



MEETING MINUTES
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC)
Wednesday, January 10th, 2023, at 4:30 P.M.
Lakeside Park Garden Center

Meeting Recording Link:

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: 4:30 P.M.

**BARACH, DUHE, HA, KOS-READ, D. SMITH, K. SMITH, TORRES, TRAN, WATKINS,
AND WHITMORE**

Present (8): Chair Tran, Vice Chair Barach, Commissioners Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith,
Torres, Watkins, Whitmore
Excused (1): Commissioner Duhe
Absent (1): Commissioner D. Smith

1. MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA:

2. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

- October 11th, 2023 Draft Meeting Minutes

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the October Meeting Minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Vote:** Yes (7) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

3. OPEN FORUM: There were 0 speakers and 10 public comments received via email.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

4A. **REQUEST FROM CENTER FOR EARLY INTERVENTION ON DEAFNESS (CEID) FOR APPROVAL TO COLLECT ON-SITE REGISTRATION FEES AND THE SALES OF RAFFLE TICKETS AT THEIR ANNUAL WALK-A-THON TO BE HELD AT LAKESIDE PARK (FAIRYLAND AREA) ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024, FROM 8:30AM-2:30PM.**

4B. **REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY FOR APPROVAL TO COLLECT ON-SITE DONATIONS AND PLEDGES**

FOR THEIR ANNUAL WALK MS: OAKLAND 2024 AT LAKESIDE PARK (BANDSTAND) ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024, FROM 6:00AM-1:00PM.

- 4C. **REQUEST APPROVAL TO ALLOW BAY VENTURES LLC. TO COLLECT FUNDS ONSITE THROUGH VENDOR SALES OF FOOD, BEVERAGES, MERCHANDISE AND ARTISAN SALES AT LAKEFEST 5TH ANNIVERSARY 2-DAY EVENT TO BE HELD AT LAKE MERRITT (LAKE MERRITT SAILBOAT HOUSE, LAKESIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER & SAILBOAT HOUSE PARKING LOT) ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024, AND SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024, 11:00AM-7:00PM.**

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the requests. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Vote:** Yes (7) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

5. MEASURE Q OVERSIGHT/AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE:

*Visit Measure Q [website](#) for more information, documents, and reports.

- Informational Report: OPW Monthly Measure Q Report and Performance Measures Update.

Steven Weiss, OPW Measure Q Program Liaison, introduced the item and OPW staff in attendance: Tom Morgan, Agency Administration Manager, Leslie Liew and Cristy Macias, Business Analysts, Keary Brink, Park Supervisor, and Derin Minor, Building Services Manager.

Michael Houston, Acting City Auditor, informed that report on audit of Measure Q was released on 12/21/2023.

Recess taken due to technical difficulties. Commissioner Torres joined the meeting.

Re-Vote taken for Items 2 and 4 for the remote viewing audience. Both items passed unanimously. Returned to Item 5 presentation.

Michael Houston introduced the report and staff from the City Auditor's Office in attendance: Stephanie Noble, Performance Audit Manager, and Daniel Williams, Senior Performance Auditor.

Michael Houston presented:

The four (4) audit objectives of the Measure Q audit were to: determine if revenue spent was in accordance with the Act, determine if revenue was appropriated in accordance with the Act, determine if park conditions have improved because of the Act, and assess the oversight of activities and expenditures under the Act. Since March 2020, the City of

Oakland has collected \$82.5 billion in taxes to fund park maintenance, litter reduction, and homelessness intervention. Revenue review by the City Auditor is required every two years. Findings show a 22% increase in funding for parks, trees, and ballfields with an increase to 134 staffed positions.

Daniel Williams presented:

Measure Q funds were allocated at 64% to park maintenance, 30% to homelessness services, 5% to stormwater quality, and 1% to audit/evaluation. The City underspent the budget by \$14 million for fiscal years 2020 – 2022. COVID presented challenges with hiring new staff for enhanced park services and non-personnel budget suffered from supply chain issues. As a result, Measure Q fund balance was nearly \$22 million by end of fiscal year 2022 – 2023. Although spending for homelessness services went overbudget, carryforwards or unused funds from the previous year, ensured overall spending stayed within.

