

CITY OF OAKLAND

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order: **4:37 p.m.**

2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore

Present (6): Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Alper, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore

Remote (0):

Excused (0):

Absent (0):

Action: Quorum confirmed.

3. Modification of the Agenda

– **None.**

4. Disposition of Minutes

– Approval of draft minutes from regular meeting on **March 12, 2025.**

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

Moved by: Commissioner Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore

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: 1

Email: 0

Commissioner Henderson joined the meeting at 4:44p.

6. Measure Q Update

- Monthly OPW Informational Report on Measure Q and Performance Measure Updates.
 - No report.

6A. PRAC Discussion and formation of Measure Q Ad-Hoc Committee.

- To be active until September 30, 2025.
- To meet 1 – 2 times per month.
- Vice Chair Omolo to Chair the committee.
- Members to include: Vice Chair Omolo and Commissioners Cervantes, Tran, and Watkins

Public Comment

In-Person: 1

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion for the formation of PRAC's Measure Q Ad-Hoc Committee.

Moved by: Vice Chair Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Kos-Read

Vote: Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

7. New Business

7A. Informational report for the installation of fitness equipment along the Courtland Creek Park trail.

- Staff to return at later date with project manager.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion to reject the informational report.

Moved by: Commissioner Kos-Read

Seconded by: Commissioner Tran

Vote: Yes (10) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Kos-Read, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins, Whitmore
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

Commissioner Kos-Read left the meeting at 5:13p.

- 7B. Request approval for Crisis Support Services to collect donations from supporters at their 5k Healing Hearts Walk/Run for Suicide Prevention to be held at Lakeside Park (bandstand) on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 7:00am -1:00pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 1

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion approve the request.

Moved by: Commissioner Tran

Seconded by: Commissioner Thomas

Vote: Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran,
Watkins, Whitmore
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7C. Request approval for Oakland Rebels Youth Basketball Club to collect onsite donations, ticket sales at door, sales of beverages (alcohol and non-alcohol), raffle tickets and host silent and live auction at their Crab Feed Fundraiser to be hosted at Lakeside Park Garden Center on Sunday, April 27, 2025, from 4:00pm-9:00pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion approve the request.

Moved by: Commissioner Tran

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran,
Watkins, Whitmore
No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7D. Request approval for False Profit, Inc to collect cash donations onsite at their Spring Training Music Event hosted at Joaquin Miller Park (Baywood, Fernwood and Pinewood picnic sites) on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 10:00am – 7:00pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion approve the request.

Moved by: Commissioner Henderson

Seconded by: Commissioner Watkins

Vote: Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran,
Watkins, Whitmore

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7E. Request approval for Keep Oakland Beautiful to host a silent auction at their fundraising event to be hosted at Lakeside Park Garden Center on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion approve the request.

Moved by: Commissioner Thomas

Seconded by: Commissioner Henderson

Vote: Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran,
Watkins, Whitmore

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

- 7F. Request approval for Mental Health Association of Alameda County to collect on-site donations, sales of merchandise, food, alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages at the fundraising concert event hosted at Dunsmuir Hellman Historical Estate Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 1:00pm-5:00pm.

Public Comment

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

Motion: Chair Barach entertained a motion approve the request.

Moved by: Commissioner Tran

Seconded by: Commissioner Cervantes

Vote: Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran,
Watkins, Whitmore

No (0)

Action: Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

- **None.**

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

Update from the Director:

The department budget proposal has been submitted and department heads have met with the Finance team. There has been a request for the return of positions that were moved to other departments. The Mayor's Budget is set to come out in May.

In the upcoming year, the department will not be able to support the same programs and services as usual. This fall, Town Afterschool Program (TAP) will be consolidated. Town Camp has been funded through this summer. Feather River Camp has been funded for the first week and an alternative site in Santa Cruz will be visited for the second week.

The department is currently working with Trust for Public Lands (TPL), Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF), and City Administration to become more resourceful outside of and less dependent on the General Purpose Fund. Strategic Planning and Parks Master Plan funding are being discussed with TPL. Starting with a Parks Listening Program with the community to hear their needs, the department intends to look for dedicated sources of funding such as another Measure, increased philanthropy, and grants.

Announcements:

- Vice Chair Omolo: April 22nd is Earth Day. There will be an event hosted at Allendale Park from 10a – 2p.
- Commissioner Henderson: Kingmakers of Oakland Symposium will be Thursday – Saturday and hosting a Student Showcase on Saturday, 10a – 2:30p.
- Chair Barach: Letter has been sent to City Administration on budget-related items. CM Zac Unger voiced his support. The scheduled meeting with City leadership to discuss the definition of a fiscal emergency in March was rescheduled to April 15. Vice Chair Thomas and Chair Barach among other groups like the Library will be in attendance. In this meeting the goal is to set parameters on when and how a fiscal emergency can be invoked in the future.

The unauthorized Joaquin Miller cyclotrack has been approved for dismantle. The work is to be performed in collaboration with volunteers.

Bios and pics of commissioners have been requested to be placed on the PRAC website.

A representative from the Budget Bureau was unavailable to attend this meeting to provide a presentation, however, a written response has been received from the Bureau to PRAC questions submitted about shortfall with minimal explanation. They acknowledged that there was a forecast budget shortfall in Measure Q due to the current shortfall in the General Fund. Efforts to receive a presentation from Budget at PRAC are still underway.

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: **6:05 p.m.**

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

Moved by: Commissioner Omolo

Seconded by: Commissioner Tran

Vote: Yes (9) Alper, Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran,
Watkins, Whitmore

Action: Motion Passed.

Next Regular PRAC Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 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, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jasmine S. Bellow

Executive Assistant to the Director

PRAC Recording Secretary