



CITY OF OAKLAND

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - PRAC

Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 4:30 P.M

*****Supplemental Agenda*****

Minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:34PM

2. ROLL CALL:

ALLEN, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, D. SMITH, K. SMITH,
TORRES, TRAN and WALTON

Present: (9) Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K Smith, Torres, Tran
and Walton

Excused: (2) Commissioners Moore and D. Smith

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Approval of the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend approval of the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes including the following modifications: On page 6 change Kos-Reed to Kos-Read and City Workforce Development Department to City's Economic and Workforce Development Department, and on page 18 change Trash East Bay to Untrash East Bay. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner Allen. **Vote: 8 Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K Smith, Torres Tran. **1 Abstain:** Commissioner Walton. **Motion:** Passed.

4. MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion: Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to modify the agenda and change the order of the reports under Item 9 to reflect the following: 1) Presentation of Park Facilities and Services, 2) Hiring and Expenditures Updates, and 3) Mayor’s Budget and Measure Q, and add newly seated Commissioner Daral Smith to the Roll Call. **Moved by:** Not received. **Second by:** Not received. **Vote: 8 Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K Smith, Torres Tran. **Abstain 1:** Commissioner Walton.
Motion: Passed.

5. OPEN FORUM:

There were 3 speakers for Open Forum

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

None

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND ENDORSE THE DESIGN, CONDITIONAL USE, TREE REMOVAL/PROTECTION AND CREEK PROTECTION FOR THE DIGITAL ARTS AND CULINARY ACADEMY, PHASE 2**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed report 7A presented by Denise Louie, Project Manager Oakland Public Works, Project and Grant Management Division.

Public Works staff, in collaboration with Studio Perez, provided the Commission an overview of the Digital Arts & Culinary Academy (DACA) Phase 2 remodel project. Phase 2 is a continuation of the 2010 renovation. The overview included review of renderings and design plans to the structure’s exterior, façade, signage, grounds, code upgrades and ADA improvements. The review also included plans to build-out the west side of the building’s interior to achieve Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) goals.

A tree located in the area near the site for the upgraded mechanical closet was slated for removal. There will be a replacement included with the landscape upgrades.

Due to the application process for the project, staff cited “Creek Protection” on the report title. However, staff do not anticipate impact to the creek and determined no mitigation efforts were necessary given its distance from the project.

EOAC will be mounted on the new canopy above the main entrance. In March 2021, PRAC approved the Digital Arts & Culinary Academy (DACA) name change to the East Oakland Arts Center (EOAC).

The design team will determine how to color code the fence along International Boulevard to better indicate the main entrance to the facility.

Next Steps:

- Complete 95% Construction Documents in June 2021
- End of June 2021: Prep all City Building and Planning documents and route for internal approvals.
- Fall 2021: Secure all necessary City and utility permits and advertise the project for construction
- Spring 2022 – Bring before City Council
- Summer 2022 – Begin construction

Motion: Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend endorsement of the Digital Arts and Culinary Academy, Phase 2 project and recommend approval to the Bureau of Planning’s Zoning Manager for the Design Review, Conditional Use, Tree Removal/Protection and Creek Protection Permit applications as presented with the stipulation to consider replacing said removed tree. **Moved by:** Commissioner Allen **Second by:** Commissioner Walton. **Vote: 9 Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K Smith, Torres, Tran and Walton **Motion:** Passed.

Note: Chair Reilly announced that the presenter for Item 7C had to depart the meeting at 6:00p.m. and made the following motion to modify the agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to modify the agenda to hear item 7C before Item 7B. **Moved by:** Kos-Read **Second by:** Duhe. **Vote: 8 Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, Torres, Tran and Walton. **Abstain 1:** Commissioner Smith. **Motion:** Pass.

Note: Item 7B was heard after Item 7C.

B. INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE (ZEV) ACTION PLAN & CURRENT VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed informational report 7B presented by Michael Randolph, Transportation Planner, Parks and Mobility Division, Department of Transportation.

Transportation staff provided an update on the City's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) action plan and the joint effort between the City's Department of Transportation and the Public Works Sustainability Program. Staff introduced the City of Oakland's three main reasons for creating a Zero Emissions Action Plan including:

- Governor Newsom's Fall 2020 Executive Order committing California to an eliminate of the sale of gasoline internal combustion passenger vehicles by 2035.
- The City's July 2020 adoption of the 2030 Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) -ZEV is a specific action listed in the ECAP.
- City Council's commitment of the City to Carbon Neutrality by 2045

The plan will address inequities with the EV infrastructure and where communities are impacted by climate change and air pollution. The plan will devise a path to remove barriers and provide impacted communities access to clean transportation.

