



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - PRAC

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - 4:30PM

Lakeside Park Garden Center – 666 Bellevue Avenue

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Present: 6 - Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Norman and Wolfson

Excused: 4 - Aikens, Cole, Reilly and Torres

Absent: 1 - Smith

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

April 10, 2019

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Wolfson **Second by:** Commissioner Ha. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 6 - Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Norman and Wolfson

Excused: 4 - Aikens, Cole, Reilly and Torres

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4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to modify and to arrange New Business Items in the following order: 7B, 7C, 7A, 7G, 7H, 7I, 7D, 7E and 7F. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha **Second by:** Commissioner Norman. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

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5. OPEN FORUM:

One speaker addressed the Commission under Open Forum

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request To Allow Event Organizers To Collect Entrance Fees And Vendor Registration Fees And For Vendor Solicitation Of Fees For Food Concessions, Merchandise And Alcoholic Beverages At Burger Boogaloo, A Two Day Music Festival At Mosswood Park, July 6th And July 7th, 2019.

Mark Ribak, co-sponsor of Burger Boogaloo applied to host the Burger Boogaloo Music Festival for the 7th continuous year at Mosswood Park. Questions were directed to Mr. Ribak regarding his knowledge of active plans to allow cannabis smoking at the event. Per Mr. Ribak, his organization has no plans to encourage the use of cannabis, but also informed the Commission that he was not sure how to respond to cannabis vendors' inquiries. Director Williams informed the body that smoking is not allowed in any city park.

The Chair informed the Commission of Mr. Ribak's work with homeless advocates on behalf of the homeless in Mosswood Park including: 10K raised to provide meals, ongoing work with Homeless Action to provide legal advice, and more.

B. Request To Allow Caribeling Omnimedia LLC To Collect Vendor Registration Fees And For Vendor Solicitation Of Fees For Food Concessions And Sales Of Goods And Wares At Oakland Carnival At Mosswood Park On June 1, 2019.

C. Request From Eastside Arts Alliance Approval To Collect Donations, Vendor Sales Of Foods And Sales Of Merchandise On Site At The Malcolm X Jazz Festival To Be Held At San Antonio Park On Saturday, May 18, 2019, From 11:00am – 6:00pm.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of Consent Items 6A – 6C. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson.
Motion: Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 6 - Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Norman and Wolfson
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7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request From A Sista's Touch For Approval To Collect Donations For The "We Run Oakland For Our Daughters" Charity Walk/Run At The Lakeside Park (Pergola) On Saturday, June 1, 2019, 8:00am-11:30am.

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

A Sista's Touch, non-profit organization, engages multi-generations of African American women and encourages self-empowerment and strength through celebrating and exemplifying positive personal and professional influences. The 2019 Run/Walk will continue the 2018 awareness campaign (*For Our Daughters*) on human trafficking. Organizers requested permission to collect donations at the event.

Approval to collect funds onsite is required from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission per the Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) Section 12.64.080.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval to allow A Sista's Touch to collect donations at the June 1, 2019 Walk/Run at the Lakeside Park Pergola. **Moved by:** Commissioner Norman **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson.
Motion: Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 6 - Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Norman and Wolfson
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Absent: 1 - Smith

B. Request Recommendation To Dedicate Two Benches In Memory Of C.F. Tung

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

Staff received a request from Kenneth two benches in memory of his father C.F. Tung. Both benches are located near the Lake Chalet restaurant on Lakeside Drive. The dedication plaques will read as follows:

Plaque 1
In Loving Memory of
Mr. C.F. Tung
1906-1998

Plaque 2
In Acknowledgement & Enjoyment
Of Lake Merritt
Kenneth Tung

The Commission conducted a brief discussion regarding prohibition of park property dedications to living individuals. Naming Task Force Committee members were not present to provide clarification. Staff informed the body that the main prohibition to inscriptions on park benches or property related to advertisements. The Commission was reminded that a decision on a 2018 request for the same consideration was outstanding. In the case of Mr. Kenneth Tung, the Commission decided to approve plaques 1 and 2, and requested the Naming Committee reconvene and provide an update on their findings so that the Commission can provide consistent messaging to the community.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the two bench dedications in memory of Mr. C.F. Tung as written. **Moved by:** Commissioner Howze. **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 6 - Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Norman and Wolfson
Excused: 4 - Aikens, Cole, Reilly and Torres
Absent: 1 - Smith

