

CITY OF OAKLAND  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

**Agenda Items**

1. Call to Order: **4:44 pm.**

2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

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

**Present (9):** Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Alper, Cervantes,  
Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins

**Remote (0):**

**Excused (0):**

**Absent (2):** Commissioners Snyder and Whitmore

**Action:** Quorum confirmed.

3. Modification of the Agenda

– **Agenda Item 7D will be moved to March.**

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve the agenda with  
modifications.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Thomas

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

**Action:** Motion Passed.

4. Disposition of Minutes

– Approval of draft minutes from regular meeting on **January 8, 2025.**

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

**Moved by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Thomas

**Vote:** Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Tran, Watkins

No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

5. Open Forum

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

**In-Person:** 4

**Remote:** 1

**Email:** 9

6. Measure Q Update

– Monthly OPW Informational Report on Measure Q, Performance Measure Updates.

- Quarterly Maintenance Report
- Updates on Measure Q-funded Minor CIPs
- Updates on Measure Q-funded Stormwater Initiatives

*Commissioner Whitmore joined the meeting at 5:10 pm.*

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to receive and file the Measure Q report.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Vote:** Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 1

Remote: 1

Email: 0

7. New Business

7A. Verbal Update on Pine Knoll Park by the Deputy City Administrator.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 1

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to receive the report.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Tran

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Kos-Read

**Vote:** Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

7B. Verbal Update on Lakeshore Avenue Project by DOT.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 1

Remote: 1

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to receive the report.

**Moved by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Vote:** Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

7C. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to support a gift-in-place donation in the amount not to exceed twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) to renovate Linden Park basketball courts by Hoop Bus Inc. and Mister F.A.B. Inc.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

**Moved by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Whitmore

**Vote:** Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

~~7D. Request for Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to receive an informational report on the City of Oakland's General Plan Update process.~~

7E. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to support a gift-in-place donation in the amount not to exceed forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$47,500) from Food of God (FOG) to cover the installation of new kitchen equipment at the Defremery Recreation Center kitchen.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 1

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

**Moved by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Vote:** Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

- 7F. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve a gift-in-place donation in the amount not to exceed forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$49,500) to renovate Ira Jinkins Recreation Center Gymnasium.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

**Moved by:** Commissioner Tran

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Thomas

**Vote:** Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

- 8A. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to 1) make a recommendation to the Bureau of Planning to approve an application filed by the Oakland Ballers, a professional baseball team, for improvements and upgrades to Raimondi Park, and 2) provide feedback to the Bureau of Planning for approval of a future application by the Oakland Ballers for on-site advertising at the Raimondi Park Baseball Field based on the preliminary signage concept, and 3) to make a recommendation to City Council to approve a ten (10) year license agreement for use of the Raimondi Park Baseball Field by the Oakland Ballers.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 2

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

**Moved by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Vote:** Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

- 8B. Public hearing and request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to make a recommendation to grant a minor conditional use permit for a gift-in place of \$36,500 for reconstruction of the volunteer tool shed in the gardens at Lake Merritt.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

**Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Vote:** Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

- 8C. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to review and support a gift of \$36,500 (gift-in-place) for improvements at Clinton Community Center for the installation of a new exterior protective fence, electrical conduit, upgrades to a bathroom, installation of flooring, and to make a recommendation to grant a minor conditional use permit.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 1

Email: 0

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

**Moved by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Vote:** Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo,  
Thomas, Watkins, Whitmore  
No (0)  
Abstain (1) Tran  
**Action:** Motion Passed.

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

**Director's Update:**

- Dir. Kelley advised OPRYD is still facing significant cuts despite the City Administrator's Office funding Town Camp Summer. The department is in the process of identifying the changes to future OPRYD programming as a result.

The public is invited to see Damian Lillard and an All-Star youth game at 4:30p on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Ira Jinkins Recreation Center.

The public is invited to celebrate a minipark reopening February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the Tomas Melero Smith Park.

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: **7:38 pm.**

**Next Regular PRAC Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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