

CITY OF OAKLAND  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026  
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 (7):** Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Alper, Kos-Read, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins

**Remote (0):**

**Excused (2):** Commissioners Cervantes and Henderson

**Absent (1):** Commissioner Whitmore

**Action:** Quorum confirmed.

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 Kos-Read

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Kos-Read, Thomas, Tran, 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:** 0

**Remote:** 0

**Email:** 0

6. Measure Q Update

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

7. New Business

7A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

- **Nominations for Chair:**

- Vice Chair Omolo nominated Chair Barach.
  - Commissioner Kos-Read seconded the nomination.
  - Chair Barach accepted.

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to be re-elected as PRAC Chair.

**Moved by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Kos-Read, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

- **Nominations for Vice Chair:**

- Commissioner Tran nominated Vice Chair Omolo.
  - Commissioner Kos-Read seconded the nomination.
  - Vice Chair Omolo accepted.

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to re-elect Vice Chair Omolo as PRAC Vice Chair.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Thomas

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Tran

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Kos-Read, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

~~7B. 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 Street Fair to be held at Splash Pad Park on the second Sunday of each month, starting February 2026 through December 2026 from 11:00am-4:00pm.~~

- Per Staff, report is to be modified. Item will return to PRAC at a later date.

- *Com. Kos-Read left the meeting at 5:16 p.m.*

- 7C. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to review and approve artist project for one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000.00) for the installation of a decorative metal fence at 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 Tran

**Vote:** Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

- 8A. Public hearing and request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to review and support the Scraper Bike Team application for a major conditional use permit for the installation of a legacy Bart car for use by the Scraper Bike Team at Willie Wilkins Park.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 1

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

**Moved by:** Commissioner Tran

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Thomas

**Vote:** Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

**Announcements:**

- Oral and written report on the Grand Jury report response anticipated to be heard at the Public Works Committee on February 10<sup>th</sup>. In the process of drafting guided questions to facilitate the discussion. The Offices of the City Auditor, Finance, Public Works (OPW), and City Administration expected to be represented.
- Rotary Nature Center re-opening Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

**Director's Update:**

- Durant and S. Prescott Parks have been closed due to recurring safety and encampment issues. An unauthorized lock was removed and replaced with a City lock to secure the park. The community has been informed and advised to contact their councilmembers with concerns. Re-opening TBD.

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: **5:44 p.m.**

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

**Moved by:** Commissioner Tran

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Vote:** Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

**Next Regular PRAC Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 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 large, decorative initial "J".

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