

CITY OF OAKLAND  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

**Agenda Items**

1. Call to Order: **4:41 p.m.**

2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore

**Present (8):** Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, and Watkins

**Remote (1):** Commissioner Whitmore

**Excused (1):** Commissioner Tran

**Absent (0):**

**Action:** Quorum confirmed.

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept Com. Whitmore's remote participation.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Watkins

No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

3. Modification of the Agenda

– **None.**

4. Disposition of Minutes

– Approval of draft minutes from regular meeting on **December 10, 2025.**

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

**Moved by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Vote:** Yes (8) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Watkins, Whitmore

No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

5. Open Forum

- Comment on all items not on the agenda are taken at this time.

**In-Person:** 1

**Remote:** 0

**Email:** 0

6. Measure Q Update

- Monthly OPW Informational Report on Measure Q and Performance Measure Updates.
  - No report this month.

*Com. Cervantes joined the meeting at 4:52 p.m.*

7. New Business

- 7A. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve a gift-in-place donation for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from Keep Oakland Beautiful (KOB) for the installation of 3 cigarette waste canisters and signage in the parking lot at Union Point Park.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve the request.

**Moved by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Cervantes

**Vote:** Yes (8) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Watkins

No (0)

Abstain (1) Whitmore

**Action:** Motion Passed.

- 7B. Verbal Update on Capital Improvement Projects approved by the PRAC.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to revisit this item at a later date.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Thomas

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Kos-Read

**Vote:** Yes (9) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

**None.**

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

**Announcements:**

- Jasmine Bellow: Mayor’s Holiday Toy Drive collecting unwrapped toys at various OPRYD locations through December 12<sup>th</sup> and through December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeside Park Garden Center.
- Vice Chair Omolo: Last month Chair and Co-Chair joined John Bliss at Sobrante Park / Oakport field to see Oakland Genesis Soccer Team and the public-private partnership. Discussed ownership of Sobrante Park and the lack of maintenance due to discrepancy in responsibility.
- Quincy Williams: Durant Park is closed due to violence in the neighborhood. In communication with CM Fife’s office. Lock and signage added to park. On 1/7/26, South Prescott will be closed for the foreseeable future due to encampment issues. Encampment removal set for 1/7/26 followed by a visit from the EPA.
- Chair Barach: Grand Jury Report – CM Unger, who chairs the Public Works Committee, agreed to possibly add it to the agenda for the January 2026 meeting.

10. Continuation of Open Forum

- Final comments on items not on the agenda are taken at this time.

**In-Person:** 0

**Remote:** 0

11. Adjournment: **5:29 p.m.**

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Vote:** Yes (9) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read,  
Thomas, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

**Next Regular PRAC Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jasmine S. Bellow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jasmine S. Bellow  
Executive Assistant to the Director  
PRAC Recording Secretary