



## **\*Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 4:30 P.M.  
Zoom Teleconference**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:36PM
2. **ROLL CALL:**  
**ALLEN, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, D. SMITH, K. SMITH, TRAN, TORRES, WALTON**  
  
**Present:** (8) Commissioners Allen, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, D. Smith, K. Smith, Tran, and Walton  
**Excused:** (3) Commissioners Duhe, Moore and Torres
3. **DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:**
  - June 2021 Meeting Minutes  
**Motion:** Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend approval of the June 9, 2021, meeting minutes including a request to correct the Spelling of Brooke Levin's name under Measure Q. **Moved by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Tran. **Vote: 7 - Yes:** Commissioners Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, D. Smith, K. Smith, Tran and Walton. **1 - Abstain:** Commissioners Allen. **Motion:** Pass.
4. **OPEN FORUM:** There were 6 speakers for Open Forum.
5. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:**  
NONE
6. **CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:**

7. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. PILOT VENDING: REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED USE OF PARK SPACE ADJACENT TO EL EMBARCADERO FOR A VENDING PILOT ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission heard the staff report for item 7A presented by Greg Minor from the Special Permits Division in the Department of Economic and Workforce Development.

Staff requested the current Vending Pilot Program be continued on Saturdays and Sundays at its established location adjacent to El Embarcadero on the Lake Merritt Park space through November 2021. The recommendation was based on observations from the last 12 or 14 months and the City Council's continuation of funding for the Vending Pilot and Lake Merritt operations through November 2021.

Staff asserted that the Vending Pilot has offered participants a path to compliance with the City and has provided an opportunity for them to earn income which was impacted by COVID and restrictions on events and other opportunities for people. With a path to compliance, staff suggested there would be more focus on unlimited activities such as cannabis and alcohol vending. Extension of the Pilot would also facilitate trash and waste management which is included in the City's funding through November 2021.

Staff referenced outlines in the report providing alternative recommendations that the PRAC could consider and adopt such as alternative locations, duration of the program, or even the frequency of the Pilot. Staff did reassert their recommendation for approval of the existing site because it could take advantage of the street closure that is already in place at El Embarcadero between Grand and Lakeshore, which has allowed the most vendors to have a path to compliance and allow staff to focus on unpermitted vending outside of the pilot.

Reference was also made to attachments to the staff report which show vendor participation from the last three months of the program.

PRAC Lake Merritt Vending Subcommittee Comments:

The Lake Merritt Mobile Vending Ad Hoc Committee reported that engagement with the Vending Pilot Program comes with negative challenges external to the program that effect all of Lake Merritt, The Commission was reminded that at a previous meeting, the PRAC voted to extend the Pilot and tasked the Committee with thinking about alternative sites and a feasibility study. Members of the Committee provided the following comments:

- The subcommittee held meetings with Greg Minor, other staff and Mr. Copes and the new event organizer.
- More work and strong commitment is needed to find a new location for the Pilot.

- The City is not tracking how much revenue vendors are making through the program.
- There is no small business program in place to help Pilot Vendor participants mature.
- The number of participating vendors grows each weekend at the El Embarcadero site.
- Questions how much the Pilot is helping participants
- Concerned the City has written a blank check, and that it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to host without knowledge of how the vendors are profiting.
- There is no knowledge of how the vendors businesses are maturing and growing.
- The Committee does not know if the City is capturing revenue from the Vending Pilot.
- The Pilot Report packet presented does not show the program's longevity or that it is moving out of pilot phase into perpetuity.
- The Committee called on the Commission to have the program come to fruition or concluded by a certain date.
- The continued three-month renewal is not the way to conduct a pilot.
- While the loss of life during the Juneteenth celebration was not connected to that celebration nor to the Vending Pilot Program, concern was expressed that it was related to the challenges faced at the Lake and how those challenges are being addressed.

The Chair received confirmed from Workforce Development staff that the request before the Commission was for the use of the grass or park space under its jurisdiction for the purpose of vending. Staff further informed the Commission that extra conditions could be added to the motion related to tracking vendors, information or other requests.

Public Comments: There were 14 public comments.

