

CITY OF OAKLAND

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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, Whitmore

Present (7): Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Cervantes, Henderson, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins

Remote (0):

Excused (0): Commissioner Alper

Absent (0): Commissioners Kos-Read and Whitmore

Action: Quorum confirmed.

3. Modification of the Agenda

– **Items 7D and 7E will be heard before Item 6.**

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Vice Chair Omolo

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

4. Disposition of Minutes

– Approval of draft minutes from regular meeting on **April 9, 2025.**

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

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Tran

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, 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: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 1

7. New Business

7D. Verbal Informational Report on Town Nights 2025 from the Deputy City Administrator.

Public Comment

In-Person: 1

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

7E. Verbal Informational Report on Juneteenth 2025 from the Deputy City Administrator.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Tran

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

6. Measure Q Update

- Monthly OPW (Oakland Public Works) Informational Report on Measure Q and Performance Measure Updates.

- Quarter 3 Maintenance Review
- Park Assessments Check In
- Proposed Budget Review

Public Comment

In-Person: 1

Remote: 2

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Watkins

Seconded by: Vice Chair Omolo

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

7. New Business (continued)

- 7A. Request for Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve Ambra Jackson as Jackson LLC and Collective Culture Training request for vendor sales of merchandise at their Pretty with A Purpose Women's Empowerment Brunch to be held at Sequoia Lodge on June 22, 2025, 2:00pm-5:30pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Tran

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7B. Request for Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve a gift-in-place donation in the amount not to exceed \$11,637.33 from the Friends of San Antonio Park (FOSAP) and to enter into a right of entry contract with FOSAP for the installation of a Memorial Tree Grove at San Antonio Park.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Thomas

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7C. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to review and approve a gift-in-place donation not to exceed \$49,500 for the installation of a mural on a wall located in Courtland Creek Park.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

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

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Tran

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7F. PRAC Discussion on Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD) FY 2025-2027 Budget Priorities.

- Chair requested input from the PRAC on draft Budget Priority letter regarding Measure Q and OPRYD.
- Letter intended for City Mayor, Administration, Council Members, and Auditor.
- Final letter will be included as an informational item on the June PRAC Agenda.
- OPRYD Director advised the following:
 1. Goals
 - To bring parks maintenance positions housed in OPW back to OPRYD for Measure Q funding accountability purposes.
 - To rally support around future ballot measure for dedicated park funding in the next 3-5 years to reduce dependence on General Fund.
 2. Changes to Funding Allocations
 - Line items like security and pool supplies, among others, that were previously funded by other departments have now become OPRYD's budget responsibility.
- Details of the newly proposed budget for OPRYD to the PRAC is forthcoming.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to finalize draft Budget Priority letter with Vice Chair Omolo and send on behalf of the PRAC to City leadership.

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

- **None.**

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

Announcements:

- Chair Barach: Former Commissioner Cameron Snyder has stepped down and is no longer serving on the PRAC. Due to the mayoral transition, there will be a delay in filling that Seat.

Both the Chair and Vice Chair will not be present at the July meeting. A Pro Tem (interim Chair for the meeting) will be nominated and voted upon at the June meeting.

- Staff, OPRYD Assistant Capital Improvement Project Coordinator: OPRYD is partnering with the Valkyries and has received a number of basketball nets with installation by OPW currently underway on indoor and outdoor courts.

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: **7:30 p.m.**

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

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Thomas

Vote: Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

Next Regular PRAC Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 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 large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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