



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - PRAC**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 4:30PM**

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

**Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:37PM

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Present: 9 - Aikens, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Norman, Reilly, Smith and Wolfson

Excused: 1 - Cole

Absent: 1 - Torres

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:

February 13, 2019

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval the February 13, 2019 meeting minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Second by:** Commissioner Norman. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 6 Aikens, Corbin, Howze, Moore, Norman, Reilly

Abstained: 3 Ha, Smith and Wolfson

Excused: 1 Cole

Absent: 1 Torres

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Recognized departure of Commissioner Mandolin Kadera-Redmond
- Official welcome and onboarding of Commissioner Kenzie Smith
- Moved Item 7F below Item 7C

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to modify the agenda as written. **Moved by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Second by:** Commissioner Norman. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Norman, Reilly, Smith and Wolfson

Excused: 1 Cole

Absent: 1 Torres

5. OPEN FORUM:

None

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request Approval To Allow The Hemophilia Foundation Of Northern California Permission To Collect Onsite Donations And Pledges From Sponsors And Supporters At The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hemophilia Walk To Be Held At The Lakeside Park (Pergola) On Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12:00pm – 4:00pm (Setup) and Sunday, May 19, 2019, 8:00am -1:00pm

B. Request Approval To Allow Factory Farming Awareness Coalition (Ffac) That Was Previously Fiscal Sponsored By Vegan Outreach To Collect Onsite Funds Through Mobile Food Truck Vending, Local Vendor’s And Non-Profits Selling Goods And Collection Of Donations At The 4th Annual Oakland Vegan Food Festival; To Be Held At The Lake Merritt Boulevard Amphitheatre, Saturday, May 18, 2019, 11:00am-5:00pm.

C. Request Approval To Allow The Oakland Running Festival Permission To Serve And Sell Alcoholic Beverages, Food And Accept Donations On-Site At The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Oakland Running Festival Marathon At Eastshore Park On Sunday, March 24, 2019, From 7:00am-3:00pm.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommendation approval of Consent New Business items 6A-6C. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Second by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Corbin, Howze, Ha, Moore, Norman, Reilly, Smith and Wolfson  
Excused: 1 Cole  
Abstained: 1 Torres

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request Approval From The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow The Friends Of Ruwenzori Foundation To Sell Entry Tickets, Merchandise, And Host A Live Auction And Cash Bar At Their Ugandan Green And Yellow Fundraiser At The Lakeside Park And Garden Center On Saturday October 5, 2019, From 2:00PM -10:00PM.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report prepared by Zermaine Thomas and presented by Desmona Armstrong from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

The Friends of Ruwenzori Foundation requested permission to sell tickets and merchandise and host a live auction and cash bar at their Ugandan Green and Yellow Fundraiser at the Lakeside Park and Garden Center on Saturday, October 5, 2019. All proceeds from the event will be earmarked to support hospitals, clinics, vulnerable children's services, vocational schools, as well as health and insurance programs for the people of Ruwenzori, Uganda.

Approval from the PRAC is required per O.M.C. Section 12.64.080.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for the Friends of Ruwenzori Foundation to sell tickets, merchandise and to host a live auction and cash bar at the Ugandan Green and Yellow fundraiser at Lakeside Park and Garden Center on Saturday, October 5, 2019. **Moved by:** Commissioner Smith. **Second by:** Commissioner Howze. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Corbin, Howze, Ha, Moore, Norman, Reilly, Smith and Wolfson  
Excused: 1 Cole  
Abstained: 1 Torres

**B. Request Approval From The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow Sol Sisters, Inc. To Sell Entry Tickets, Merchandise, And To Collect Donations At Their Share The Health Wellness Event At The Lake Merritt Blvd. Amphitheatre, On Saturday, June 15, 2019 From 9:00PM -1:00PM.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report prepared by Zermaine Thomas and presented by Desmona Armstrong from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

Share the Health Wellness is a diverse and inclusive event which primarily focuses on the physical fitness and nutritional health of women. Patrons will be encouraged to participate in a diversity of activities including yoga, Zumba and traditional dance forms. A kids' zone will also be a featured attraction.

Share the Health Wellness is an event designed for women of all shapes, abilities ages and ethnicity. Everybody will be welcome to attend regardless of gender or ability to pay the \$15.00 entry fee.