#### Commission and Staff Comments

Chair Reilly announced that through the Oakland Municipal Code, PRAC has the authority to issue park use permits and that the Pilot Vending Program falls within its jurisdiction.

Staff cautioned against blaming the Vending Pilot Program with participants involved in activities outside the Pilot on Lake Merritt. These activities are considered to be a challenge Oakland has with enforcement citywide but is being pursued administratively. The Commission was reminded that without a path to compliance, all vendors would be unpermitted. Staff welcome the Commission to suggest alternatives and changes going forward.

The Commission asserted that the item was unfairly dropped in PRAC's jurisdiction, instead it should have been sent to Workforce and Economic Development. PRAC it is not an enforcement body.

The Commission sought clarification regarding the data show participating vendors in the Pilot living outside of Oakland as far away as Los Angeles.

Staff informed the Commission that the vendors participating in the program but living outside of Oakland, are former residents displaced or who otherwise have a strong connection with the City. The Commission also learned that the City is collecting tax revenue. Staff added that if PRAC chooses to deny the use of park space, or make modifications, it will have a ripple effect and impact staff resources one way or the other.

Commission and staff explored the possibility of shifting the Pilot to Splash Pad as mentioned in the staff report. Staff supported exploring the possibility of shifting to Splash Pad Park if available on Sundays. The Program would benefit from being near the existing location and marketplace infrastructure. Staff informed the body a transition period would be needed to ensure a smooth shift. The Commission was reminded that the current three-month period expires on July 25, 2021.

The Commission requested a feasibility study or analysis of the various activities at Lake Merritt and other City parks. This would include vending and other park uses that have increased during the pandemic. Members reiterated that the Pilot was not meant to be permanent, and consideration must be given to an area that could withstand the amount of traffic generated. The Commission also urged the City Administrator's Office take a look a Splash Pad Park as an alternative location but stressed the need to communicate with Workforce Development and other City offices to address concerns. It was suggested that the body communicate with City Council, Workforce Development and others by letter or meetings to make the concerns of the Commission known and to develop a long-term solution.

Chair Reilly prepared to hear a motion on the Vending Pilot and suggested the addition of three stipulations including:

- The Vending Pilot transition to Splash Pad Park on Sundays.
- A long-term plan be included with the request of an additional extension.
- The PRAC Lake Merritt subcommittee work with staff on developing the parameters of what another renewal would look like including a long-term plan.

At the Commission's request, Chair Reilly clarified his suggested additions to the recommendations for the motion:

- That the Vending Pilot should transition one day to Splash Park not Snow Park
- Staff will recommend the transition period to Splash Pad Park to provide people time to acclimate to the change.
- If staff does not return within 3 months, the Pilot Program will end and there will be no more permitted vending around Lake Merritt. Pre-Vending Pilot conditions will resume.
- If staff should return for another renewal, they must present a long term and what it means for the future.

Commission members also suggested the recommendation include the City provide enforcement.

Commissioner Allen offered to make a motion to Chair Reilly's motion with modifications.

Move that:

- PRAC extend the Pilot Program for another three months.
- The Pilot Program be transitioned away from El Embarcadero to Splash Pad Park to take place on Sundays. And that the transition should take place immediately. Staff to determine what that transition period will be.

- PRAC be provided with a long-term plan one month out from the conclusion of the three-month extension. The PRAC would have the ability to decide if the program should come to maturity outside of pilot phase and find a permanent home for mobile vending.
- PRAC work with enforcing bodies whether Oakland Police Department, Parking Enforcement and or the Fire Department to ensure the creation of a safe space for vendors and patrons.
- Staff work with the City Administrator and City Councilmembers to ensure continued support for creating safe spaces at the park.

Chair clarifying points to Commissioner Allen’s suggested motion:

- Transition language – change “immediately” to “as soon as possible”.
- Confirmed that staff must provide a long-term plan to the PRAC one month prior to the conclusion of the three-month extension.
- Hold a meeting with representative from Oakland PD, Parking Enforcement, Councilmember Bas’ office, Councilmember Fife’s office, Lake Merritt Taskforce, the City Administrator’s office to discuss mobile vending at Lake Merritt. Stipulate that enforcement bodies must be at the table. Enforcement bodies must help execute the plan and have a more proactive presence. PRAC does not have enforcement powers.

