-up vaccination sites run by Asian Health Services.
- A safe space for residents to do Tai Chi and other exercises, which they have done for generations
- A location for local Charter Schools to do physical education classes
- A destination for community rallies, vigils, and other gatherings.

As community members that live, work, and play in Oakland, we support the reaming of Madison Square Park in honor of Wilma Chan in honor of the over 30 years of public service to the Oakland Chinatown and Asian communities at large:

(Partial List)

Asian Health Services

Asian Pacific Environmental Network

East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation

OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates: East Bay Chapter

Exhibit A

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