



***Special Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 4:30 P.M. Via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:32 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL:
AIKENS, COLE, CORBIN, HA, HOWZE, KOS-READ MOORE, REILLY, SMITH, TORRES, WOLFSON

Present: 10 – Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore, Reilly, Smith, Torres
Excused: 1 – Wolfson

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

June 17, 2020 – Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to recommend approval of the June 17, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. **Moved by**: Commissioner Cole. **Second by**: Commissioner Smith. **Vote**: Yes (7): Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Moore, Reilly. **Abstained** (3): Kos-Read, Smith and Torres. **Motion**: Passed.

4. OPEN FORUM:

There were four speakers at Open Forum

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Due to budget cuts, the department lost 1million dollars provided through the SSBT funding. No staff layoffs were sustained.

On behalf of Oakland Parks and Recreation, the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation received a \$100K grant from the Curry Family Eat Learn Play Foundation. In 2019, the Foundation granted the department \$50K.

Parks and Recreation launched its Neighborhood Town Camp program and served 400 children in play groups of 12 during a two-week period. No COVID-19 related illness were reported.

Eat Learn Play and Under Armour will partner in a golf tournament. Proceeds from golf shoes auctioned at the event will benefit Ace Kids Golf programs.

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:
7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:
8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Informational Report On The Approved Parks For The Oak Knoll Mixed-Use Community Project, Which Will Be Dedicated To The City Of Oakland As City Parks.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the informational report for the Oak Knoll Mixed Use Community Project presented by Dara O’Byrne from the Planning & Building Department, Development Planning Division and Zach Roberts from Hart Howerton.

The Oak Knoll Mixed Use Community is located on the former Oak Knoll Naval Medical Center property at 8750 Mountain Boulevard. The Master Planned community sits on approximately 191 acres between Keller Avenue and Mountain Boulevard and consists of 918 residences, 72,000 square feet of neighborhood commercial, 14,000 square feet of civic/commercial use. The Project also features 78.6 acres of Open Space and Parks, including approximately 6.6 acres of public parks. Four public parks were presented and approved by City Council on November 28, 2017.

The four parks approved by City Council will be dedicated to the City of Oakland. Funding and maintenance of the parks will be paid for through the Community Facilities District (CFD), a public facilities maintenance fund currently under development specifically for the Oak Knoll Mixed Use Community project. The four parks include:

- Creekside Park: Creekside Park is located along Mountain Boulevard at the entrance to Oak Knoll, between Creekside Parkway and Creekside Loop, and adjacent to Rifle Range Creek. The park is approximately 1.1 acres. It includes a play lawn, multi-use trail, entrance feature, benches and benches and Public Art, which was reviewed by the Oakland Public Arts Advisory Committee in August 2019. Creekside Park is the only park of the four to feature Public Art.
- North Neighborhood Tot Lot: North Neighborhood Park is located in the northern part of Oak Knoll, near the Creekside Parkway entrance on Keller Avenue, adjacent to Rifle Range Creek. The park is approximately 3 acres. It is an active park with a play lawn, children’s play area, picnic tables, pathway, and park seating. North Neighborhood Park is the largest of the four parks.

- Village Pocket Park: Village Pocket Park is centrally located in Oak Knoll, off Creekside Loop, across from the Club Knoll Community Center. The park is approximately 0.2 acres. It is a passive park with a passive play lawn, formal garden, benches, and a garden pathway.
- Oak Knoll Memorial Park: Oak Knoll Memorial Park is located in the northern portion of the Oak Knoll development near Keller Avenue, but accessed by trail. The park is approximately 2.3 acres. It is a passive park in an existing hillside meadow with benches and a trail. Oak Knoll Memorial Park is dedicated to the veterans and medical staff.

Upon further review, the Commission was informed that while the planned residential housing for Oak Knoll did not include affordable housing in the adopted negotiated settlement, the future development of the Barcelona Parcel could do so. For future access to Oak Knoll, a road will be built between two parcels.

Understanding that the CFD would be funded by the residents of the development, the Commission sought assurances that those residents and the community at large would be advised that the Oak Knoll parks will be open to the public and are not privately owned. Prioritizing this message was requested. The PRAC also requested staff provide a future informational report on the function of the (CFD) and any financial obligations the City may incur related to the maintenance of the parks.

Commissions requested staff explore options for including restrooms, ADA play structures for children and/or their accompanying parent/guardian, and off leash-dog play areas in the development plans. Dual purposed public art and multi-generational structures were also included.

Staff received a recommendation to tour Mia's Dream Come True Play Ground in Hayward for ADA inspired play structures ideas.

Motion: Commissioner Corbin entertained a motion to accept the Oak Knoll Mixed-Use Community Project informational report. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha. **Second by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Vote:** Yes (10): Aikens, Cole, Corbin, Ha, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore, Reilly, Smith and Torres. **Motion:** Passed.

9. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

10. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Commissioner Aikens – Arroyo Park's new Neighborhood Association is applying for a 501c3 License and plans to adopt the site.
- Commissioner Ha – Welcome to new Commissioner Isaac Kos-Read

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

There was one speaker under Open Forum

13. ADJOURNMENT: 6:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams

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Secretary

/s/ Diane L. Boyd

Diane L. Boyd
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Zoom - TeleConference