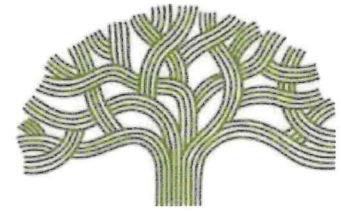


CITY OF OAKLAND

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order: **4:46 p.m.**

2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

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

Present (6): Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Alper, Henderson, Thomas, Watkins.

Remote (0):

Excused (3): Commissioners Cervantes, Kos-Read, Tran.

Absent (1): Commissioner Whitmore.

Action: Quorum confirmed.

3. Modification of the Agenda

– **None.**

4. Disposition of Minutes

– Draft minutes from regular meeting on **March 11, 2026.**

– Draft minutes from regular meeting on **February 11, 2026.**

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and Watkins.

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

5. Open Forum

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

In-Person: 2

Remote: 2

Email: 4

6. Measure Q Update

- Monthly OPW Informational Report on Measure Q and Performance Measure Updates.
 - Deferred Maintenance Projects
 - Stormwater Project Updates
 - Budget Update
 - Quarterly Maintenance Report (*Presented in March*)

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 1

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept and file the reports.

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and Watkins.
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

7. New Business

- 7A. Request for Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve False Profit, Inc to collect cash donations onsite at their Spring Training Music Event to be held at Joaquin Miller Park (Baywood, Fernwood and Pinewood Sites) on Saturday, May 17, 2026, from 10:00AM – 7:00PM.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Thomas

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and Watkins.
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7B. Request for Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve Attitudinal Healing Connection – Center for Artsteem's request to collect donation and art

sales during their Art Exhibit Event at Studio One Art Center on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0
Remote: 0
Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and
Watkins.

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7C. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve Black Cultural Zone (BCZ) request for vendor sales at their Levitt Vibe Oakland Music Series and AKOMA Grand Market to be held at Arroyo Viejo Park on May 9, June 13, July 11 & 25, August 15 & 29, September 12 & 26, and October 10, 20206.

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 Watkins

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and
Watkins.

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7D. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve a gift-in-place donation of forty-eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$48,300) from the non-profit group Golden State Community Foundation at Concordia Park basketball court with selected vendor to resurface the basketball court, install basketball poles, backboards, and rims.

Public Comment

In-Person: 1
Remote: 1
Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and
Watkins.

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7E. Overview of OPRYD's summer camp "OPRYD Town Experiences + Swim" programming.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept and file the report.

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Thomas

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and
Watkins.

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7F. Items Presented in March:

- i. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to approve American Brain Tumor Association request to collect on-site registration fees for the brain tumor 5k (BT5K) run/walk at Lakeside Park Fairyland grassy area on Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 8:00am-4:00pm.
- ii. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve a gift-in-place donation for forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00) from Friends of Joaquin Miller Park (FOJMP) for the installation of rustic fencing to protect the Redwoods at Joaquin Miller Park and the replacement of signage throughout the park.
- iii. Finance Committee Meeting and Grand Jury Report Response Review.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve the Items.

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and
Watkins.

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

None.

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

Director's Update:

- Mosswood ribbon cutting is Saturday, May 2nd, 2026.
- Mother of the Year celebration will be at the Morcom Rose Garden Saturday, May 9th, 2026.

Announcements:

- Com. Thomas: This Saturday from 9a – 12p Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful will be hosting a cleanup at Carter Gilmore.
- Com. Henderson: Earth Day Cleanup will be hosted along the 7th St corridor and Bloc15 is hosting a Student Showcase on Saturday; April 18th from 10a – 2p.

10. Continuation of Open Forum

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

In-Person: 2

Remote: 0

11. Adjournment: **6:55 p.m.**

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Thomas, and Watkins.
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

Next Regular PRAC Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 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.

Jasmine S. Bellow

Executive Assistant to the Director

PRAC Recording Secretary