The budget recommendation made to the Budget Bureau was to implement controls in the reconciliation of revenue and spending at fiscal year-end to mitigate skewed spending data from carryforwards. Decreased funding and complicated reporting due to the fluctuating 55% threshold set for (minimum) maintenance of effort in parks led to a reduction in services fiscal year over year 2019 – 2021. Additional recommendations were made to City Council and the Budget Bureau to set a policy for establishing maintenance of effort thresholds with a simplified reporting structure, to document selected calculation method for data/reporting consistency, and to establish maintenance of effort method prior to developing future special tax program budgets. To avoid underbudgeting for Measure Q administration costs, the recommendation was made to align the budget with the 1.7% collection fee from the county.

Stephanie Noble presented:

Additional findings show there is a need for more performance data to evaluate effectiveness of Measure Q funds compared to objectives. Outcome measures to show an improvement against a baseline need to be better developed to reflect change over time. In neighboring cities, park conditions drive equity decision-making.

Thus, the performance management recommendations made to the City Administrator's Office, Public Works, and Human Services were to set a measurable baseline for park conditions and numbers of unhoused in and around City parks, to identify baseline performance based on special tax program objectives and report outcomes periodically to City Council. Additional recommendations made to Public Works were to develop park condition standards for the City, to schedule maintenance around them, to implement an annual assessment with report to the PRAC along with assigned staff to report on the

progress of stormwater quality projects. Additional recommendations made to Human Services and the City Administrator's Homeless Division were to develop performance measures aimed at the reduction in the number of unhoused in or around parks and report to the Commission on Homelessness. The additional recommendation made to the City Administrator's Office was for periodic evaluation and reports on special tax program performance compared to baselines and objectives for transparency and public accountability.

Findings also show that the City needs to strengthen its oversight and reporting of Measure Q. The PRAC discussed expenditures and performance at 18 meetings between October 2020 – June 2022 while the Commission on Homelessness only discussed the Act in 3 meetings. The annual financial audit is optional and, although the City budgeted \$100K over fiscal years 2020 – 2022, no financial audit has taken place.

For oversight of homelessness efforts, the recommendations made to the City Administrator's Office and the Commission on Homelessness (COH) were to provide regular operational and expenditure reports to the COH where Measure Q will be discussed as a regular agenda item, for the COH to publish an annual report that includes a section on Measure Q. Additional recommendations were made to the City and the City Administrator's Office to spend the budget allocation for an annual audit of Measure Q funds, and to initiate a best practice policy requiring annual reports on future special tax program revenue, expenditure, and project status.

Public Comment: There was 1 speaker.

Commissioner Torres stated disappointment with the lack of clarity in reporting and the establishment of a baseline/plan to achieve objectives over the past 3 years. Repeated requests for park condition assessments, pictures, and plan development have been made by the PRAC. She added that it would be helpful to have a plan from the findings and assessment on parks and bathrooms with visuals, and requested improvements on the visuals of data collected and reported to clarify what the data is trying to convey. She also requested the plan for hiring.

Michael advised that the City Auditor's Office cannot speak to the City Administrator's plans, however, they look forward to their response and will have an implementation plan thereafter.

Commissioner Watkins stated that he assisted with the creation of the metrics shown as examples from San Francisco and advised that it simply took the establishment of

standards and the follow through of staff doing the work to input the data. Supervisors would go out quarterly, evaluate the whole system, and assess/establish the numbers.

Commissioner Ha asked for clarity around underspending and carryforwards. What category of spending does enhanced park services account for: maintenance or labor hours?

Michael advised it is staff hours and related to the inability to fill positions.

Commissioner Ha acknowledged the report's allocation of spending on homelessness and how such issues also occupy the parks. She asked what is the spending for homelessness. Perhaps, collaboration between PRAC and COH could help better define spending needs.