Staff to consider charging stations manufactured to accommodate a variety of electrical vehicles, and a waste and life cycle analysis of the units. Also, enhance public awareness of the charging stations located around Oakland. return with a draft list of possible charging

See links for more information about the Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan and way for public involvement:

Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan City Website: <https://tinyurl.com/zevplan>

- Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure in Oakland Story Map: <https://tinyurl.com/ZEVstory>
- ZEV Action Plan Interactive Map to help identify potential locations for public electric vehicle charging stations: <https://Tinyurl.com/zevmap>
- Take the ZEV Action Plan Survey: <https://tinyurl.com/zevsurvey1>
- Join the ZEV Action Plan E-mail List for Updates: <http://tinyurl.com/zevsurvey2>

Motion: Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend PRAC accept the Informational Report on Zero Emission Vehicle (Zev) Action Plan and Current Vehicle Electrification Infrastructure Projects. **Moved by:** Commissioner Tran. **Second by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Vote: 8 Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Kos-Read, Reilly, K Smith, Torres, Tran, and Walton. **Excused 1:** Commissioner Ha. **Motion:** Passed.

C. **REQUEST TO ALLOW OAKLAND STREET STYLERS TO COMMISSION LOCAL ARTISTS TO PAINT A MURAL ON THE FIELD HOUSE/SHED EXTERIOR WALLS AT MOSSWOOD PARK IN JUNE OF 2021**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed report 7C presented by Terri Westbrook, Mosswood Center Director, Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development.

Staff worked in collaboration with the Oakland Street Stylers, a youth-based soccer program of diverse participants, to provide PRAC information regarding the request to paint a mural on the east, west and south sides of the Mosswood Park field house shed.

Images of past and current graffiti on the structure were shared. Staff cited the negative impact of the imagery on park users and local community. At Mosswood’s February 2021 Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting, members voted unanimously to seek approval for the mural art project.

Oakland Street Stylers proposed a plan to achieve the mural work by activating community story circles which inspire public art. Sample images of murals were shared including one from a community story circle depicting safety and community (locate at the rear of the Critical Resistance Building at 44th and Telegraph), and others of local artists Dominic “Treat U Nice” Villeda, Leslie “Dime” Lopez and Trust Your Struggle Collective.

Oakland Street Stylers provided outlines for their Community Activation Plan, COVID Protocols, Funding for Artists and Supplies, a Network of Park Players, The What, and the following timeline:

- June and July: Outreach and Fundraising
- August: Story Circles and Mural Drafts
- September: Painting

Oakland Street Stylers acknowledged the pending implementation of the Park's renovation and view the mural art project as temporary and agreed to maintain the mural for one year.

Staff will take measures to project the basketball court from paint and explore options to protect the mural from graffiti.

Chair Reilly: Review of Park Rules associated with park upgrades related to the Adopt-a-Spot program is needed. Supports the Mosswood RAC review of the final mural rendering. The item is not required to return to PRAC.

Motion: Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend approval of the request to paint a mural on the exterior walls of the Mosswood Park field house/shed as presented by the Oakland Street Stylers. **Moved by:** Commissioner Allen. **Second by:** Commissioner Duhe. **Vote: 9 Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, K Smith, Torres, Tran, and Walton **Motion:** Passed.

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

9. MEASURE Q:

- Presentation of Park Facilities and Services
- Hiring and Expenditures Updates
- Mayor's Budget and Measure Q

Parks Facilities and Services:

Brian Carthan, Oakland Public Works provided the Commission a brief presentation on Public Works and the various divisions in its organization including the Bureau of Environment including Environmental Services, Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful as well as Parks and Tree Services.

Staff demonstrated the scope of City assets the Tree Services Division provide landscape and maintenance services to including regional and neighborhood parks, athletic fields, conservations areas, medians and streetscapes, buildings and facilities. The area of responsibility also includes the City's tree canopy of over approximately 55K street trees, 13K trees in landscape parks and city facilities, and thousands more in forested areas. Currently, the 2008 budget cuts to tree services have reduced responses to just emergencies.

Oakland's first citywide tree inventory has been completed. The Urban Forest Master Plan is due for completion in 2022.

Parks and Tree Services funding sources for FY17-21 was reviewed. This information will be made available on the Public Works website.

Kristin Hathaway, Program Manager for the Public Works Creeks and Watershed Division in the Bureau of Design and Construction. The presentation outlined projects and programs designed to protect Oakland's creeks, lakes and the San Francisco Bay. Some of those programs and projects include: The Storm Drain Master Plan planning process - Measure Q, creek and stormwater capital projects, ensures citywide compliance with the Oakland's stormwater NPDES permit issued by the San Francisco Regional Quality Control Board, Measure DD Watershed Acquisitions program and Stormwater Emergency response support and public engagement and education related to stormwater issues. Staff outlined funding sources for FY16 – FY21 including Measure Q.