Workforce Development staff asked the Commission to clarify:

- When the move to Splash Pad Park would take place. Staff reminded the body that the current three-month approval will expire on Sunday, July 25, 2021.
- If the move would be immediate or if there would be a transition period.
- If the Vending Pilot is to take place:
  - Only on Sundays at Splash Pad Park
  - Sundays at Splash Pad Park and Saturdays at El Embarcadero

The Commission was unable to reach an agreement on when or where the Pilot would continue. The suggestions included Saturdays at the El Embarcadero followed by Sundays at Splash Pad Park with an opposing view for only Sundays at Splash Pad Park. There was a brief discussion to considerer Snow Park as a possible location and was subsequently informed that the Black Vendors Association favored Splash Pad Park rather than Snow Park and preferred overall to stay at El Embarcadero.

Due to the impasse, the Chair suggested the Pilot be extended for 1 (one) month while the stakeholders including the Lake Merritt subcommittee, Oakland PD, Economic and Workforce Development and City Councilmembers convene a meeting to determine the recommendations moving forward, with the understanding the item would be presented again at the August PRAC meeting.

**Motion:** Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend the PRAC move to extend the Vending Pilot Program for one month as is and in its current state, at its current location and current frequency to allow staff and the Lake Merritt Taskforce and Mobile Vending Pilot Program Subcommittee to meet with the enforcing bodies as well as City representative to discuss a long-term plan whether it is until the end of November 2021 or in perpetuity. **Moved by:** Commissioner Allen. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Vote: 6 - Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, D. Smith, K. Smith, 2 -**Abstain:** Commissioners Walton and Tran. **Motion:** Pass.

**Note:** Commissioner Walton was excused after the vote on item 7A.

**B. JOAQUINE MILLER SPLIT RAIL FENCE. REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED SPLIT RAIL FENCING PROJECT AT JOAQUIN MILLER PARK TO CONSERVE SOIL, WETLANDS, RAINBOW TROUT, AND RARE PLANTS**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission heard the report for item 7B submitted by Harith Aleem from Parks and Recreation on behalf of Tim Vendlinski with Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC).

Harith Aleem provided a brief background and introduction of Tim Vendlinski:

Mr. Vendlinski is a Life Scientist, volunteer and board member of Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC). He served 27 years with the Environmental Protection Agency where he supervised the Wetlands Regulatory and Bay Delta programs. The purpose of the report is to receive approval for a proposed split rail fencing project at Joaquin Miller Park to conserve soil, wetlands, rainbow trout and rare plants.

Mr. Vendlinski described Joaquin Miller Park's Sausal Creek as one of the most unique urban creeks in California. He reported that the watershed encompasses approximately 2600 acres and in length and runs approximately 3 miles from the top of the Oakland hills down to the estuary. He explained that from a scientific point of view, Sausal Creek is unique because of the rare plants and animals that persist there after so many years of urbanization and alteration.

He described the relationship between the surrounding wetlands and Sausal Creek, and the dangers posed to the ecosystem due to activities in the park prior to the pandemic, but which have increased due to the upswing in park usage since the on-set of COVID-19. Mr. Vendlinski also described some of the rare species of plants found in the 3 areas of Joaquin Miller Park targeted for the proposed split-rail fencing project including (A) Fern Ravine - wetlands, (B) Chabot Pallid Manzanita – rare Manzanita species (C) Rare Plants on Serpentine Soils – Tiburon buckwheat and the Oakland star tulip.

He explained that these areas were damaged by extreme uses of the trail system including hiking, dog walking and most especially mountain biking. Mr. Vendlinski asserted that Joaquin Miller Park has become a de facto mountain bike facility due to the unregulated activity. He cited tremendous damage to the existing trail network and attributed that damage to the biking activities. The Commission was informed that new trails were being cut into the park without planning or permission. Mr. Vendlinski reported that these activities are tearing into the fragile habitat of the park. These combined activities including the addition of the long drought, climate change and die off of trees are contributing to the loss of the parks topsoil. Overtime the continued loss of topsoil will include the loss plants, shrubs and trout.

