

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

City of Oakland Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:30 P.M.

Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at the Lakeside Garden Center located at 666 Bellevue Avenue. Commissioner/Chair Miller convened the meeting at 4:40pm. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, OPR Director, conducted the roll call:

2. ROLL CALL:

BELCHER, DU BOIS, FINLINSON, KADERA-REDMOND, MILLER, RICARDS, ROSENBLOOM,

Excused: Commissioners Marshal and Peterson

Absent: Commissioners Flores and Wu

3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of July 11, 2012

Motion: Commissioner Miller requested that the July 11, 2012 minutes be changed to reflect that the Item 1. Call to Order date read "July 11, 2012" and that the word "Staff" be removed from the 2nd sentence in Item 12, he further entertained a motion to approve the minutes with these changes. Moved by: Commissioner Belcher, Seconded by: Commissioner Ricards: Motion Passed

4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

None

5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion: Commissioner Miller Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to add a report to the agenda, before Item 16, from the Friends of the Gardens for use of the Garden Center for the Autumn Lights Festival on October 13, 2012. Moved by: Ricards: Seconded by: Commissioner Du Bois: Motion Passed

7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request from the Oakland Black Cowboys Association for Approval to Have Up to 10 Food and Non-Food Vendors at the 38th Annual Oakland Black Cowboys Association Parade and Festival t be held at Defremery Park on Saturday, October 6, 2012. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Reviewed a request from the Oakland Black Cowboys Association to have up food and non-food vendors and to sell event related items at the 38th Annual Oakland Black Cowboys Association Parade and Festival at DeFremery Park on Saturday, October 6, 2012.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the Black Cowboys Association's request to have up to 10 food and non food vendors at the 38th Annual Parade and Festival to be held at Defremery on October 6, 2012. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kadera-Redmond, **Seconded by:** Commissioner Finlinson: **Motion Passed**

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request from the Shattuck Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council for a Fee Waiver and Permission to Host a Community Garage Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Bushrod Park. Myka Hammock, Recreation Center Director, presented the staff report for Item 8A. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed a request from Don Link, Shattuck Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (SNCPC) for approval of a fee waiver and permission to host a Community Garage Sale Fundraiser at Bushrod Park on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Fees from the fundraiser go towards the community policing activities of the SNCPC. In 2011, the SNCPC provided Bushrod Recreation Center with \$800.00 to fund camp scholarships for 17 youth whose families could not afford camp fees. There was no reported fiscal impact to the Office of Parks and Recreation.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the Shattuck Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council's fee waiver and permission to host a community garage sale fundraiser on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Moved by: Commissioner Belcher, Seconded by: Commissioner Ricards: Motion Passed

B. Request from Youth Speaks for Approval to Have Up to 20 Food and Non-Food Vendors at the Life is Living Festival to be held at Defremery Park on Saturday, October 13, 2012. Valorie Winn, Recreation Center Director, presented the staff report for this item. The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed a request from Youth Speaks for permission to have up to 20 food and non-food vendors during the Life is Living Festival to be held at Defremery Park on Saturday, October 13, 2012. Fees paid by the vendors will be used to pay for vendor and permit fees with the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health. Their festival will host a graffiti battle and a skateboarding event with the possibility of 300 participants. 18th Street will be blocked to traffic and used to stage the food vendors. All rentals areas in the park, including the baseball field have been reserved for this event.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to grant Youth Speaks permission to have up to 20 food and non-food vendors at the Life is Living Festival at Defremery Recreation Center on October 13, 2012. Moved by: Commissioner Belcher Seconded by: Commissioner Kadera-Redmond: Motion Passed

C. Request from Jose Martinez for Approval to Collect Participant and Entry Fees at the Dance Competition to be Held at Ira Jinkins Recreation Center on Saturday, October 6, 2012. Donte Watson, Recreation Center Director, provided the staff report for Item 8C. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed a request from Jose Martinez who requested permission to collect participant and entry fees at the Dance Competition to be held at Ira Jinkins Recreation Center on Saturday, October 6, 2012. The fees collected will go toward coverage of the various costs associated with putting on the event. This group, Mac Daddies of Oakland is in the same network of dancer as that of the Filose Dance Academy

who hosted a similar event in Oakland, July 2012. The dance form is very popular and is taking off across the country. Local participants have been seeking a venue to premier each event and appear to have selected Ira Jinkins as more competitions are being planned. Ira Jinkins receives approximately \$1,900.00 per event.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the sell of tickets and collection of participation fees for the dance competition at the Ira Jinkins Community Center on October 6, 2012 hosted by Jose Martinez. Moved by: Commissioner Finlinson, Seconded by: Commissioner Du Bois: Motion Passed

