



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - PRAC**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 4:30PM**

**Lakeside Park Garden Center – 666 Bellevue Avenue**

**Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:41 PM

2. ROLL CALL:

**AIKENS, COLE, CORBIN, HA, HOWZE, MOORE, REILLY, SMITH, TORRES, WOLFSON**

Present: 7 - Commissioners Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson

Excused: 2 - Commissioners Ha and Moore

Absent: 1 - Smith

Staff: Director J. Nicholas Williams, Diane Boyd and Gail McMillon

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:

September 11, 2019

Note: The September 11, 2019 minutes were not approved due to an insufficient quorum.

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

**Note: The Agenda was modified to move the Director's report to after Item 5 – Open Forum.**

5. OPEN FORUM: There were no speakers present for this item.

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Request From Oakland Running Festival For Approval To Serve And Sell Alcoholic Beverages, Food, Merchandise And Accept Donations On-Site At The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Oakland Running Festival Marathon At Snow Park On Sunday, March 22, 2020, From 7:00am-3:00pm.**

The Commission heard concerns raised by a community member regarding possible damage to the newly renovated Snow Park. Organizers of the Running Festival are scheduled to resume hosting the event at Snow Park on March 23, 2020, marking its 11<sup>th</sup> annual event with Parks and Recreation. During the renovation of the park, the Running Festival relocated to East Shore Park – Middle Harbor. The community member asked Parks and Recreation staff and the Commission to retain the event at East Shore or find another suitable location. In the absence of keeping the Running Festival at East Shore Park, the community requested that conditions be put in place to ensure the event

organizer return the park to its previous condition. Parks and Rec staff informed the Commission and community that the organizer of the Running Festival was in good standing with the Parks and Recreation Central Reservations Unit (CRU) staff and compliant with all items referenced in each permit for the previous 10 annual events. Staff confirmed that event organizers are required to tour rented or permitted property with Public Works and CRU staff before and after use to corroborate the condition of the site and to access the cost of any damages.

The Commission stated that it did not have jurisdiction over the Parks and Recreation CRU's permitting or application processes and deferred to the department for continued oversight.

Director Williams' offer to facilitate a conversation with the event organizer, CRU and Public Works staff was accepted by the community.

**B. Request From Center For Early Intervention On Deafness (CEID) For Approval To Collect On-Site Registration Fees And Sell Raffle Tickets At Their Annual Walk-A-Thon At Lakeside Park (Fairylane Area) On Saturday, April 25, 2020, From 8:30am-2:00pm.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to approve Items 6A and 6B.  
**Moved by:** Commissioner. **Second by:** Commissioner XXX. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 7 – Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Request Recommendation To Dedicate A Plaque In Memory Of William Lee "Bill" Grimm.**

Sherianne Grimm requested permission to dedicate a bench in memory of her late husband, William Lee "Bill" Grimm. Mr. Grimm spent 43 years in public service working on behalf of the nation's children. He was considered the expert in the country on children in foster care and the premiere litigator in child welfare cases. Mr. was beloved by his wife, children and grandchildren and is mourned by a host of family members, friends and colleagues.

The dedication plaque will be placed on a bench located across the street from 2040 Lakeshore and will read:

In Loving Memory of William "Bill" Grimm 1949-2019  
Beloved husband, father & friend; fierce child advocate  
We carry your heart in our hearts; loving you eternally  
Never separated because we loved with heart and Soul♥

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommendation the approval to dedicate a bench in memory of William Lee "Bill" Grimm near 2040 Lakeshore Avenue. **Moved by:** Commissioner Howze. **Second by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 7 – Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson

**B. Note: Item 7B was not used in this report.**

**C. Request Approval From The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow The Peralta Parent Teacher Group To Collect Donations, Sell Tickets On Site, Host A Silent And Live Auction And Sell Beverage And Raffle Tickets At Their Spring Auction Fundraiser At Lakeside Park Garden Center On Saturday, March 21, 2020, From 5:30pm-9:30pm.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report prepared by Zermaine Thomas.

The Peralta Teacher Group (PPTG) requested the Parks Recreation Advisory Commission allow them to hold their annual Spring Auction Fundraiser at the Lakeside Park Garden Center on Saturday, March 21, 2020. Tickets for entry, raffles and beverages will be sold, and a silent and live auction will be featured. Proceeds will benefit Teacher's Aides for kindergarten classrooms at Peralta Elementary School, as well as art and music instruction for grades K-5.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for the Peralta Parent Teacher Group to sale event tickets, raffle tickets and host a silent and live auction at their Spring Auction Fundraiser at Lakeside Park Garden Center on Saturday, March 21, 2020. **Moved by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 7 – Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Howze, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None.

9. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:

Commissioner Aikens:

- Contacted recreation centers including Arroyo, Golden Gate, Rainbow and Allendale – discussed equity.

Commissioner Reilly:

- Friends of the Rotary Nature Center will replace flag pole banners of 150 years.

Commissioner Corbin:

- Mosswood rebuilding workshops will resume in January and B=February 2020.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Reported resistance to Liaisons and Recreation Advisory Councils. Commissioners were requested to communicate issues directly to his office.
- What are new camp options to Shake Rattle and Roll (formerly offered at Joaquin Miller Park)?
- Mosswood encampment not sanctioned by the City. The encampment has been fenced to prevent additional residents. Current residents are receiving services to support relocation within 60 to 90 days.
- Commissioner Corbin will send an email to Director Williams regarding warping floors at Lincoln Recreation. Meanwhile, staff should be encouraged to report the repair request through the City311 system.

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Announcements:

John Bliss – Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF)

- Measure Q will be placed on the March 3, 2020 Primary Ballot and will raise \$21 million dollars annually from parcel taxes for parks maintenance, homeless services increased removal of debris and trash, increases restroom maintenance, and mowing. Support for the measure is being sought from several organizations including the Sierra Club, Out Door Afro, League of Women Voters and others.
- Measure Q was approved by the City Council at the November 14, 2019 meeting.
- Requested the Commission endorse Measure Q.

## Director Williams

- On December 21, 2019, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD), in partnership with Eat. Learn. Play will host a community Holiday Resource Fair at the Fox Theater. Families participate in an array of activities and receive two gift boxes. One box will include a turkey and prepared side dishes. The second box will include toys, books and other surprises for the family.
- Beginning, Thursday 9, 2020 and every Thursday through March 12<sup>th</sup>, OPRYD will host the 10-Week Fitness Challenge. Community members of all ages and fitness levels will participate in one and a half hours of activities including 45 of exercise routines and 45 minutes of Tai-Chi. The Fitness Challenge is free to the community and will be held at OPRYD recreations centers throughout Oakland. Fresh fruit will be provided.
- Extended congratulations to OPRYD staff celebrating service with the City of Oakland
  - Karis Griffin – celebrating 15 years of service
  - Darrin Hodges – celebrating 25 years of service
  - Jovita Zarate – celebrating 30 years of service

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

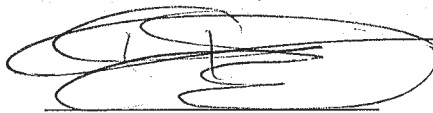
One community member addressed the Commission and presented a letter dated December 10, 2019.

13. ADJOURNMENT: 6:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams

Secretary



Diane L. Boyd  
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting:**

***Wednesday, January 8, 2020***

***Lakeside Park Garden Center***

***666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA***

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