Approval from the PRAC is required per O.M.C. Section 12.64.080.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for Sol Sisters Inc. to sell entry tickets, merchandise, and to collect donations at the Share the Health Wellness event at Lake Merritt Blvd. Amphitheatre, on Saturday, June 15 2019. **Moved by:** Commissioner Smith **Second by:** Commissioner Moore. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Corbin, Howze, Ha, Moore, Norman, Reilly, Smith and Wolfson  
Excused: 1 Cole  
Abstained: 1 Torres

**C. Request Approval From The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow Camps In Common To Sell Entry Tickets, Host An Auction And Collect Donations At Their Spring Fundraiser On Saturday, April 13, 2019, From 6:00PM -9:30PM At The Lake Merritt Sailboat House.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report prepared by Zermaine Thomas and presented by Desmona Armstrong from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

Camps in Common is a non-profit organization and operates the Feather River Camp on behalf Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development. The Camp is located in the Pumas National Forrest in Quincy, CA.

The goal of the proposed April event is to raise \$30,000 through advance ticket sales and sponsorships. Day of event auction items, donations and tickets purchases are anticipated to support efforts to provide sufficient revenue which will benefit Oakland youth and families through camperships to Feather River Camp.

Approval from the PRAC is required per O.M.C. Section 12.64.080.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for Camp In Common to sell entry tickets, host a auction and collect donations at their Spring Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, 2019. **Moved by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Second by:** Commissioner Smith. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Corbin, Howze, Ha, Moore, Norman, Reilly, Smith and Wolfson  
Excused: 1 Cole  
Abstained: 1 Torres

**D. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Receive An Informational Report On The Estuary Park Renovation And Expansion Project Design Concept.**

**Note: Project Delivery staff pulled Item 7D.**

**E. Request The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission Review And Provide Comments On The Basketball Court Refurbishment At Oak Park From An Asphalt Court, To A Tile Surface Basketball Court.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report presented by Frederick Morris, III from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

Nancy Lieberman Charities and Sports Court gifted Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development a grant valued at \$35,000 to refurbish the asphalt basketball court at Oak Park located at 3229 Kempton Avenue in Oakland.

Sports Court is known throughout the sports industry for its shock absorbing paving materials now being installed on a variety of athletic playing surfaces including basketball, tennis, pickleball and volleyball.

Oak Park will be included among approximately 68 Dream Courts across the United States sponsored in collaboration between Nancy Lieberman Charities and Sports Court. The Dream Court brand serves as a platform for local youth and police agencies to explore and build positive engagement opportunities.

The Commission reviewed the schematic and proposed design for the project which included a 35' W x 65' L court with a basketball hoop/goal system to be installed at each longest end. The surface will be tiled and scored with regulation lines and dimensions for a mini full court. Center court, the schematic depicted a circle with "Dream Court" and its logo in the middle; "Nancy Lieberman Charities" was inscribed at the bottom inside of the circle. On the perimeter of the circle, "Oakland Police" was inscribed on the top and "Department" was written on the bottom. Four other logos were depicted on the design - top left, "Sports Court"; top right, "Rick Barry" (NBA Hall of Famer); bottom left, "Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development" (OPRYD); bottom right, "Oakland Police Department" (OPD).

The Commission made the following recommendations and comments:

**Recommendations:**

- Remove the OPD logo/shield
- Remove "Nance Lieberman Charities" from center logo and add under/above "Rick Barry: (top right)

- Remove “Oakland Police Department “from perimeter of the center logo and add “Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development in its place, include Rick Barry on bottom inside of circle.
- Keep OPD logo/shield
- Keep Sports Court Logo

**Comments:**

- Concern with logos of businesses or corporations branding city property.
- Some parts of the community may not want to play on courts with the OPD logo represented.
- It is important to continue to build and have relationships with OPD - particularly in the African American community. Must bring the community together.
- Youth need to know how to talk with the police to reduce fear.
- Businesses that partner with and invest in the City want recognition.
- OPD has a history of investing in Oakland’s youth including the sponsorship of camping, field trips, etc.
- Kids will not be concerned about the OPD logo appearing on the court

**Note:**

Commission Reilly requested that the record reflect his preference that the Oakland Police Department’s shield not be included on the finished basketball court at Oak Park.

Project staff will issue an invitation to the Commission for the ribbon cutting and official opening of Oak Park basketball court.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to accept the report and make comments. **Moved by:** Commissioner Aiken. **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson.  
**Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Corbin, Howze, Ha, Moore, Norman, Reilly, Smith and Wolfson  
Excused: 1 Cole  
Abstained: 1 Torres

**F. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Allow The Open Studios Art Collective To Collect Money On Site At Studio One Art Center From 11am To 6pm, On Saturday, June 8, And Sunday, June 9, 2019 During Open Art Studios Season.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report prepared by Karis Griffin and presented by Alethia Walker from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

In partnership with Studio One Art Center, The Open Studios Art Collective representatives requested permission to showcase and sell the art work of 15 – 25 local artists during the annual ‘Open Art Studios’ season. Art pieces will be priced between \$5 and \$500 for purchase.