Public Comments: There were 5 speakers.

## COMMISSION COMMENTS:

The Commission learned that the FOSC proposed to build split rail fencing in the three priority Park areas at a cost of \$19,000.00 for materials only. Volunteers will provide the labor needed for the installation. Funds for the project were generated by the FOSC and partnering organizations.

**Motion:** Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to recommend approval of the request submitted by the Friends of Sausal Creek for split rail fencing within three of Joaquin Millers Park's most ecologically valuable and vulnerable natural areas identified above in the enclosed map and narrative. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith **Vote:** **7 - Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, D. Smith, K. Smith, and Tran. **1 - Excused:** Commissioner Walton. **Motion:** Pass.

## C. BELLA VISTA SKATE PARK

REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A SAFE, PERMANENT SKATE RAMP AND SKATE OBSTACLES AT BELLA VISTA PARK IN OAKLAND.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission heard the report for item 7C submitted by Myka Hammock from Parks and Recreation on behalf of Sean O'Loughlin from Skate XP.

Sean O'Loughlin is the Founder and Executive Director of Skate XP, a local 501c3 nonprofit promoting skateboarding in the Bay Area by providing more skate places for youth and adults.

Bella Vista Skate Park fell into disrepair and was recently slated for destruction, but the community raised over 10,000 signatures to save it. Three community meetings were held to make plans and determine how to make the park safer and accommodate skateboarding. Participants in the community meetings included Parks and Recreation Director Nicholas Williams, Councilmember Bas' office, Bella Vista Elementary School officials, members from TRYBE, Friends of Bella Vista. Plans were made to remove the broken collection of ramps and replace them with four high quality rampa that would also be safe for the students at Bella Vista School for afterschool programming or other organizations. A boarder would also be installed to help define the skateboard space.

Funds for the project were raised by through the 501c3, the skateboarding community and a generous donation from a neighborhood resident.

Public Comment: There was 1 speaker.



## COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Members were supportive of the project and the skater-culture at Bella Vista Skate Park. They were informed that DeFremery Skate Park is under-resourced and is in need of investment.

Concerned about recent news of the wooden skateboard structure fires at DeFremery, the Commission learned that there would be a Phase 2 Project for Bella Vista Skate Park, presented to the PRAC. The future project would include removal of the wooden structures, approved in this request and replaced with concrete ramps designed to support the Park's landscape.

**Motion:** Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission approve the request from Skate XP to install a safe, permanent, skate ramp and skate obstacles at Bella Vista Park in Oakland. **Moved by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Vote: 7 - Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, D. Smith, K. Smith, and Tran. **1- Excused:** Commissioner Walton. **Motion:** Pass.

## **7D: SPONSHORSHIP**

REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REPORT ON A RESOLUTION TO BE SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO ESTABLISHING AND FORMALIZING A SPONSORSHIP AND RECOGNITION POLICY THAT ENCOURAGES THE GIVING OF PHILANTHROPIC FUNDS TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR OAKLAND'S PARK FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission heard the report for item 7D presented by Ken Lupoff, Policy Analyst for Councilmember Noel Gallo, District 5.

The proposed resolution to accept philanthropic funds was developed in collaboration between Councilmember Gallo, Parks and Recreation Director Williams, Assistant Director Riley, Interim Executive Director of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation Kadera-Redmond, and PRAC Chair Reilly.

Staff reported that OPRYD, already receives philanthropic funds used for capital improvement projects at Oakland Parks and Recreation. These funds are also used to fund youth scholarship programs and Town Camp. The resolution would formalize existing sponsorship activities and recognition policies as well as build reporting procedures. As per the proposed policy, the Parks and Recreations Advisory Commission as well as the City Council would have roles approving park projects.

Staff asserted that this was not a naming rights policy.

If approved, the resolution would move to the Life Enrichment Committee (LEC) then to the full City Council.