D. Request for Permission to Allow Acta Non Verba Youth Urban Farm Projects to Fundraise and Collect Fees at a Community Event at Tassafaronga Park on Sunday, October 21, 2012. Cynthia Armstrong, Recreation Center Director, provided the staff report for this item. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission received a request from Acta Non Verba Youth Urban Farm Projects seeking permission to fundraise and collect fees at a Community Event to be held at Tassafaronga Park on Sunday, October 21, 2012. Fund raising activities will include accepting donations, sponsorships, contributions and, food and art/crafts sales. Acta Non Verba and the Office of Parks and Recreation are partners under an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which does not requires the organization to post an application or provide fees. All net proceeds from the event will be used to support the activities at the Tassafaronga Youth Urban Farm.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the request to allow the Acta Non Verba Youth Urban Farm Project to collect fees at the community event at Tassafaronga Park on October 21, 2012. Moved by: Commissioner Du Bois, Seconded by: Commissioner Ricards: Motion Passed

E. Request from Clausen House for Approval to Accept Donations for Food at the Clausen House Talent Show Event Held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at Malonga Center for the Arts. The Office of Parks and Recreation received a request from Clausen House for approval to accept donations at their Talent Show on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at the Malonga Center for the Arts. Funds raised from the Talent Show will support the mission of Clausen House.

Note: There was no action taken on this item. The event was cancelled and the item was pulled.

F. Request from the Ethiopian Community and Cultural Center for Permission to Collect Donations Onsite at the Ethiopian New Year Celebration at Mosswood Park on Saturday, September 15, 2012. Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission received a late request from the Ethiopian Community and Cultural Center for requesting permission to collect donations from its community members at the Ethiopian New Year Celebration at Mosswood Park on Saturday, September 15, 2012. Funds raised will be used to cover the cost of hosting the celebration and to support the operations and programs of the Ethiopian Community and Cultural Center. It is expected that the event will be well attended. Event activities include performing artists, poetry reading and more.

Motion: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the Ethiopian Community and Cultural Center permission to collect donations onsite at the Ethiopian New Year Celebration at Mosswood Park on September 15, 2012. Moved by: Commissioner Ricards, Seconded by: Commissioner Finlinson: Motion Passed

Autumn Lights

The Commission heard an update from Victoria Roca, Park Supervisor with the Friends of the Gardens on the Autumn Lights Festival to be held at the Gardens at Lake Merritt on October 13, 2012. Approximately 500 to 700 people are expected to attend the festival. Tickets will be sold through Brown Paper Tickets, Art Murmur, Oaklandish and garden society organizations. Staff from the Friends of the Gardens will work with the Office of Parks and Recreation to plan the larger scaled event projected to take place in the fall of 2013.

9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

None

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

None

11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Miller announced a Dog Park Committee meeting on September 19th. Will report back to the full Commission how others manage the issue of dog parks.

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Commissioner Du Bois made contact with two OPR staff member in her capacity as their PRAC liaison. Community Advisory Committee meetings do not appear to take place. OPR Director will investigate.

Commissioner Ricards attended Joaquin Miller meeting. It was reported that this group meets regularly.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

None

15. OPEN FORUM:

None

16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Update: Dog Park - Lakeside

The Dog Park report was pulled for the September City Council Agenda. Council wants to review the Commissions thought process and recommendations related to the issue. Director Jones-Taylor toured proposed and alternative sites with the City Administrator, Deanna Santana and her Chief of Staff, Alexandra Orologas these include Astor Park, former police horse stables, the bowling green, and land near the Sailboat House.

B. Tour Debrief

The Commissioners who attended the event were accompanied by members from the Friends of Parks and Recreation. The tour included stops at FM Smith, the Digital Arts and Culinary Academy, Tassafaronga and the Morcom Rose Garden. It was suggested the next year's tour be

extended to include the entire day.

C. Sunday Symphony

Symphony Sunday – Sunday's in the Redwoods Series Kick-Off was announced. The event takes place on Sunday, September 16th in the Gardens at Lake Merritt and features the Oakland Symphony.

D. Sundays in the Redwoods

Tickets for the event are available online and in limited quantities at the OPR offices at 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Director Jones-Taylor requested the Commission selected a day that all would like to attend.

E. City Stables Update

A meeting was held with two organizations, to determine if they would consider a co-partnership and share the responsibility of providing services to the community at City Stables. Diamond and the Heritage Riders were the finalists selected to provide services at City Stables.

Public Safety

Director Jones-Taylor announced the need and her desire for the Commission to form a public safety committee to provide a forum to address the ongoing and increasing violence in and round Parks and Recreation facilities and the danger posed to staff, children and other participants. The issue of setting parks hours could also be address in this committee.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The East Regional Park District is updating their Master Plan and is looking for public comments. Visit their website and post your comments.

The National Parks and Recreation Association featured Director Jones-Taylor in its September magazine. The edition includes fabulous photographs (including the front cover) and a great discussion regarding diversity and communities in transition.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 14, 2012; 4:30 p.m. Lakeside Garden Center 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA