



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - PRAC

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 4:30PM

Lakeside Park Garden Center – 666 Bellevue Avenue

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:40PM

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Present: Commissioners Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Reilly and Wolfson

Arrival: Commissioner Torres (4:45PM)

Excused: Commissioners Aikens and Smith

Staff: Parks and Recreation: Director J. Nicholas Williams, Assistant Director Dana Riley, Diane Boyd and Zermaine Thomson

Planning: Alicia Parker and Joanna Winter

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:

May 8, 2019 Minutes

Note: Commissioners attending and creating the quorum for the May 8, 2019 meeting are no longer seated on the Commission, therefore, the minutes cannot be approved and will stay in draft form.

June 12, 2019 Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to approve the June 12, 2019 meeting minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Cole **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson.

Motion: Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 6 – Cole, Corbin, Moore, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson

Abstained 2 – Ha and Howze

Excused: 2 – Aikens and Smith

July 10, 2019

Note: There was no quorum at the July 10, 2019 meeting, therefore, there were no minutes to approve.

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: Commissioner Corbin modify the agenda and move Open Forum #12 to before Item 8. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Second by:** Commissioner Cole. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 8 – Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson
Excused: 2 – Aikens and Smith

5. OPEN FORUM:

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Request Approval To Allow Youth Speaks To Collect Funds Onsite Through Vendor Sales At Their Life Is Living Community Event At Defremery Park On Saturday, October 12, 2019.**

B. **Request Approval To Allow The Oakland Black Cowboy Association (OBCA) Permission To Collect Funds Onsite Through Vendor Sales At Their 44th Annual Festival And Parade At Defremery Park On Saturday, October 5, 2019.**

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the Consent New Business Items 6A and 6B. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly **Second by:** Commissioner Moore. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 8 – Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson
Excused: 2 – Aikens and Smith

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Provide Comments On Draft Downtown Oakland Specific Plan.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 7A, presented by Strategic Planning Division staff, Alicia Parker and Joanna Winter.

The purpose of the report was to provide an introduction and overview of the Draft downtown Oakland Specific Plan (Draft Plan). The Planning process began in 2015 with the purpose of updating City policies that guide downtown development by considering Oakland's current and projected using and employment needs. The Draft Plan will serve the broad needs of the entire Oakland community including inclusive economic opportunity; anti-displacement measures to help protect residents, businesses and community institutions. The focus of this report is on the

recreation, parks, public space and cultural facilities aspects of the Draft Plan. The Draft Plan includes recommendations for increasing intensity to facilitate the creation of 29,100 housing units and 60,000 jobs, which would create more demand for parks and recreation and other public amenities.

The fiscal impact to the Office of Parks and Recreation for adopting the Downtown Oakland Specific Plan has yet to be determined, however, the Draft Plan recommends several funding sources be developed or revamped to implement the plan related to parks, recreation, cultural facilities and public open space.

Other topics in the overview include Planning Context and Boundary which describes the overall boundaries of the project; Central Ideas which speak to economic opportunity, housing, mobility, culture keeping, community health and land use and urban form; Key Investments and Policies for Public Space and Recreation; General Plan Amendments and Zoning Regulatory Framework and Implementation, Evaluation, Oversight and Accountability.

Commission Comments and Recommendations:

- Cultural retention is key. Develop a process for feedback to identify what is needed to create relevant cultural areas.
- Provide a matrix for suggested programming and maintenance of park spaces.
- Consider shared mobility lanes for bikes, scooters and other non-automobile modes of transportation.
- Develop goals for new bikeways.
- Create more parking structures.
- The City has a policy not to build additional garages. Dense housing development without parking will only work if they do not use cars.
- What is to City's plan to address toxic waste clean-up. Affordable housing should not be built on toxic soil.
- More ADA parking.
- Develop plans for edible gardens
- What measures will be put in place to address climate change – flooding, drying conditions and sea-level elevation. Recommends the City create a citywide plan.
- Create a buffer zone around 880/980 or require buildings to have filtration equipment to provide clean air in homes.