C. Request Recommendation To Dedicate A Plaque In Memory Of Victor McElhaney.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report was presented by J. Nicholas Williams, Director of Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

Director Williams requested the Commission recommend approval for Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development to dedicate a bench in memory of Victor McElhaney, son of District 3 Councilmember Lynette McElhaney. The bench will be placed in Lakeside Park at Lake Merritt. The inscribed plaque will read:

**In Honor and Memory of
Victor McElhaney
April 13, 1997 – March 10, 2019**

The Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation will receive donations to purchase the bench, plaque and for installation.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the bench dedication in memory of Victor McElhaney, son of District 3 Councilmember Lynette McElhaney. The plaque will be inscribed as written. **Moved by:** Commissioner Norman **Second by:** Commissioner Howze. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 6 - Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Norman and Wolfson
Excused: 4 - Aikens, Cole, Reilly and Torres
Absent: 1 - Smith

D. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Review And Provide Comment On The Gift-In-Place From Project Backboard For The FM Smith Recreation Center Basketball Court Project.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report was prepared and presented by Dana Riley and Carlos Vargas from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

Staff presented the design options for the Project Backboard sponsored gift-in-place for resurfacing the worn and cracked basketball court at FM Smith Recreation. Community engagement opportunities for the public to view and comment on the proposed court designs was held on May 1 and scheduled again for May 22, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. GoDaddy, Project Backboard's partner, issued a press release and social media announcements for the design review opportunities. While eleven (11) individuals attended the May 1st meeting, the Commission suggested staff and organizers contact the Chair of the local NCPC – Neighbor Crime Prevention Council to possibly increase community engagement.

Improvements to the site includes cleaning, patching, resurfacing and striping the exterior basketball courts and applications of colorful graphic design created by Alicia McCarthy. The community will be invited to help with painting.

The project is expected to be completed in June 2019.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval accept the report and review and provide comment on the gift-in-place from Project Backboard for the FM Recreation Center basketball court project. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

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E. The Department Of Transportation And Department Of Public Works ADA Program Division Request That The Park And Recreation Advisory Commission Review And Provide Comment On The Proposed Adaptive Bike Share Pilot Program Locations At Snow Park, Lakeside Park, And The Bay Trail.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report was presented by Kerby Olsen from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

In response to a 2016 grievance regarding accessibility to the City of Oakland's bike sharing program, GoBike, the Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Public Works and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Program Division, convened a technical advisory committee to study determine best practices for providing more accessible services to persons with disabilities. The proposed adaptive bike share pilot program is the result of over a year of collaboration between the three agencies, in addition to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

The proposed 6-month pilot program would operate from various locations Wednesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., beginning in late May 2019.

Locations for staging operations have yet to be finalized, but may include Snow Park, Lakeside Park and the Bay Trails near Jack London Square. Each service location will feature a pop-up tent and up to eight bikes.

The pilot program will be operated by Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP). Based in Berkeley, BORP's Adaptive Cycling Center is the most active adaptive cycling program in the nation. Participants in the pilot program will have the opportunity to ride or learn about handcycles, recumbent trikes and adaptive tandems during the hours of operation.

The Commission clarified or confirmed that:

- New riders or individuals requiring bike and safety lessons will be referred to BORP in Berkeley.
- Safety helmets will be provided.
- Staff will consider adapting the use of bike safety flags to alert pedestrians and motorists of low riding cycles.
- Membership pricing strategies will be reviewed. BORP members will be allowed to use their membership with Oakland's adaptive program. It was proposed that low income individuals may pay \$55.00 per year in membership fees.
- Cycling equipment is low tech with no tracking devices. Riding time limits will be established. If needed one of two team members will be deployed to locate a rider.
- It is the City's intent to establish a long-term program. Various models around the country are being reviewed.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval to review, make comments and accept the report for the Adaptive Bike Share Pilot Program. **Moved by:** Commissioner Moore. **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

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F. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Review And Approve The Installation Of Electric Vehicle Chargers, Through Pacific Gas And Electric Company’s Electric Vehicle Charge Network Program, At The Jack London Aquatic Center, The East Oakland Sports Center, And Defremery Park.

Note: Item 7F was pulled.

G. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow The Friends Of The Oakland Municipal Band, Also Known As FOMB, To Collect Money On Site At The Edoff Memorial Bandstand In Lakeside Park On July 4, 14, 21, 28 And August 4, 2019 From 12:30 PM TO 3:00 PM.

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

The Friends of the Oakland Municipal Band (FOMB) requested permission to sell snacks and collect donations during the annual five-day concert series at the Edoff Memorial Bandstand in Lakeside Park on July 4, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 2019.

Per Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) section 12.64.080, the organization must receive approval from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to receive donations or collect payment for goods and services.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for the Oakland Municipal Band to collect funds for donations and concession items at the **Lakeside Park Edoff Memorial Bandstand** and the concert series on **July 4, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 2019. Moved by:** Commissioner Howze. **Second by:** Commissioner Moore. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

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Excused: 4 - Aikens, Cole, Reilly and Torres

Absent: 1 - Smith

H. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow The Jamaican American Association Of Northern California “JAANC”, To Collect Money On Site At Joaquin Miller Park In The Baywood, Pinewood Area, At The Annual Jamaican American Independence Picnic Celebration On July 4, 2019 From 12pm To 7pm.

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

On behalf of the Jamaican American Association of Northern California (JAANC), staff requested the Parks and Recreation Commission allow JAANC to collect funds at the July 4, 2019 Annual Jamaican American Independence Picnic Celebration at the Baywood and Pinewood picnic areas in Joaquin Miller Park.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for JAANC to collect funds at the July 4, 2019 Annual Jamaican American Independence Picnic Celebration at the Baywood and Pinewood picnic areas in Joaquin Miller Park.

Moved by: Commissioner Norman **Second by:** Commissioner Howze. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

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Excused: 4 - Aikens, Cole, Reilly and Torres
Absent: 1 - Smith

I. Request To Allow Afrocentric Oakland To Solicit Donations At The 7th Annual Pan African Family Reunion And For Vendors To Collect Onsite Funds, And To Sell Alcohol At Mosswood Park On September 1, 2019.

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

Organizers of the Pan African Family Reunion requested permission to collect funds and sell alcohol at the 7th annual event on September 1, 2019 at Mosswood Park.

The Chair confirmed that the beer garden policy and process would be followed.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for organizers of the Pan African Family Reunion to collect funds and sell alcohol at the 7th annual event on September 1, 2019 at Mosswood Park. **Moved by:** Commissioner Moore **Second by:** Commissioner Ha. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

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8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

9. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:

Commissioner Wolfson:

- Franklin Recreation Center staff will work to touch-up mural paint.
- The field at Franklin is closed to the public. The recreation center's programs or organized leagues have access.

Commissioner Ha:

FM Smith

- FM Smith Recreation Center's Earth Day event was successful.
- The new staff and the community are building a relationship.
- The Recreation Advisory Council (RAC) may be established by the fall.
- The former Parkway theater will soon open as a cannabis dispensary

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Note: This items will be reviewed at a future meeting.

- Review the City Charter creating PRAC.

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Staff Introduction:

Director Williams introduced returning OPRYD staff member Donte Watson. Mr. Watson was a Recreation Supervisor when last employed by the City of Oakland. He has returned to assumed the position of the department's second General Recreation Supervisor.

- Homeless Encampments briefing by Joe DeVries, Office of the City Administrator

The Office of the City Administrator convened a homeless encampment team approximately two years ago to address the issues and concerns regarding this growing population. The team is staffed by several City departments including: Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD), Oakland Police Department (OPD), Oakland Fire Department (OFD), Vector Control, and the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Staff informed the Commission of the City's departure from a single pronged encampment closure policy to a multi-pronged encampment management policy including:

- Observation of each site to determine need

- Removal of trash and garbage as is manageable and safe for staff
- Management of the human waste element
- Clean and Clear Policy: Use closure noticing policy with added permission for occupants to return after the site has been cleared and deep cleaned.
- Closure Policy: Use closure noticing policy with no option to return. Clear and deep clean the site.

Also:

- Encampments have proven to attract illegal dumping. The team deploys staff to remove as much debris as possible without closing the site.
- Where encampments intersect park property on which scheduled events have been permitted by park staff, the encampment team will clear the location if sufficient notice is received.

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

13. ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams

J. Nicholas Williams
Secretary

Diane L. Boyd
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Lakeside Park Garden Center

666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA

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