**Motion:** Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the Open Studio Art Collectives’ request to collect funds for art sold at Studio One Art Center during ‘Open Art Studios’ season from June 8 and 9, 2019. **Moved by:** Commissioner Howze. **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson. **Motion:** Passed.

**Vote:**

Yes: 9 Aikens, Corbin, Howze, Ha, Moore, Norman, Reilly, Smith and Wolfson  
Excused: 1 Cole  
Abstained: 1 Torres

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

9. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Commissioner Howze: Working with Dunsmuir and Malonga to develop their Recreational Advisory Councils (RAC).
- Commissioner Reilly: The Naming Rights Committee hopes to hold a meeting in April. Reported growing interest in developing a RAC at the Rotary Nature Center.
- Chair Corbin: the not meet with the Mosswood RAC in February.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Chair Corbin: Announced that Mosswood Recreation Center staff will hold an Earth Day event and encouraged all PRAC members to participate as possible.
- Commissioner Aiken: Arroyo Recreation Center will host an Earth Day event.

11. DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

1. Oakland Park and Recreation Foundation: Park Maintenance Report Card:
2. Oakland in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Plan for Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development

## **1) Continuing Crisis: The 2018 Report on the State of Maintenance in Oakland Parks**

A Power Point presented by Susan Montauk, OPRF Board of Directors

On October 20, 2018, the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF) along with trained volunteers, conducted a survey of 51 parks known as Community Parks and Neighborhood Parks. The 2017 survey was suspended to consider how to improve both the survey and the report.

In previous years, approximately 130 parks of various sizes and usages were surveyed. The 2018 review, focused on Community and Neighborhood Parks because of similar recreational opportunities.

Teams of 2 to 4 were deployed throughout the city and directed to reach a consensus for rating each survey question. An Overall Rating for each park would be assigned based on a scale from A-F: (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0). The 2018 Park Overall Rating of 2.63 (C to C+) was a slight improvement over the 2016 Rating of 2.55. Park amenities including ball fields and courts, play equipment, park furniture and landscaping and restrooms were considered in the survey. Surveyors found that increasing numbers of homeless encampments discourage families from visiting these parks.

Authors of The Continuing Crisis report charged that years of inadequate funding for programming and maintenance is responsible for the decline in the City's park assets. They asked that the City's leadership:

- Develop new funding sources for maintenance
- Expedite hiring for vacant park and maintenance positions
- Restore park gardener positions
- Hire additional safety personnel
- Work collaboratively with community partners to address homelessness in the parks

The Continuing Crisis report was presented to the Life Enrichment and Oakland Public Works Committees on March 5, 2019.

The Chair requested that the report be presented to the PRAC before City Council or its committees.

**Visit the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation website at <http://www.oaklandparks.org> to view or download the entire Continuing Crisis: The 2018 Report on the State of Maintenance in Oakland Parks.**



2) **Oakland in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Plan for Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (Draft)**

Presented by J. Nicholas Williams, OPRYD Director; Mandolin Kadera-Redmond, member of OPRF Board of Directors; and Heather Kuiper, President of OPRF Board of Directors.

Taking Action – The Strategic Action Parks Coalition including Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development, Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission developed a plan entitled: **Oakland in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A plan for Oakland’s Parks, Recreation and Youth Development.**

While recognizing that all Oaklanders deserve the best parks and recreation programs and services, and interpreting the National Recreation and Park Association’s suggestion that public parks, recreation services and programs, maintenance, safety and accessibility of parks and facilities, should be provided on an equitable basis to all, the coalition determined that the following functions must be fulfilled:

- Provide safe and well- maintained spaces
- Create inclusive and equitable places
- Provide equitable programs and services
- Respect the history and culture of diverse communities
- Promote health and well-being
- Ensure robust, ample and connected ecosystems
- Continuously invest in public assets

Implementation and Process - To meet the seven requirements, the focus will be placed on people, places, programs and leadership. Detailed outcomes will be developed for OPRYD to work toward to support social and environmental justice, foster cultural connection, and meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> Century population growth.

The draft of the report will be updated after review by PRAC, the Department of Race Equity, and other city departments. Following those steps, the process will be shared with the community members asking for their influence on the actual measures.

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

None

13. ADJOURNMENT: 6:47PM

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams

J. Nicholas Williams  
Secretary

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Diane L. Boyd  
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting:**

***Wednesday, April 10, 2019***

***Lakeside Park Garden Center***

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

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