The Commission engaged in a discussion regarding impact fees and suggested that:

- Impact fees be used to create affordable housing downtown
- Impact fees be used to build affordable housing in less dense areas of Oakland

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to accept the staff report and provide comments as requested on the recommendations contained in the Draft Plan to advise development of the Final Downtown Oakland Specific Plan. **Moved by:** Commissioner Reilly **Second by:** Commissioner Ha. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 7 – Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Reilly, Torres
Abstained: 1 – Commissioner Wolfson abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Excused: 2 – Aikens and Smith

B. Request Approval To Allow Bay Ventures LLC. To Collect Funds Onsite Through Vendor Sales Of Food, Beverages And Artisan Merchandise At The Lake Fest Event At Lake Merritt (Lake Merritt Sailboat House & Parking Lot) On Saturday, June 27, 2020 From 11:00am-7:00pm.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 7B, presented by Parks and Recreation staff Zermaine Thomas.

Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development received a collaborative request from Trevelon Adnanadus and Daniel Swafford to allow Bay Ventures LLC, to collect funds and give vendors permission to sell food, beverages, alcohol and merchandise at the free, family friendly Lake Fest event on June 27, 2020 at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House and parking lot.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval for Bay Ventures to collect funds and allow vendors to sell food, beverages, alcohol and merchandise at Lake Fest on Saturday June 27, 2020 at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House and parking lot. **Moved by:** Commissioner Cole **Second by:** Commissioner Moore. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 8 – Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson

Excused: 2 – Aikens and Smith

C. Request From Clausen House For Approval To Collect On-Site Charitable Donations For The Step by Step: Walking To Independence To Be Held At Lakeside Park (Pergola) On Saturday, October 26, 2019, From 8:00AM-3:00PM.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 7C, presented by Parks and Recreation staff Zermaine Thomas.

Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development received a request from the non-profit organization, Clausen House to collect donations at the Step by Step: Walk to Independence event at the Lakeside Park Pergola, on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval to allow Clause House to collect donation at Step by Step at the Lakeside Park Pergola on Saturday, October 26, 2019. **Moved by:** Commissioner Howze **Second by:** Commissioner Reilly. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 8 – Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson
Excused: 2 – Aikens and Smith

D. Request From Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project For Approval To Sell Admission Tickets Food, Drinks, Branded Merchandise, Collect Donations And Host A Silent Auction At Their 2nd Annual Silent Reading Benefit Party Fundraiser At The Lake Merritt Sailboat House On Saturday, November 16, 2019, 3:00PM-10:00PM.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the staff report for Item 7C, presented by Parks and Recreation staff Zermaine Thomas.

Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development received a request from Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project to sell tickets, food, drinks, merchandise, collect donations and host a silent auction at 2nd Annual Silent Reading Benefit Party Fundraiser at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project is a non-profit organization that addresses health inequities and polluted environments in communities of color by teaching youth to grow and sell produce grown in an urban garden setting.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval to allow Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project to sell tickets, food, drinks, merchandise, collect donations and host a silent auction at 2nd Annual Silent Reading Benefit Party Fundraiser at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Moved by: Commissioner Wolfson **Second by:** Commissioner Howze. **Motion:** Passed.

Vote:

Yes: 8 – Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Reilly, Torres and Wolfson

Excused: 2 – Aikens and Smith

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

9. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- The Commission requested the City Council provide PRAC with an update on the City's Naming Right Policy.
- PRAC members were invited to attend the presentation of the PRAC Annual Report before the Life Enrichment Committee (LEC) at 4:00PM on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- In late July 2019, the Curry Family Eat, Learn Play Foundation contacted Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD) with an offer to refurbish the basketball court at Concordia Park. Acceptance of the offer stipulated that the work be completed within two weeks. City Administrator Landreth and Councilmember Loren Taylor reviewed the project and granted approval for construction to move forward. The Sports Court material used to cover the playing surface of the court will defer maintenance for 20 years. Stephen Curry attended the unveiling of the new court on August 6, 2019.

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

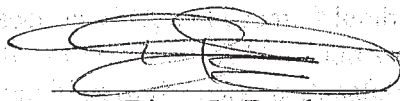
There were two speakers at this section of Open Forum. Members of the Mosswood Recreation Center Recreation Advisory Council (RAC) addressed the Commission and presented a letter regarding the condition of the park, park safety, child safety.

13. ADJOURNMENT: 6:34PM

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams

Secretary



Diane L. Boyd

Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Lakeside Park Garden Center

666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA

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