

#### PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

# City of Oakland Wednesday, May 8, 2013 4:30 P.M. Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue, Oakland, CA

#### **Minutes**

# 1. CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Lake Merritt Garden Center located at 666 Bellevue, Oakland, CA. Commissioner/Chair Miller convened the meeting at 4:38 p.m. Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Director of the Oakland Parks and Recreation conducted the roll call:

### 2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Belcher, Du Bois, Kadera-Redmond, Marshall, Miller, Peterson, Rosenbloom, Selna, Wu

Expected: Finlinson (5:56pm)

Excused: Flores

City Staff: Audree V. Jones-Taylor, Dana Riley, Diane Boyd, Gail McMillon, Denise Louie, Kristen Zaremba,

Mark Hall

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Director Jones-Taylor welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Robert Selna to the PRAC.

# 3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

April 10, 2013 meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion approve the April 10, 2013 meeting minutes with modifications to Item 11 to include the attendance of the Public Safety, Edible Parks and Community Gardens meeting by Commissioner Kadera-Redmond. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher **Seconded by:** Commissioner Marshall **Motion: Motion: Passed** 

# 4. SPECIAL ORDERS:

# 5. PRAC PENDING LIST:

# 6. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

### 7. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

None

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

This is a Conditional Use Permit item usually heard under Item 9A, but was presented here to maintain continuity with the presentations on dog parks as recorded at Item 8G and a Sub-committee report expected by Chair Miller.

A. Public Work Agency Requests Endorsement for the Conditional Use Permit for the Golden Gate Recreation Center Improvements and Expansion. Denise Louie, from the Project Delivery Division of the Public Works Agency (PWA) presented this staff report. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed this report and request for endorsement of the Conditional User Permit in the design and implementation of Golden Gate Recreation Center Improvement and Expansion project funded by Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program Grant (Prop 84) and East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW Park Bond (Measure WW). The project included improvements to the approximately 1.08 acre park located on 1075 62<sup>nd</sup> Street at Herzog Street in North Oakland. The existing 3,400s.f. recreation center will be demolished and will be replaced by a 14 500s.f. recreation structure. The new center and grounds will include: a kitchen; gymnasium; computer room teen room; exterior play areas for 2-5 and 6-12 year olds, hard court play; jogging track and passenger drop-off and outdoor performance and community gathering area. Construction costs is \$6,800,000 funded by Prop 84 – 2006 Safe Drink Water Bond Act and Measure WW from the East Bay Regional Park District Park Bond. The new facility will accommodate additional programming and multiple user groups.

Annual maintenance cost of \$108,000 funded the internal Facilities Fund 4400. Staff conducted outreach to the community which consisted of 11 meetings and focus groups including seniors, children and teens with an averaged of 30 to 50 repeat attendees at each meeting. The current facility has no onsite parking. However, staff reported that a draft traffic study produced over 100 available spaces within the area. Construction is slated to begin in the fall of 2014. It is expected that there will be a tremendous impact on existing programs as some will be closed and children maybe shuttled to Bushrod Recreation Center.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to endorse the Conditional Use Permit for the Golden Gate Recreation Center Improvement and Expansion Project and recommends approval to the Planning Commission for the Design Review application. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher Seconded **by:** Commissioner Kedera-Redmond **Motion:** Passed Unanimously

B. Request for Approval of the Design and Implementation of the Public Art Project by the Artist Team Wowhaus (Ene Osteraas-Constable and Scott Constable) for the Measure DD:

Lakeside Green Streets Project. Kristen Zaremba, from the Public Art Program, Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) provided the staff report for Item 8B. The Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission viewed the power point presentation and reviewed the recommendation and request for approval of the design and implementation of the

public art project by the Oakland-based artist team Wowhaus (Ene Osteraas-Constable and Scott Constable) for the Measure DD: Lakeside Green Streets Project. The project site is located at the intersection of Lakeside, Harrison and 20th Street, adjacent to Snow Park. The Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) approved a recommendation to allocate Measure DD funds for an artist to design and fabricate and install new artwork in conjunction with the Snow Park and lakeside improvements for the purpose of enhancing the aesthetic and interpretive potential of the Lakeside Green Streets Project. PAAC reviewed and unanimously approved the proposed designs on February 4, 2013. Wowhaus has developed a design entitled Makkewekes (Sea Monster) a 12'x7'x4' bronze sculpture to be placed in the new rain garden located in the extension of Snow Park, at 20<sup>th</sup> Street, including a selection of granite plaques photo-etched with images of Lake Merritt marine life and facts.