Michael asserted most spending is for contracts with social service providers as opposed to City staff.

Commissioner Ha also pointed out that the findings helped to uncover the challenges with data collection and outcomes. The Foundation and others have done Oakland park assessments. Perhaps, such data simply needs to be mined to provide a more comprehensive picture of outcomes.

Vice Chair Barach appreciated the focus on outcomes in the audit as the Measure Q data received has been unclear and inaccurate due to a host of issues, but the bottom line is whether the parks are clean not how many times a day we clean them. He asked since the PRAC has struggled as an oversight group to get the information it needs how could it be more effective in its oversight capacity.

Michael advised recommendations were to improve reporting metrics/data and suggested more questions around the metrics and findings.

Commissioner Whitmore agreed with the need to establish a baseline and status assessments but asked about the process for upcoming measurements and who would be involved.

Michael informed that is something the Administration would determine. In general, what is important to measure has to be defined to determine what to measure.

Commissioner Watkins asked why not use metrics that have already been defined like in SF.

Michael agreed that SF's reporting has been super objective and the parks department all worked within the same framework for assessing conditions.

Commissioner Kos-Read assessed the audit was good news in some ways as it is the first in 4 years although it was to happen every two, probably due to same underlying causes for the underspending of Measure Q funds during the pandemic. The PRAC ultimately came to the same conclusions as the audit findings in each of its discussions on Measure Q. He asked what's the City Administrator's timeline for response.

Michael informed there is no statutory timeline for response; however, the City Auditor's policy that will be indemnified as an administrative instruction by City Administration. Audits are participatory so nothing is sprung upon City Administration. A draft report was issued for review and they were provided 2 weeks for a response.

Commissioner Kos-Read asked since there is no leader for the parks and rec, who is reporting on what is happening in the parks, is it Public Works.

Michael informed the maintenance functions are provided by Public Works, so they are reporting.

Commissioner Kos-Read asserted that spending on homelessness services is not aligning with park maintenance needs which could lead to spending more or twice for the same issue if unaddressed. He called for more leadership, management, training and execution, and requested updates on the implementation of the new IT platform as it will be instrumental in forming baselines.

Steven advised that OPW has improved its data collection, but in the new platform will establish a mechanism to track and observe impacts to park assets by the unhoused via work orders (City Works). This information can be queried regularly to see where impacts occur most frequently in conjunction with Human Services and the Encampment Management team. In addition, Public Works will collaborate with OPRYD to work with a third-party consultant to do a parks assessment study and determine baselines this summer. This will be an annual assessment with a report to PRAC.

Commissioner Kos-Read added that in addition to the baseline assessments and new reporting, context needs to be provided with the numbers (e.g., park acreage with respect to labor hours reported, etc.) for proper evaluation. He questioned some of the data from 2023 based on the data breach and park closures.

Steve advised that the technology and staff learning are improving, nonetheless, more information is being put into the system.

Chair Tran ended the discussion and requested further commissioner questions be emailed to her.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6A. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF ART WORKS AT PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK.**

Felicia Gotthelf, OPRYD Management Assistant, introduced the request and speaker, Holly Alonso, Executive Director of Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park. Holly presented that the group seeks to decolonize the park through the installation of art that makes visible the Native American history of the site. The Peraltas were there 40 years, but the Native Americans were there more than 4000 years. Fruitvale has a huge, diverse indigenous identity and community. When brought together and asked what they would like, they shared the desire to be seen, for their arts and culture to be visible, and language acknowledged. The art installation will be comprised of two elements: Ohlone word sculpture for Sun, Moon, and Water, and a series of signs with illustrations. This is fully funded. The Friends group will maintain the works.

Public Comment: There were 0 speakers.

Commissioner Kos-Read advised the group to consider how to make the sculptures interactive and engaging to those living near the park.

Commissioner Barach pointed out that the structure appears to be something children may want to climb on which is not its intent.

Holly clarified that the structure would be seasonally woven and replenished to make it an art project to the community of traditional artists. Though it will be meant for minimal interactivity like being touched, Holly will need to follow up with the designer for more detail.

Commissioner Torres asked about signage and translations.

Holly confirmed there will be signs in the Ohlone language, Spanish, and English. She also advised of the inclusive nature of the word sculpture as the words come from Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise".

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Torres. **Vote:** Yes (8) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Torres, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

6B. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE A GIFT-IN-PLACE DONATION IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,750.00 FROM THE FRIENDS OF JOAQUIN MILLER (FOJMP) AND TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT OF ENTRY CONTRACT WITH ARTISTS TO PAINT MURAL ART ON EXTERIOR WALLS OF TWO BATHROOMS AT JOAQUIN MILLER PARK.**

Quincy Williams, OPRYD Assistant Capital Improvement Projects Coordinator, presented the request and introduced representative Julie Mills of the FOJMP. The murals will appear at the Cascade and Redwood Glen to beautify the spaces by two artists. No fiscal impact to the City. It will incorporate Native American art and history of the land.

Public Comment: There was 1 speaker.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Vote:** Yes (8) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Torres, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

6C. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE A GIFT-IN-PLACE DONATION IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 FROM THE DIMOND IMPROVEMT ASSOCIATION (DIA)AND TO ENTER \$1 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SELECTED VENDOR TO INSTALL A METAL AND CONCRETE PIECE OF ART IN THE FORM OF AN ELLIPTICAL AT THE DIMOND GATEWAY GARDEN.**

Quincy Williams, OPRYD Assistant Capital Improvement Projects Coordinator, introduced the request and speaker, Andrea Bacigalupo (artist). There will be no fiscal impact to the City. Andrea is an Oakland resident that lives and works in the area. There is a lot of transit nearby and patrons tend to sit on the benches. The art piece has been specifically engineered for that space.

Public Comment: There were 0 speakers.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Vice Chair Barach. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Vote:** Yes (8) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Torres, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

6I. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE OAKLAND BALLER'S (OAKLAND B'S) TO COLLECT GATE FEES, TEAM MERCHANDISE FOOD, AND**

BERVERAGES AT RAIMONDI BASEBALL FIELD.

Frederick Morris III, OPRYD Sports Unit, introduced the request. Oakland Ballers, an adult pro-baseball group would like to utilize the Raimondi baseball field. Paul Freedman, co-founder, presented. Sports bring diverse communities together. In Oakland, baseball has brought communities together more than any other and the Oakland B's were founded to ensure this rich history continues. Raimondi field is also entrenched in this history as well, being a home field for pro-players growing up. Activating this field for use will also provide players at tournaments and clinics the opportunity to earn stats for recruitment by colleges and pro-teams.

Public Comment: There were 2 speakers.

Commissioner Barach had questions on logistics.

Frederick advised that they have engaged community members, warehouse owners, train station, and AC Transit. The goal is to have patrons ride BART to Oakland and have AC Transit shuttle service to the field. Mike Ford, Department of Transportation Project Manager, offered some suggestions. Managing traffic in and out of field is being considered along with security and parking enforcement. Desire to bring 1,000 – 1,500 seats to stadium. Porto potties will be installed, and ticket prices set.

Commissioner Barach asked about time of day for games.

Frederick advised that there will be night games, however, other teams also use the field: youth football/cheer East Bay Warriors, McClymonds High School, and a pro-soccer team. The high school and OUSD have agreed to change the baseball playoff schedule from evening to early afternoons.

Commissioner Barach asked about neighbors, traffic, and noise considerations.

Frederick explained that currently the park is experiencing some traffic congestion with existing use. Thus, the ongoing work of mitigating this concern through discussions on the use of the train station for overflow parking and AC Transit partnership.

Paul added that in a recent community engagement meeting of about 50 participants, all were in favor of activating the park.

Commissioner Ha expressed enthusiasm for the proposal and asked for the timeline and duration of request.

Frederick informed there are 48 dates requested for Oakland B's field use.

Paul added that the request is for just one season at this time.

Commissioner Kos-Read noted that although the request was on the agenda, it was not

included in the packet.

Commissioner Torres requested the consideration of data/metrics around equity of access to the park, especially in the summer.

Commissioner Kos-Read asserted considering the massive public support for the proposal, if there is neither opposition to the item nor legal constraints on taking a vote, he was willing to move forward and approve the request.

Commissioners agreed to move onto the next agenda item while staff confirmed whether action could be taken on this item.

6D. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH TRYBE, INC., A CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AT A BELOW MARKET RATE.**

Cinthya Munoz Ramos from Office of CM Bas presented the request. The below-market-rate value requested at \$0 from March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025. Goal is to create a safe, accessible community center in the park. The park and center have been underutilized for multiple marginalized communities. This will provide resources and programming to an underserved/-invested area for elders/seniors, youth, immigrants and refugees, local religious institutions, businesses/merchants, among others. Community survey showed desire for various types of programming and services from fitness and musical performances to community meetings. In 2021, arson damaged about 30% of the building and has remained. Community engagement from 8 organizations reached thousands of community members. Trybe would manage the administration of services/programming and the center over the year lease. This model has been going successfully for the past 4 months.

Public Comment: There were 2 speakers.

Commissioner K. Smith shared his experience working with Trybe and the community work.

Commissioners Torres, Ha, and Kos-Read shared enthusiasm for the proposal.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Vote:** Yes (8) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Torres, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

6I. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE OAKLAND BALLER'S (OAKLAND**

B'S) TO COLLECT GATE FEES, TEAM MERCHANDISE FOOD, AND BEVERAGES AT RAIMONDI BASEBALL FIELD.

Commissioners revisited item to review the full report and take a vote.

Commissioner Kos-Read asked about the number of consecutive days of gameplay.

Frederick clarified that some gamedays will be consecutive while others will not, similar to the schedule of the Golden State Warriors or Oakland A's.

Paul added there will be no games on Mondays.

Commissioner Barach asked if the organization was for-profit and if the field would be accessible on the organization's off days.

Paul advised that it is a for-profit organization.

Frederick confirmed access to the field as it is and will continue to be a shared space.

Chair Tran asked what portion of fee of \$18K will go towards the City.

Frederick advised it is a requisite for field rental from the Master Fee Schedule that will go into the General Fund. He informed that the organization is following the traditional rental process for this season in hopes of building a partnership in the future.

Commissioner Barach voiced concerns with community engagement.

Frederick assured community members engaged were from the Raimondi community committee and several other meetings have been held by other City staff.

CM Fife advised that community engagement will continue though many, including those in a nearby apartment building, have been touched and are in support of the effort as the area was previously home to a large encampment. The activation of the park will help to further improve the revitalization of the community. At this time, the only foreseeable concern is traffic, which is being addressed in ongoing discussions.

Commissioner Torres requested, with the ongoing engagement, that concerns/complaints with traffic or noise voiced by the community and the resolution be brought to the commission so that they can be addressed with the public at large to assist with moving the project along.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Ha. **Vote:** Yes (8) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Torres, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

6E. **RECEIVE AN ORAL REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK TO FURTHER INFORM AND INCREASE BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBER'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE TIMELY FILING OF ALL STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS STATEMENTS ALSO KNOWN AS FORM 700.**

Britney Davis, Assistant City Clerk, introduced the request and Krystal Sams, Legislative Recorder, Office of the City Clerk. Oath of Office is the first responsibility of commissioners, administered by Office of the City Clerk, and required before commissioners may participate in a meeting. Form 700 account is created during this appointment.

Cover page is always required, even when there is nothing to disclose. Form 700 is also known as the Statement of Economic Interests. It must be filed within 30 days of assuming office, annually by April 1st or the following Monday, within 30 days of separation, and immediately if there are any amendments. File form 700 via Netfile online and provide a hardcopy with wet signature to the Office of the City Clerk. No copies are allowed. Late statements are fined \$10/day up to \$100. Failure to file can result in a referral to the California Fair Political Practices Commission, additional fines, prosecution, and cause for removal.