Facilities Funding and Hiring Tracker

Brian Carthan reviewed Facilities Funding sources for FY16-FY21 and the Measure Q Hiring Tracker depicting various positions slated for interviews and commencement of work. The information will be posted on the website.

Mayor's Budget

Chair Reilly provided an update on the Mayor's budget and related work of the PRAC Measure Q Ad hoc Committee in response.

Ad Hoc Committee: Chair Riley, Commissioners Allen and Duhe. Work support by

In correlation to the release of the Mayor's proposed budget, the ad hoc Committee intended to draft a response memo for the Commission's review prior to delivery to City Council. However, due to the delayed release of the Mayor's proposed budget, the Committee was unable to provide the document for the body's consideration in time for this meeting. The Chair introduced the ad hoc Committee's findings from review of the proposed budget as related to Measure Q Funding allocations, sought feedback, and requested the Commission support the Committee's drafting of the response to the proposed budget and release of same to City Council without PRAC review.

Public Comment: 3 Comments were received.

Chair Reilly:

OPW staff to return with information regarding purpose for the LADD Funding decrease shown for FY19-20.

Motion: Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend PRAC accept the Measure Q informational reports and approve the Measure Q Ad hoc Committee to draft a memo in response to the Mayor's proposed budget to be included in the City's budget process. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner Walton. **Vote: 8 Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Duhe, Kos-Read, Reilly, K Smith, Torres, Tran, and Walton **Motion:** Passed.

10. UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR, COMMITTEES, RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCILS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(10 - COMMITTEES)

Commissioner Allen: Lake Merritt Taskforce and Mobil Vending Pilot

- Met on May 3 with Joe DeVries and Greg Minor to review April's PRAC meeting concerns. Made recommendations for alternative sites for the pilot project at either Lake Merritt or other location around the City. Discussed community engagement – Park Ambassador and a feasibility study.
- Met with Joe DeVries' working group lead by Greg Minor on May 6. The meeting was also attended by Work Force and Economic Development staff and Mr. Copes. Volunteered to support the group.
- Will meet with Greg Minor and Mr. Copes on May 13 to visit alternative venues for the program.
- Another subcommittee meeting will take place the following week.

Commissioner K. Smith:

- Meeting with Maryanne and the Lake Merritt Advocates on May 26.
- Meeting with Nicky and Leah following tonight's meeting to discuss possible vending program at Defremery or Mosswood.

Commissioner Kos-Read:

- Tuesday, May 25 – Joint Meeting with the Life Enrichment Committee (LEC), PRAC and the Cultural Arts Commission. The discussion may be linked to issues currently being discussed and related to setting new rules, effectively utilizing parks and vending. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

- Meeting with community around the Lake. Seeing positive and negative impacts particularly around the Rotary Nature and the Junior Science Centers.

Chair Reilly requested Commissioner Kos-Read email information regarding the May 25 Joint meeting to staff for distribution to the Commission.

(10 – RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (RAC))

Chair Reilly:

- Met with the Bushrod Center Director and anticipates an invitation to the next scheduled RAC meeting.

Commissioner Duhe:

- Contacted Montclair Center Director Jessica Bustos in April – expect to meet in June.

(10 - ANNOUNCEMENTS)

Chair Reilly:

- Due to the volume of items requested be addressed by PRAC, Chair Reilly suggested the Commission convene in August in lieu of the annual recess. There was no opposition to the suggestion. PRAC will convene on August 11, 2021.

Commissioner Kos-Read:

- Participated in an Earth Day clean-up in District 7 with Councilmember Reid and Commissioner Ha.

Dana Riley – OPRYD Assistant Director:

- Montclair’s tennis court has been resurfaced and converted into a pickleball court.
- Dimond Park’s court has been resurfaced and benches repaired.
- Fitness Courts will be installed at Lowell Park and Arroyo Park. The opening is anticipated to take place the first week of June.

Commissioner K. Smith:

- The Kenzie Smith Hope Foundation will host the Third Annual Community Picnic at West Grand and Martin Luther King to feed the homeless and provide clothing and hygiene kits.

Commission Allen:

- Summer Camp at Mosswood Recreation Center - Session 1: June 14 – July 9.
Session 2: July 12 – August 6.
- Financial assistance available.

- Summer Hires at www.oaklandca.gov/jobs
- Mosswood's Dog Park is open. Local community members are walking dogs in the park off leash. Requested staff assistance. Staff referred Commission Allen to the area Resource Officer as park rules are enforcement by OPD.

11. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

There was 1 speaker for Open Forum.

*On Behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
Chair Reilly Adjourned the Meeting
In Memory of
Vera Agnus Duhe
Oakland Resident
&
Mother of
Commissioner Donna Duhe*

12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:49PM

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams
J. Nicholas Williams
Secretary

/s/ Diane Boyd
Diane Boyd
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Via Zoom