The sculpture will be surrounded by plant material, and although it is not meant to be climbed on, it can withstand weight. There will be no fiscal impact on Oakland Parks and Recreation.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the design and implementation of the public art project by the artist team Wowhaus (Ene Osteraas-Constable and Scott Constable) for the Measure DD: Lakeside Green Streets Project **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher **Seconded by:** Commissioner Peterson **Motion: Motion: Passed** 

C. Updated Request for Approval to Dedicate a Bench and Plaque in the Morcom Rose Garden in Honor of Gina De Sousa. The staff report for Item 8C was presented by Gail McMillon from Oakland Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission review this updated report from Ms. Gina DeSousa who requested a plaque be installation and bench dedication to her at the Morcom Rose Garden. Ms. De Sousa will acquire the dedication plaque and provide it to the Public Works Agency (PWA) for installation.

Staff spoke with Ms. De Sousa after the April 10<sup>th</sup> PRAC meeting and she subsequently agreed to withdraw her original inscription of:

In Loving Memory of Gina De Sousa, LCSW A Wonderful Therapist

and requested the following:

Dedicated to: Gina De Sousa, LCSW A Wonderful Therapist 2013

After briefly discussing the general purpose of dedications and the City of Oakland's intention for allowing bench dedications, the Commission formed an Ad Hoc committee for the purpose of establishing criteria and providing structure to this process as there are no guidelines to reference or follow. Commissioners Peterson and Belcher are the committee representatives. The Commission recommended the following inscription:

# Dedicated to: Gina De Sousa, LCSW 2013

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to grant Ms. De Sousa's request to dedication a bench to herself at the Morcom Rose Garden with modifications to the plaque which should read "Dedicated to Gina De Sousa, LCSW, 2013 **Moved by:** Commissioner Wu **Seconded by:** Commissioner Kadera- Redmond **Motion: Opposed:** Commissioners Belcher, Peterson and Rosenbloom **Abstained:** 

Commissioner Selna Motion: Passed – 5 Yes

D. Approval Requested from the Tamu Orphans Support Fund for Permission to Sell Food and Wine, African Artifacts, and to Collect Entry Fees, Auction Items and Hold a Raffle at their Crab Feed on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House.

The staff report for Item 8D was presented by Gail McMillon from Oakland Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed request from the Tamu Orphans Support Fund, a non-profit organization, seeking permission to sell food, wine and African artifacts and to collect entry fees, hold an auction and raffle at their Crab Feed on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House. All proceeds will benefit the Tamu Orphans Support Fund in support of their efforts to provide services to vulnerable children and children orphaned by AIDS.

This is the second year Tamu Orphans Support Fund has held the fund raising event with Oakland Parks and Recreation. Staff reported that \$450 in entry fees were collected at the 2012 event. However, the amount collected in raffle tickets, wine and other items sold was not made available. Reporting staff will provide this information as requested by the Commission. There were no representatives from the organization to answer the question from the Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the staff recommendation to grant the Tamu Orphans Support Fund permission to sell food, wine and African artifacts and to collect entry fees, hold an auction and raffle at their Crab Feed on Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the Lake Merritt Sailboat House. **Moved by:** Commissioner Marshall **Seconded by:** Commissioner Belcher **Motion: Motion:** Passed Unanimously

E. Request for approval from Run for Courage to Collect On-site Registration Fees, receive Donations and to Sell Hats and Shirts at the 5K/10K Run to be Held at Lakeside Park on Saturday, November 2, 2013. The staff report for Item 8E was presented by Gail McMillon from Oakland Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed a request from Run for Courage, Inc., a non-profit organization, seeking approval to collect registration fees, receive donations and sell hats and shirts at their 5K/10K inaugural run at Lakeside Park on Saturday, November 2, 2013. Funds raised will help the organizations bring awareness to and combat human trafficking.