Britney Davis advised the following Commissioners are not in compliance: Torres for years 2022 - 2023, D. Smith for 2023, and Watkins contact Office of City Clerk.

Public Comment: There were 0 speakers.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner Ha. **Vote:** Yes (8) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Torres, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

Commissioner Torres left the meeting.

6F. **REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE SEQUOIA ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (SPTO) PERMISSION TO COLLECT ONSITE DONATIONS, TICKET SALES AT DOOR AND HOST A SILENT/LIVE AUCTION FUNDRAISER AT LAKE MERRITT SAILBOAT HOUSE ON SATURDAY MARCH 02, 2024, FROM 1:00PM-10:00PM.**

Alan Phan, OPRYD Public Service Representative, introduced the request and speaker, Jon Guiliano, Co-Fundraising Chair of the SPTO. Jon informed that OUSD does not provide enough funds for programs so fundraising is needed throughout the year. This will be the first fundraiser since Covid with an anticipated headcount of 100 – 120 people

for the crab feed. The goal is to make this an annual event and tradition for SPTO.

Public Comment: There were 0 speakers.

Chair Tran asked about ticket prices.

Jon advised tickets will be \$60, some will be raffled to the community and some spaces held for volunteers. The goal is to fund the Sequoia Fund which has earmarked measures for the Oakland Equity Fund (goes to schools without PTAs/PTOs/fundraising capacities). The goal is to provide 7 schools over the next 3 years \$25K – 40K each year.

Commissioner Kos-Read advised to be mindful of sound levels after 9pm as they can be heard across the lake.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Vote:** Yes (7) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

6G. **REQUEST APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES TO COLLECT ONSITE REGISTRATIONS AND DONATIONS FROM SUPPORTERS AT THEIR 5K HEALING HEARTS WALK/RUN FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION TO BE HELD AT LAKESIDE PARK (BANDSTAND) ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024, FROM 7:00AM -1:00PM.**

Tanya Nicholson, OPRYD Public Service Representative, introduced the request and speaker Rich Gelber, Development Coordinator for Crisis Support Services in Alameda County. The event last took place in 2019 and each year for 8 years prior. This is the major fundraising event for the year to support crisis support services. The event is free and has a recommended donation. This year there will be other movement activities such as Tai Chi.

Public Comment: There were 0 speakers.

Commissioner Kos-Read offered to provide dance group contacts for the event.

Commissioner K. Smith acknowledged the important work of crisis support.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner K. Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Watkins. **Vote:** Yes (7) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

6H. **REQUEST FROM THE LOWER GRAND RADIO FOR APPROVAL TO COLLECT ON-SITE DOOR DONATIONS, VENDOR FEES, VENDOR**

SELLS OF WARES, NON-ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AT THE ONE-DAY CRAFT AND MAKER FAIR TO BE HELD AT LAKESIDE PARK GARDEN CENTER ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024, 9:00AM-6:00PM.

Tanya Nicholson, OPRYD Public Service Representative, introduced the request and speaker, Alex Shen, Founder and Station Manager of Lower Grand Radio. Alex informed that he started the internet radio station 10 years ago in his garage. Since then programming has grown to 115 monthly shows and a studio on 41st & Broadway. The objective is to give a platform and elevate aspiring DJs and music enthusiasts, and to provide a space where they can hone their craft. This event will be a fundraiser. Many of the station's DJs and musicians in the community are also artists, so this will be a way to showcase the station and artist work. The event will be free with donations recommended.

Public Comment: There were 0 speakers.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Vice Chair Barach. **Second by:** Commissioner Ha. **Vote:** Yes (7) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

7. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

7A. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR COURTLAND CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT AT COURTLAND CREEK PARK.**

Quincy Williams, OPRYD Assistant Capital Improvement Coordinator, introduced the request and speaker, Jennifer Stern of OPW Watersheds. Park is located near Brookdale and High Street. Informational report was brought to PRAC in January 2023. Requesting recommendation for approval of the permit. Creek restoration has been completed. Next phase is the park improvement including seating, signage, fencing, trash receptacles and picnic tables. The extensive community engagement has brought suggestions and support for the project.

Public Comment: There was 1 speaker.

Commissioner Ha requested information regarding the stewardship of the creek and park.

Jennifer informed the Friends of Courtland Creek has been reinvigorated because of the project and were the group that created the park that worked 10 years to get it. Some of the original members are still involved. The group has monthly meetings and are codeveloping a stewardship guide with OPW for the community.

Chair Tran requested clarification on the Conditional Use Permit approval process.

Quincy advised that part of the process for projects in open spaces requires PRAC recommendation. Zoning makes the final decision, nonetheless, the whole community has investment in these areas. Thus, it is customary to get the PRAC recommendation as an additional level of feedback before a final decision is made.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha. **Second by:** Commissioner Watkins. **Vote:** Yes (7) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

7B. **REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC) TO SUPPORT A MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE SOBRANTE PARK RENOVATION PROJECT.**

Tess Kavanaugh, OPW Project Manager for Sobrante Park Renovation Project, introduced Don Kim, Project Architect of Dialog Design, and presented the request. This will assist with acquiring the building permit and the construction phase. The project is a partnership between the City of Oakland and Sobrante Park community groups. Working with a local landscape architect they developed a plan for improvements and teamed up with OPW to submit a grant and received \$2.6MIL from the State. In addition, the remainder of Measure U funds were added to fund a total project budget of \$5MIL with construction totaling \$3.5MIL. The goal is to reactivate the park provide safe and engaging play/exercise opportunities, space to experience nature and support mental health, and dedicated space for community members to gather with the new community building.

Public Comment: There were 0 speakers.

Commissioner Ha asked about park hours and relationship with schools, and the modular structure's use.

Tess advised the City has an agreement with OUSD regarding the lease of the property, maintenance, and operation of the park. It will be fenced and open from dawn to dusk. Working with OPRYD and community groups to develop programming for the space. Various community groups are interested in using the space. OPW will provide park access and OPRYD will drive programming.

Commissioner Kos-Read advised of other charter schools that might support partnerships as one listed in the report no longer exists. He also raised concern around the lack of community represented in the meeting or letter of support in the report.

Tess clarified that it was simply an oversight on her part on getting that letter. Sylvia Brooks, President of Sobrante Park Resident Action Council, was to attend this meeting but had a scheduling conflict. However, a letter from her can be provided at a later date. Since approval is likely assumed, the community is more focused on getting the project completed and open as soon as possible.

Motion: Chair Tran entertained a motion to approve the request. **Moved by:** Commissioner Watkins. **Second by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Vote:** Yes (7) Tran, Barach, Ha, Kos-Read, K. Smith, Watkins, Whitmore. **Abstain:** (0). **Motion:** Passed.

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

Director's Report:

- No updates.

PRAC Committees:

- No updates.

Chair Tran shared that Vice Chair Barach and she met with City Administrator Jestin Johnson to discuss the merger. They agreed to include Vice Chair Barach as a part of that process. Will provide updates as they develop.

Recreation Advisory Councils (RACs):

- Commissioner Ha advised she will work with Chair offline to draft letter in support of volunteer efforts to plant trees for a memorial grove at San Antonio Park to be on upcoming agenda.

Announcements:

- February will be Commissioner Ha's last meeting with PRAC as she will be terming out.
- Mother of the Year nominations are open until 4pm on March 15th.

9. OPEN FORUM: There were 0 speakers.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 8:29 p.m.

*Visit [PRAC Website](#) for more information, documents, and reports.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, at 4:30 pm

Lakeside Park Garden Center

666 Bellevue Avenue

Oakland, CA 94612

Via Zoom

(For observation purposes only.)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jasmine S. Bellow
Executive Assistant to the Director
Recording Secretary