

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission



### DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue

#### Agenda Items

1. Call to Order: **4:44 p.m.**

2. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

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

**Present (7):** Chair Barach, Vice Chair Omolo, Commissioners Cervantes, Henderson, Thomas, Tran, and Watkins

**Remote (0):**

**Excused (0):** Commissioner Alper

**Absent (0):** Commissioners Kos-Read and Whitmore

**Action:** Quorum confirmed.

3. Modification of the Agenda

– **Items 7D and 7E will be heard before Item 6.**

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to approve the modifications.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

4. Disposition of Minutes

– Approval of draft minutes from regular meeting on **April 9, 2025.**

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

**Moved by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Tran

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
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:** 0

**Email:** 1

7. New Business

7D. Verbal Informational Report on Town Nights 2025 from the Deputy City Administrator.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 1

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept and file the report.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Thomas

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

7E. Verbal Informational Report on Juneteenth 2025 from the Deputy City Administrator.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept and file the report.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Tran

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

6. Measure Q Update

- Monthly OPW (Oakland Public Works) Informational Report on Measure Q and Performance Measure Updates.

- Quarter 3 Maintenance Review
- Park Assessments Check In
- Proposed Budget Review

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 1

Remote: 2

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept and file the report.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Seconded by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

7. New Business (continued)

- 7A. Request for Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve Ambra Jackson as Jackson LLC and Collective Culture Training request for vendor sales of merchandise at their Pretty with A Purpose Women's Empowerment Brunch to be held at Sequoia Lodge on June 22, 2025, 2:00pm-5:30pm.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept the request.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Tran

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

- 7B. Request for Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to approve a gift-in-place donation in the amount not to exceed \$11,637.33 from the Friends of San Antonio Park (FOSAP) and to enter into a right of entry contract with FOSAP for the installation of a Memorial Tree Grove at San Antonio Park.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept the request.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Thomas

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

- 7C. Request for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) to review and approve a gift-in-place donation not to exceed \$49,500 for the installation of a mural on a wall located in Courtland Creek Park.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to accept the request.

**Moved by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Tran

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

- 7F. PRAC Discussion on Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD) FY 2025-2027 Budget Priorities.

- Chair requested input from the PRAC on draft Budget Priority letter regarding Measure Q and OPRYD.
- Letter intended for City Mayor, Administration, Council Members, and Auditor.
- Final letter will be included as an informational item on the June PRAC Agenda.
- OPRYD Director advised the following:
  1. Goals
    - To bring parks maintenance positions housed in OPW back to OPRYD for Measure Q funding accountability purposes.
    - To rally support around future ballot measure for dedicated park funding in the next 3-5 years to reduce dependence on General Fund.
  2. Changes to Funding Allocations
    - Line items like security and pool supplies, among others, that were previously funded by other departments have now become OPRYD's budget responsibility.
- Details of the newly proposed budget for OPRYD to the PRAC is forthcoming.

**Public Comment**

In-Person: 0

Remote: 0

Email: 0

**Motion:** Chair Barach entertained a motion to finalize draft Budget Priority letter with Vice Chair Omolo and send on behalf of the PRAC to City leadership.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Henderson

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Watkins

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

8. Planning and Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

– **None.**

9. Update from the Director, Committees, and Announcements

**Announcements:**

– Chair Barach: Former Commissioner Cameron Snyder has stepped down and is no longer serving on the PRAC. Due to the mayoral transition, there will be a delay in filling that Seat.

Both the Chair and Vice Chair will not be present at the July meeting. A Pro Tem (interim Chair for the meeting) will be nominated and voted upon at the June meeting.

– Staff, OPRYD Assistant Capital Improvement Project Coordinator: OPRYD is partnering with the Valkyries and has received a number of basketball nets with installation by OPW currently underway on indoor and outdoor courts.

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: **7:30 p.m.**

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

**Moved by:** Vice Chair Omolo

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Thomas

**Vote:** Yes (7) Barach, Cervantes, Henderson, Omolo, Thomas, Tran, Watkins  
No (0)

**Action:** Motion Passed.

**Next Regular PRAC Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jasmine" being more prominent than the last name "Bellow".

Jasmine S. Bellow

Executive Assistant to the Director

PRAC Recording Secretary

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