Run for Courage provides funding to organizations who provide services to fight human trafficking. The organization evaluates, donates to and monitors for 3 to 6 months those organizations selected to receive their support. Thirteen years of age was reported to be the average age a child is forced into sex trafficking, and that 1,782 girls were taken out of sex trafficking in Oakland. No time frame was given on this static. The organization's representative also reported that they partner with the Oakland Police Department and the Oakland Unified School District where many of the kids supported by their efforts are 4.0 students and college bound. Boys are also trafficked and receive their support.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to collect registration fees, receive donations and sell hats and shirts at their 5K/10K inaugural run at Lakeside Park on Saturday, November 2, 2013. **Moved by:** Commissioner Belcher **Seconded by:** Commissioner Marshall **Motion:** Passed Unanimously.

F. Request the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission to Accept the Design of the Mosaic Mural on the Maxwell Park Retaining Wall. The staff report for Item 8F was presented by Mark Hall from Oakland Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed the request to accept the design of the mosaic mural on the Maxell Park retaining wall. In March of 2010, the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission accepted the design and project plan to create a mosaic project at Maxwell Park. As of April 10, 2013, Friends of Maxwell Park completed the design of its final mosaic wall in Maxwell Park. Over 400 neighbors, including 200 children, worked together to cover the four outer walls of the park restroom with beautiful, vibrant colorful mosaic designs. The purpose of the project is to beautify the park and attract more users and organizers propose to install a mosaic design along a 28 foot curb on the outside of the retaining wall. All work on the project will be completed by volunteers and is funded in part by Friends of Maxwell Park and a Community Development Block Grant.

MOTION: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to approve the design of the mosaic mural on the Maxwell Park retaining. Moved by: Commissioner Wu Seconded by: Commissioner Du Bois Motion: Abstained: Commissioner Finlinson Motion: Passed

G. An Informational Report Updating the Commission on the Proposed Dog Play Area Concept and Design, and a Fence Free 12 Month Pilot Program for Dogs. This informational report was presented by Mark Hall from Oakland Parks and Recreation and Alison Schwarz from Project Delivery. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission heard Item 8G, an informational report and update on the design of the proposed dog play area at Snow Park. Staff and project stakeholders received additional input and design ideas after facilitating 7 outreach/community meetings and receiving 34 written surveys from the April 10<sup>th</sup> Community Design Review meeting and over a hundred verbal comments and suggestions regarding the proposed dog play area at Snow Park. After careful and deliberate consideration, Snow Park was selected as the alternative site for the formerly proposed Eastshore/Astro Park dog play area location. Conceptual plans were developed and included

2 options: Option 1 a signal dog play area and Option 2 separate areas for large and small dogs including fencing and plant buffers around the outside of the site, benches, water fountain/s for dogs, lighting along the entry path, and woodchip or pebble sand surfacing. Community outreach meetings resulted in discussions of a pilot fenced or fence free dog play area located in the upper section of Snow Park along 19<sup>th</sup> and Harrison Streets. John Hyke, Senior Associate Architect with the Planning Center/DC&E presented a Power Point presentation depicting renderings of the proposed dog play area in Snow Park, photographs of options for fencing, perimeter landscaping, play area surface materials, lighting, seating, and canine water fountains and waste receptacles. Contingent upon the option chosen, Project Delivery staff estimated the cost of the project to be from \$450k to \$550k.

MOTION: Commissioner Miller entertained a motion to accept the informational report on the proposed dog play area at Snow Park. Moved by: Commissioner Belcher Seconded by: Commissioner Rosenbloom Motion: Motion: Passed Unanimously

# 9. CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:

### 10. COMMUNICATIONS:

### 11. PRAC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Chair Miller provided a Power Point Presentation report out on the Dog Play Area subcommittee's findings.

# 12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS:

**Commissioner Peterson** attended the Oakland Boating Advisory meeting on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Focused marketing and outreach to the community is needed including improved signage. Public safety is an issue as repairs to wharf are needed. Contracting for the project is in process.

### 13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

# 14. COUNCIL REFERRALS:

None

### 15. OPEN FORUM:

None

### 16. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dana Riley provided a brief report on behalf of Director Jones-Taylor who was excused at 7:15pm.

- 1. Budget Update: Commissioners were reminded to attend the City's budget town hall meeting. Dates to be provided
- 2. Taste of Spring Recap: The fundraiser was well attended. The Bliss Family donated \$100,000 for the next 5year budget cycle.

#### 17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Commissioner Kadera-Redmond** attended a Public Safety town hall meeting and reported the public's voice is not being heard.

# 18. ADJOURNMENT:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audree V. Jones-Taylor Secretary

Diane Boyd Recording Secretary

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 4:30 p.m.

Lakeside Garden Center

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