At the Chair's request, staff listed important point cited in the resolution:

- Philanthropic funds that are given for projects and programs of the Parks Department are not necessarily keyed in with already existing funds. They can be but is not a requirement.
- Dollar amounts of 250,000 or greater will go through PRAC for consideration and approval.
- Funds may be given directly to the City to be put into a designated fund under the control of the Parks Department or perhaps Public Works but they can also be housed within nonprofits such as the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation and or Eat. Learn. Play., or any other designated 501 c 3.
- There will be no renaming of parks or park fields.
- The resolution gives the Director of OPRYD wide latitude to negotiate the type of recognition that is given and always for a limited duration of time based on the amount of money given. It would not be permanent in any way.

Chair Reilly read an additional passage from the proposed resolution citing its importance:

“...will not be accepted from any philanthropic organization, corporation, or individual whose purpose runs counter to the mission and values of the City of Oakland and the Parks and Recreation and Youth Department.”

Public Comment: There were 3 speakers.

Commission Comments:

The Commission sought clarification on where philanthropic funds would be held and the prioritization of projects and the role of the Foundation.

Staff informed the Commission that the Director of Parks and Recreation would determine the project and with the philanthropic donor's input, they would negotiate how to use those funds and where the funds rest, including any 501c3 whether it is the Parks Foundation, the Steph Curry Foundation - Eat. Learn. Play or another. The Director of Parks and Recreation and the City Administrator would decide what City account philanthropic funds would be held.

Assistant Director Dana Riley offered that the city sets the project prioritization through public intake on capital improvements, thereby going through an equity lens. This process repeats every budget cycle or every two years. The prioritized list of projects are the projects Parks and Recreation would follow unless the donor chooses a specific project.

Director Williams reiterated that philanthropic funds received by the City would be placed into a designated account held by the City Finance Manager and only used for the purpose for which it was received. These funds received by the City will not be placed in a General Fund account. And if preferred, the donor could deposit the funds with a nonprofit organization or their own organization.

The Commission inquired about the evaluation process for affirming the donor organization's purpose does not run counter to the mission and values of the City of Oakland

Director Williams and Council staff informed the body that all proposals and funding opportunities would be heard by the Commission before funding is accepted. The Commission would have the opportunity to weigh in on the donation, the donor organization, and the benefit of the donation to the community. Each report presented to the PRAC would be pre-vetted. PRAC would vote on the item just as for other reports presented for the consideration. Proposals not in alignment with the City's values including advertisement or other actions would not be presented to the Commission.

The proposed resolution would allow Parks and Recreation to engage the private sector and build funding sources to reconstruct park amenities the City has been unable to refurbish for some time.

**Motion:** Commissioner Reilly entertained a motion to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission vote to endorse this resolution and forward it to the City Attorney for review and then to the City Council's Rules Committee for scheduling to the City Council's Public Works Committee and ultimately to the full City Council for ratification. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner Allen. **Vote: 7 - Yes:** Commissioners Allen, Ha, Kos-Read, Reilly, D. Smith, K. Smith, and Tran. **1 – Excused:** Commissioner Walton. **Motion:** Pass.

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

9. MEASURE Q: OVERSIGHT/UPDATES/REPORTS:

- Hiring and expenditures update
- Park facilities presentation
- Budget wrap up

Oakland Public Works Staff:

Brian Carthan: Acting Assistant Director  
Sean Maher: Measure Q Staff Liaison to PRAC  
Derin Minor: Facilities and Services Manager

Brian Carthan and staff from Oakland Public Works provided the Commission a brief update on the department's hiring and expenditures to date related to Measure Q and a Parks facilities presentation.

**Brian Carthan: Hiring Matrix:**

Staff reviewed the hiring matrix and informed the Commission of that monthly hiring continues. While moving forward, the matrix will show fewer numbers because positions are being filled. Assessors are being recruited to support on-going performance examinations. While job announcements for some positions have closed, other announcements were reopened to draw in more candidates. The onboarding process for new hires will begin in August. Interviews are being scheduled for candidates who passed June examinations. Staff discussed the vacancies in each classification including one due to an internal promotion.

### **Derin Minor: Parks Facilities Presentation:**

Shared a PowerPoint overview of the Facility Services Division's (FSD) role breadth of responsibility for City facilities including funding challenges and some other information.

Staff described a wide array of services provided by FSD ranging from parks to facilities. city buildings lighting security, trails, fences, play structures, parking lots and more. The Division responds to planned and unplanned repairs and referenced a deferred maintenance backlog.

