



## ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 10, 2022  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. Called to Order  
**PLACE:** City Hall Council Chambers

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed at <https://alameda.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>  
The following are action minutes in keeping with the Sunshine Ordinance 2-91.17.

### ROLL CALL

Present: (Teleconference via Zoom) Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioner Navarro and Commissioner Nguyen

Absent: Commissioner Jones

Staff: (Teleconference via Zoom) Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Amy Wooldridge

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alexander moved to accept the minutes of February 10, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented.  
M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Navarro. All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (For topics not on the agenda)

- Written Communication - none
- Oral Communication:  
Speaker John Healy – More sport facilities for organized sports, ball fields, tennis courts and recreation areas, especially for kids, are needed to accommodate the growing population in the City of Alameda as we don't even have enough facilities for the population now and need them desperately.

Chair Alexander noted that March is Women's History Month and that it is nice to have so many women on the Recreation and Park Commission including the ARPD Director. The City of Alameda was one of the first cities to offer sports for girls' softball and basketball. Thanked all the women at ARPD, past, present and future for all their hard work.

**REPORT FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR** - ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. See Exhibit 1.

### REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Nguyen: Visited the dog park and spoke with residents who suggested it would be nice to have more grass, benches and signage for new dog owners to give rules of the dog park.
- Commissioner Navarro: Visited Chochenyo Park and said she is a fan of the naturally landscaped gathering space; there have been a lot of families there enjoying the space. Also excited about the new Activity Guide.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Excited about Chochenyo Park using natural materials. Encouraged others

to visit the new Tunnel Top Park in San Francisco Presidio by the Marina for inspiration as it is an all-natural wood park, including play areas and a shining example.

- Chair Alexander: Visited Chochenyo Park and was excited to see it finished and is looking forward to the installation of the information signage. Attended the meeting for the new Lincoln Park playground. Parents and kids gave good suggestions. Excited to hear the t-shirt league is coming back this year as it will be the 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Impressed by the Summer Activity Guide. Sent a welcome note to Mastick Senior Center new employee Morace McKay, Recreation Supervisor II at Mastick Center. Would like to see an ARPD and Friends of the Park have a float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6-A Lincoln Park Playground Design**

Director Wooldridge gave presentation which included background, site location, scope of work, funding with the purchase of new large trees and an overview of playgrounds with diagrams. The theme of the park is a jungle theme which tied in with the mascot of the park which is the Lincoln Lions. The front area of Lincoln Park has space for options of a lion on rocks or an elephant.

### **6-A Public Comments – none**

### **6-A Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Navarro: Excited about the new playground and that the kids had input.
- Commissioner Nguyen: Appreciates the thoughtfulness of getting and feedback from the public especially from the young kids. Also appreciates that new trees will be part of the plan.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Happy that the natural trees will be kept to provide shade. Curious if there could be a partial pour of ADA type surface without disturbing the trees. Director Wooldridge: The wood chips migrate constantly and when it gets walked on it degrades the poured in place surface which loses the integrity of the poured in place surface.
- Chair Alexander: Votes to have the lion on the two rocks in honor of the Lincoln Lions. Will there be benches around the playground? Director Wooldridge: Yes, the goal is for more benches and one picnic table.

### **6-A Motion**

Commissioner Navarro motioned to approve the Lincoln Park playground design as presented including the lion on the rocks for the circular seating area.

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Vice Chair Robbins

All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### **6-B Develop a Short List of Names for Alameda Point Neighborhood Park**

Director Wooldridge gave presentation which included background, park location, design, park names from survey and existing list. The goal tonight is to select a short list of no more than 10 names within the previously approved criteria of the history of naval maritime, natural landscape and wildlife at Alameda Point which will go back to the public for a second vote.

**6-B Public Comments - none**

**6-B Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Navarro: Favorites include Whale Park, Alameda Whale Point Park and Ohlone Park and Humpback Commons Park.
- Commissioner Nguyen: Favorites include Whale Park and Allie Park. Also suggested to keep the names short with two to three names as it is easier to reference a park.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Favorite is Little Whale Park.
- Chair Alexander: Favorites include Allie's Annex, Allies Cove Park, Allie at the Point, Navy Veterans Park, Rosie the Riveter Park, Rear Admiral Evelyn Fields Park and Midway Park.

The Commissioners' final list for Alameda Point Neighborhood Park:

- Whale Park
- Alameda Whale Park
- Little Whale Park
- Alameda Whale Point Park
- Allie at the Point
- Allie's Humpback Park
- Navy Veteran's Park
- Rosie the Riveter Park
- Midway Park
- Rear Admiral Evelyn Fields Park

**6-B Motion**

Commissioner Nguyen motioned to approve final list recommendations for Alameda Point Neighborhood Park.

