



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - PRAC**

**Wednesday, August 9 2017**

**Studio One Art Center 365 -45<sup>th</sup> Street, 4:30pm**

**\*\*\*\*\*Special Meeting /Retreat\*\*\*\*\***

**Draft Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:45pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cole, Corbin, Du Bois, Howze, Kadera-Redmond, Torres

Arrivals: Commissioner Aikens (4:54pm)

Excused: Marshall, Reilly, Rosenbloom, Wu

**AIKENS, COLE, CORBIN, DU BOIS, HOWZE, KADERA-REDMOND,  
MARSHALL, REILLY, ROSENBLOOM, TORRES, WU**

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES

Note: Items 3A and 3B were moved to the next meeting due to an insufficient quorum.

A. April 12, 2017

B. July 12, 2017

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

5. OPEN FORUM

- John Bliss, President of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF), gave a brief overview of the non-profit organization's connection with and support of Oakland Park, Recreation & Youth Development. Mr. Bliss congratulated Commissioner Mandolin Kadera-Redmond on her new position as the PRAC Chair and informed her of her seat as an ex officio member on the Board of Directors for the OPRF. The Chair was invited to attend the board meetings held at 7:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
- Oakland resident, Ken Katz raised concerns regarding the Farmer's Market located at Splash Pad Park. He cited issues of overcrowding at the market; a review of operational guidelines; the disposition of the license agreement; events approved by the PRAC and inconsistency with fees.

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS

None

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### **A. Overview of the Open Space, Conservation and Recreation (OSCAR) – Barry Miller**

- Former Chair Barry Miller provided the Commission with a Power Point overview of the Open Space, Conservation and Recreation. The General Plan is required of every city and county in California, however, Oakland has not conducted a comprehensive update in 20 years. The General Plan consists of various independent documents including; Historic Preservation (1994); OSCAR – Open Space, Conservation, Recreation (1996); LUTE – Land Use, Transportation (1998); Safety (2004 and Housing (2015). While some plans have been updated since 1998, OSCAR is referenced for policies on parks issues. The Commission discussed how the PRAC can help get funding to update the OSCAR and create a Parks Master Plan. It was determined that support of the City Council would be needed to accomplish both goals.

### **B. Assignment of Advisory Council Liaisons and Ad Hoc Sub-committees**

- Commissioners reviewed the current Advisory Council Liaisons and Ad Hoc Sub-committee's rosters and will contact each other to discuss possible exchanges of assignments. Follow-up will be addressed at the September meeting.

### **C. How to Advocate for OPRYD: Discussion – all share experiences and ideas**

- The PRAC requested staff develop a quarterly list of talking points specifying the department's goals. The list would be use by commissioners as an aid when seeking support for the department.
- Determine a time when the PRAC can engage in a broader discussion regarding the meaning of "access" to public parks.
- Gather direction by standardizing the Director's Report
- National engagement – Staff to research possible funding for PRAC members to attend CPRS/NRPA conferences.
- Recommended that members visit CPRS and NRPA websites and sign up for newsletters
- Staff will review the possibility of having presentations made to the Commission

### **D. RAC review purpose, RAC manual**

- All members will review the RAC manual in preparation for a future conversation on supporting staff and engaging community members who serve as RAC members.

## 8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

## 9. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**A. Sundays in the Redwoods –**

This annual concert series takes place on the last two Sundays in September and the first two Sundays in October at the Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park. The 2017 line includes:

- September 17<sup>th</sup>: Marsha Ambrosius and Daley
- September 24<sup>th</sup>: Stanley Clark and Regina Belle
- October 1<sup>st</sup>: Tamia and Lyfe Jennings
- October 8<sup>th</sup>: SOS Band and Confunkshun

**B. Youth Development Fundraiser**

The September 9, 2017 Black Tie Fundraiser at the Oakland Zoo was postponed until further notice.

**C. Park Master Plan**

The Commission wants to discuss forming a Parks Master Plan – Ad Hoc committee

**D. PRAC Identification**

Commissioners requested PRAC badges or other forms of identification to be used when engaging the public.

**E. PRAC Attire**

Staff will survey the Commission to determine who needs a standard issued shirt and consider the possibility of other attire e.g., green hoodies.

11. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

None

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM

None

13. ADJOURNMENT 7:26pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Riley

/s/ Dana Riley  
Acting Secretary



Diane Boyd  
Recording Secretary

**Next Meeting: \*\*\*Annual Retreat and Tour\*\*\***

***Saturday, August 12, 2017, 9:00 a.m.***

***Lakeside Park Garden Center***

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

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