

CITY OF OAKLAND
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

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

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order: **4:40 p.m.**
2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum
Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins,

Present (7): Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, and Tran.
Remote (0):
Excused (3): Commissioners Thomas, Watkins and Whitmore.
Absent (0):
Action: Quorum confirmed.
3. Modification of the Agenda
– **None.**
4. Disposition of Minutes
– Approval of draft minutes from regular meeting on **February 11, 2026.**

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve the minutes.
Moved by: Commissioner Kos-Read
Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson
Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Henderson, Kos-Read, and Tran
No (0)
Action: Motion Passed.
5. Open Forum
– Comment on all items not on the agenda are taken at this time.

In-Person: 3
Remote: 1
Email: 0

6. Measure Q Update

- Monthly OPW Informational Report on Measure Q and Performance Measure Updates.
 - Quarterly Maintenance Report

Com. Cervantes joined the meeting at 5:14 pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 1

Remote: 1

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Tran

Seconded by: Commissioner Kos-Read

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, and Tran

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

7. New Business

- 7A. 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.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Cervantes

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, and Tran

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7B. 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.

Com. Kos-Read left the meeting at 5:27 pm.

Recess for technical difficulties from 5:45 – 5:53 pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 1

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Tran

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, and Tran
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7C. Finance Committee Meeting and Grand Jury Report Response Review.

Public Comment

In-Person: 2

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Cervantes

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, and Tran
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

None.

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

Director's Update:

- Measure Y regarding the Oakland Zoo parcel tax is still under investigation. Once litigation concludes, PRAC will be the overseeing body.
- There are no updates on the Trust for Public (TPL) land grant for the Oakland Parks Master Plan at this time.
- The new Mosswood Recreation Center ribbon cutting is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, 2026.
- The East Oakland Art Center ribbon cutting is TBD. The center will feature partner programming for seniors.
- New OPRYD Management Assistant, Ayanna Jennings, will be working closely with the Asst. CIP Coordinator.

Announcements:

- Com. Kos-Read: Salsa by the Lake will be hosted from 3 – 6 pm Sunday at the bandstand.
- Com. Alper: Attended the Mosswood Recreation Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting as assigned. Meetings are held virtually. In the latest, discussions surrounded tree-planting, pickleball, desires to bring past parkgoers back, and park security cameras and fencing.
- Quincy Williams, Asst. CIP Coordinator, OPRYD: Kaiser partnership at Mosswood in progress to activate the recreation center and park-use. Concordia Park item will be coming to PRAC with a beautification/repair proposal from in partnership with Golden State Community Foundation and City Administration. Oakport and Sobrante Park RFPs will also be presented to the PRAC in upcoming reports.

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: **6:30 p.m.**

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

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Cervantes

Vote: Yes (6) Barach, Omolo, Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, and Tran
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

Next Regular PRAC Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 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, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jasmine S. Bellow

Executive Assistant to the Director

PRAC Recording Secretary