M/S Commissioner Nguyen / Vice Chair Robbins

All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

Director Wooldridge informed Commissioners that Rear Admiral Evelyn Fields is still alive and therefore does not meet the naming criteria.

The Commissioners' revised final list for Alameda Point Neighborhood Park:

- Whale Park
- Alameda Whale Park
- Little Whale Park
- Alameda Whale Point Park
- Allie at the Point
- Allie's Humpback Park
- Navy Veteran's Park
- Rosie the Riveter Park
- Midway Park

Commissioner Navarro motioned to rescind previous list and approve the Alameda Point Neighborhood Park name list as shown.

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Nguyen

All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

#### **6-C Develop a Short List of Names for Alameda Point Waterfront Park**

Director Wooldridge gave presentation with the goal to select a short list of no more than 10 names within the previously approved criteria of Aviation - Alameda history, people and park features.

#### **6-C Public Comments**

Speaker Carmen Reid: Suggested the name Bessie Coleman Park.

#### **6-C Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Navarro: Favorites include Seaplane Lagoon Promenade, Captain Frank McCreary Waterfront Park, Seaplane Lagoon Park, Waterfront Promenade, Alameda Aviation Park and Liwa Promenade Park.
- Commissioner Nguyen: Favorites include Naval View Promenade, Pacific Fleet Promenade, Seaplane View Park, Seaplane Promenade, Betsy Coleman and Wilma Chan Memorial Park.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Favorites include Alameda Point Seaplane Park, Alameda Point Seaplane Promenade, Alameda Point Seaplane Lagoon and Naval View Promenade.
- Chair Alexander: Favorites include Alameda Point Promenade, Alameda Point Seaplane Lagoon, Seaplane Lagoon Park, Maritime Waterfront Promenade, Pacific Fleet Park, Seaplane Lagoon Promenade, Navy Veterans' Waterfront Park at Alameda Point, Bessie Coleman Park, Pacific Fleet Park

The Commissioners' final list for Alameda Waterfront Park:

- Alameda Point Promenade
- Seaplane Lagoon Promenade
- Maritime Waterfront Promenade
- Pacific Fleet Park
- Navy Veteran's Waterfront Park at Alameda Point
- Bessie Coleman Promenade
- Naval View Promenade
- Captain Frank McCreary Waterfront Park
- Liwa Promenade
- Waterfront Promenade
- Rear Admiral Evelyn Fields Park

#### **6-C Motion**

Commissioner Navarro moved to approve the list as presented.

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Nguyen

All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

Director Wooldridge informed Commissioners that Rear Admiral Evelyn Fields is still alive and therefore does not meet the naming criteria.

The Commissioners' final revised list for Alameda Waterfront Park:

- Alameda Point Promenade
- Seaplane Lagoon Promenade
- Maritime Waterfront Promenade
- Pacific Fleet Park
- Navy Veteran's Waterfront Park at Alameda Point
- Bessie Coleman Promenade
- Naval View Promenade
- Captain Frank McCreary Waterfront Park
- Liwa Promenade
- Waterfront Promenade

Commissioner Nguyen motioned to rescind the previous list and approve the Alameda Waterfront Park list as shown.

M/S Commissioner Nguyen / Commissioner Navarro

All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

#### **6-D Develop a Short List of Names for Alameda Landing Waterfront Park**

Director Wooldridge gave presentation with the goal to select a short list of no more than 10 names within the previously approved criteria of the uniqueness of the park's location on the pier and estuary with an intersection with diverse and inclusive cultural significance in Alameda.

#### **6-D Public Comments**

- Speaker Dr. Crystal Faith Cajilog-Espinosa: Requested to shortlist the name Bohol Circle Immigrant Landing Park. Speaking in behalf of the 300 plus Bohol Circle members to provide an avenue for their history of the Filipino-American experience. Bohol Circle was a haven and protection for Filipino Americans and is looking for the recognition our ancestors deserve.
- Speaker Stewart Chen: Echoes speaker Dr. Crystal Faith Cajilog-Espinosa and supports Bohol Circle Immigrant Landing and dedicate it to all the immigrants that inhabit Alameda Island.
- Speaker Cynthia Bonta: Would like to add to Bohol Circle Immigrant Landing Park, Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park, Bohol Circle Immigrant Gateway Park or Bohol Circle Immigrant Crossing of Hope Park to the list. Clarified that the word Landing was used symbolically meaning that immigrants landed here and made it home.
- Director Wooldridge read 2 public comment emails. See Exhibit 2.

#### **6-D Commissioner Comments**

- Vice Chair Robbins: Favorites include Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park, Alameda Estuary Park, Alameda Pier Fleet Park, Fleet and Industrial Supply Park and Waterways Terminal Park.

- Commissioner Navarro: Favorites include Costanoa Park, Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park, Estuary Esplanade and Gateway Park.
- Commissioner Nguyen: Favorites include Immigrant Landing Park, Estuary Park and Island City Park.
- Chair Alexander: Favorites include Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park, Estuary Pier Park, Waterfront Pier Park and Diversity Pier.

The Commissioners' final list for Alameda Landing Waterfront Park:

- Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park
- Alameda Pier Fleet Park
- Fleet and Industrial Supply Park
- Waterways Terminal Park
- Costanoa Park
- Gateway Park
- Immigrant Landing Park
- Island City Park
- Diversity Pier
- Waterfront Pier Park

## **6-D Motion**

Commissioner Nguyen motioned to approve the name list for Alameda Landing Waterfront Park as shown.

M/S Commissioner Nguyen / Commissioner Navarro

All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

## **6-E Develop a Short List of Names for Alameda Marina Park**

Director Wooldridge gave presentation with the goal to select a short list of no more than 10 names within the previously approved criteria of the reflection and history of working waterfront shipyards.

## **6-E Public Comments**

Speaker Carmen Reid: Suggested the name Alaska Packers as they were significant to the area.

## **6-E Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Navarro: Favorites include Shipbuilders' Park, Shipyard Park, Tibbit's Shipyard Park and Naomi Parker Waterfront Park.
- Commissioner Nguyen: Favorites include Alameda Shipyard Marina, Alameda Waterway Park, and Waterfront Park.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Favorites include Alameda Shipyard Launch, Shipyard Marina, Shipbuilders' Park and Shipyard Landing Park
- Chair Alexander: Favorites include Alameda Boatworks Marina, Alameda Marina Shipyard and Dockside Park.

The Commissioners' final list for Alameda Marina Park

- Waterway Park
- Waterfront Park
- Shipyard Harbor Park
- Shipbuilder's Park
- Shipyard Landing Park
- Tibbit's Shipyard Park
- Alameda Boatworks Park
- Dockside Park
- Riveter's Waterfront Park

## **6-E Motion**

Commissioner Nguyen motioned to approve the name list for Alameda Marina Park as shown.  
M/S Commissioner Nguyen / Commissioner Navarro

All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Introduce Morace McKay, Mastick Senior Center Recreation Supervisor II
- Update of the Dog Park
- Update on the Tennis Reservation System
- Discussion on how to advocate for a larger revenue a measure that would fund large infrastructure projects such as an aquatics center or a sports complex including a status report of the parks.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 14, 2022

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Nguyen

Motion carried by the following voice vote: All in favor with a 4 ayes via roll call vote.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

**03/10/2022 ARPD Director's Report**

**Presented by Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge**

**Recreation Services**

- ARPD rentals have increased significantly with 95 picnic rentals in March and 35 reservations of the Officer's Club between April through October. A huge thanks to Katherine Sirota who is handling this higher volume of rentals with a strong level of customer service.
- Get a Job Workshop for Teens is Thursday, March 10. This interactive workshop is designed to help tweens and teens put their best foot forward when trying to land a job or volunteer opportunity. Topics will include approaching and introducing yourself to prospective employers, being professional, how to best present yourself and how to interview successfully.
- The Alameda Youth Committee has begun work to coordinate a carnival that they will plan and facilitate for elementary aged youth on Saturday, April 30. The group of 30+ active AYC members is excited to plan fun games and prizes for kids, and they will soon be making important decisions - such as where they'd like to hold the event!
- ARPD Aquatics – We are bringing back group swim lesson in April. Registration for April swim lessons will take place on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm online only.
- Alameda Adult Softball season will begin the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>. ARPD is offering Coed, Men's and Women's Leagues. In addition Adult basketball season will begin in April.
- ARPD Summer Activity Guide is out and summer programs are filling quickly. ARPD has lots of variety of camps and classes for all to enjoy.
- NEW Storytelling and Drumming Festival is Saturday, March 19 at the Mastick Senior Center from 1 pm to 4 pm. This community event will feature programs from many diverse cultures including interactive workshops with puppetry, learning how to drum, and poetry slam.
- NEW Alameda Spring Shindig is Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at Alameda Point Gym & Multi-purpose Field from 12 to 3 pm. Come celebrate Spring with us! Games, arts & crafts, community organizations, demonstrations/performances, jumpers, and food. Registrations will open for all summer swim lessons and you will also be able to register for the 70<sup>th</sup> year of our T-Shirt Summer Recreation Baseball League.
- ARPD is once again proud to team up with the Alameda Elk's Lodge #1015 to present our FREE Recreational Baseball Program, for children who've completed kindergarten through fifth grades.
- Friends of the Park Foundation is once again inviting you to participate in Play for the Parks – Golfun & Dinner on Monday, May 23. Shotgun start begins at 1 pm and post dinner and auction at 6 pm at Harrison Center in Lincoln Park. Cost is \$125 for both or \$40 for Dinner only. Sign up at [www.alamedaparks.org](http://www.alamedaparks.org)

