

CITY OF OAKLAND
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Time: 4:30 PM
Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order: **4:44 p.m.**

2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

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

Present (9): Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins

Remote (1): Commissioner Whitmore

Excused (0):

Absent (0):

Action: Quorum confirmed.

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve Commissioner Whitmore's remote participation.

Moved by: Commissioner Kos-Read

Seconded by: Vice Chair Omolo

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

Action: Motion Passed.

3. Modification of the Agenda

– **None.**

4. Disposition of Minutes

– Approval of draft minutes from regular meeting on **January 14, 2026.**

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Vice Chair Omolo

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

Action: Motion Passed.

5. Open Forum

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

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 1

6. Measure Q Update

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

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

7. New Business

~~7A. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to approve Brilliant Society request for vendor sales of merchandise and wares at the New Star Fair to be held at Splash Pad Park on the second Sunday of each month, starting April 2026 through December 2026 from 10:30am-4:00pm.~~

- Per Staff, report is to return to PRAC in the Fall.

7B. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to approve Town Nights request to collect day of ticket sales for chili tastings, food truck sales of food/beverages, sales of alcohol, merchandise, collection of donations at Town Nights: Dax Lee's Chili Cookoff to be held at Snow Park on Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 10:00am-6:00pm.

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 Tran

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

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7C. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to support an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation for maintenance of Tyrone Carney 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 Thomas

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

No (0)

Abstain (1) Whitmore

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7D. OPRYD Capital Improvement Projects review.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 2

Email: 1

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

Moved by: Commissioner Tran

Seconded by: Commissioner Cervantes

Vote: Yes (8) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins

No (0)

Abstain (2) Kos-Read, Whitmore

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7E. Discussion on Park and Recreation Center review.

Recreation Center Advisory Council (RAC) Initial Visit Assignments

Com. Alper – Mosswood Recreation Center

Com. Cervantes – Redwood Heights

Com. Tran – Lincoln Square

Com. Henderson – Sobrante Park

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 1

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to assign PRAC members to RACs.

Moved by: Commissioner Alper

Seconded by: Vice Chair Omolo

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

No (0)

Abstain (1) Whitmore

Action: Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

None.

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

Director's Update:

- Mosswood Recreation Center ribbon cutting will be on Saturday, March 14th at 9am.

Announcements:

- Chair Barach: Grand Jury Report review did not occur at the Public Works Committee on February 10th. It will be heard at the next meeting on February 22nd. A list of questions to City representatives have been finalized in preparation.
- Quincy Williams, Asst. CIP Coordinator, OPRYD: Many Joaquin Miller Park special interest groups have request signage updates, fencing, and trail improvements. To streamline the process, an overarching PRAC report will be presented that encompasses all types of signage for trees, trails, and sensitive habitats – about 400-500 signs total. This will be followed by a report for a rail fence. Currently, feedback has been requested from the various groups in preparation for an April PRAC presentation with a target project start day for Earth Day, April 22nd.
- Com. Henderson: Kingmakers of Oakland Black History Month event at New Park Theater. There will be films and food from 5:30 - 9p, February 11th.

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: **6:51 p.m.**

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Cervantes

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

No (0)

Abstain (1) Whitmore

Action: Motion Passed.

Next Regular PRAC Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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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