FSD staff continued work from the onset of COVID-19 Workplace modifications, building upgrades, enhanced sanitization and variety of other health and safety related measures were made through out city facilities. FSD responded to COVID cases and partnered with city departments on sanitization, space assessments and reopening protocols.

The Building Maintenance Unit will receive 6 new facility maintenance positions provided by Measure Q. However, staff discussed the challenges the Unit faces operating at 50% of its staffing capacity.

The additional of custodial positions provided by Measure Q will support FSD's increased maintenance of park restrooms. Measure Q funds will also be utilized to make renovations and repairs to park facilities.

Staff discussed the Unit's budget challenges and opportunities from FY2017-21.

Chair Reilly requested Brooke Levin Co-Chair of the Yes on Measure Q Committee make comments of the budget process.

### **Brooke Levin: Debrief on Budget Process:**

Public Works is working on its final budget and has not yet received final confirmation. Ms. Levin reported that the mayor's proposed budget was sent to the City Council where the City Council President and several Councilmembers had proposals. City Council President amended her proposal. The list of one-time Measure Q funding fluctuated due to proposal changes. Ms. Levin review the funding levels provided to OPW maintenance crews and projects around Lake Merritt including granite path repairs and a restroom replacement. Other sites and projects mentioned include restoration of fields, permanent litter receptacles for parks, paint abatement projects at Arroyo Viejo, Caldecott, San Antonio, and Bella Vista Parks. Funds allocated for signs in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese was also mentioned.

Ms. Levin informed the Commission that the Measure Q team has made a public records request regarding a provision in the budget funding a 1.2mil CIP at Union Point Park. Ms. Levin relayed that CIPs are not allowable under Measure Q. The Measure Committee is waiting for a determination from the City Attorney's Office.

Public Comments: There were 3 speakers.

Commission Comments:

The Commission requested more trash receptacles be provided throughout the parks including attention to graffiti removal.

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

### Director's Report:

- Director Williams to provide the Commission with department's weekly report.

### Committees:

- Commissioner Allen:
  - Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday with the Measure Q Subcommittee
  - Attended a Lake Merritt Taskforce meeting on 6/30 with Greg Minor, other staff, Jim MacIlvaine, Mr. Copes and Event Coordinator, Aris. Discussed the report with Mr. Copes. Working to hear all viewpoints.
- Commissioner Ha:
  - Tree Committee – OPW will present the Urban Forest Report at the August meeting.
  - OPW is working an outside consultant to start public engagement.
  - Rules Committee met on 6/18 – discussed language in rules and drafted potential changes. Plans to engage the Cultural Affairs Commission.
- Chair Reilly
  - Draft rules will return to the PRAC for review within a few months.

### Recreation Advisory Councils (RAC):

- Commissioner Allen:
  - Mosswood is the only park of the five in her portfolio with a RAC. The RAC is currently on vacation.
  - Met with Ira Jenkins, EOSC and DeFremery and Mosswood on 7/2. All are in Town Camp.
  - Request for repairs at Ira Jenkins
  - Mosswood Park reporting issue with unhoued blocking road off Webster including dumping. Would like to invite member from the Homeless Encampment team to a meeting.
  - DeFremery – Staff wants to reactivate RAC. Discussed needed repairs. Dogs off leash and parking on lawn are issues. Staff concerned about Juneteenth issue at Lake Merritt spilling over to DeFremery Parks. Need to work with Resource Officer and Commission on Homeless. Other issues of concerns at park.
  - Council President Bas and Councilmember Fife will host a town hall in August to address Park Ambassadors.

### Announcements:

- Chair Reilly introduced newly seated Commissioner Daral Smith.
  - Commissioner Smith thanked the Commission and shared that he worked with Parks and Recreation for 12 years and looks forward to giving back to the community.

11. OPEN FORUM CONTINUED:

There were 3 speakers.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 8:54pm

13. *Next Meeting:*

*Wednesday, August 11, 2021*

*Zoom Teleconference*

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams

J. Nicholas Williams

Secretary

/s/ Diane Boyd

Diane Boyd

Acting Recording Secretary