**Mastick Senior Center**

- In February Mastick welcomed 49 new members and 32 were age 65+. Total membership at the end of February is 2,651.
- The AARP free tax preparation program at Mastick continues to be a positive resource for the community. The 13 Tax volunteers logged 336 hours of service for the month of February. 144 tax clients received assistance.
- On February 16th, the Center for Independent Living hosted a PPE give-away event and distributed NK95 masks, hand sanitizer, and home COVID test kits for free to the Mastick Senior Center community. A total of 60 people received supplies and information.



- In February, Mastick welcomed the following groups: Consumer Fraud Presentation, Stroke Education Zoom presentation, Self-Publishing on the Internet, Everything Audio, and Connections Support Group with Alameda Family Services. We continue to open more services and activities.
- The Alameda Winter Pickle Ball Tournament was a success with 28 teams and 56 players. All divisions were full.

### **Park Maintenance**

- The Chochenyo Park gathering area is now open and we have opportunities for people to sponsor memorial benches.
- Working on installing benches in the Bayport Park playground which requires concrete footings and cutting out the poured in place sections. Finishing permit for the picnic area here and waiting on shipment of benches, shipment and shade structure.
- Starting tennis court light LED conversion this month with the first being at Leydecker Park
- Franklin Park merry-go-round was removed to be repaired and it's expected to be completed no later than May
- Facing ongoing challenges of athletic field usage with ongoing maintenance to maintain playability and safety.
- Implemented a comprehensive safety training program for all parks maintenance staff.

### **Administration / Projects**

- ARPD is purchasing a volleyball net to install at Godfrey Park for open public play based on Commissioner feedback.
- Updated citywide mask policy for staff and public programs: as of 3/14/22 masks are strongly recommended indoors and are not required outdoors. This follow state and county health guidelines.
- Alameda Point Waterfront Park Grand Opening, Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm – 5:00pm. Along with a ribbon cutting, this is a free, all-ages art-fest featuring some of the Bay Area's most talented musicians and dance artists. In partnership with Rhythmix Cultural Works and West End Arts District.  
<https://www.westendartsdistrict.org/waterfrontparklaunchfest.html>

**EXHIBIT 2**

**From:** Brian Lin [<mailto:brianlin160@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 6:06 PM  
**To:** Amy Wooldridge <[AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov](mailto:AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Cc:** CYNTHIA BONTA <[cynthiabonta@comcast.net](mailto:cynthiabonta@comcast.net)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item6-D; March 10, 2022; Recreation and Park Commission

Madame Chair,

My name is Brian Lin. I am a student at Encinal High School. I live in Alameda and I visit and enjoy the parks that we have. I learned about the new parks that are waiting to be named in particular about the Alameda Landing Waterfront Park that the Bohol Circle, Inc. is proposing to be named Bohol Circle Immigrant Landing or Bohol Circle Crossing of Hope.

I am happy to hear that the City is finally wanting to name a park that will reflect its diversity and inclusiveness. As an immigrant youth I envision a city that values the history and contributions of people from another country who has made Alameda home and actively makes it a city to be proud of because the people see the richness in diversity and acceptance of differences.

I am not Filipino, but I know that the immigrant experience is shared by my ancestors who immigrated to the US and all other ethnicities. To include a specific Ethnic name, in this case Filipino in the name we give one of our parks certainly demonstrates that we truly welcome everyone to our city.

I see that to bring out our humanity is the way to live a life where we all can pursue happiness and prosperity.

Please include the name, Bohol Circle Immigrant Landing and Bohol Circle Crossing of Hope in the short list.

Sincerely,  
Brian Lin

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Take care,  
Brian Lin  
[brianlin160@gmail.com](mailto:brianlin160@gmail.com)

**From:** Raine Allen Pagud [<mailto:rainePagud30@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2022 5:37 PM  
**To:** Amy Wooldridge <[AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov](mailto:AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item6-D; March 10, 2022; Recreation and Park Commission

Ms. Adrienne Alexander  
*Chair of the City of Alameda Recreation & Park Commission*  
Mr. Eric Robbins  
*Vice Chair of the City of Alameda Recreation & Park Commission*

Ms. Philly Jones  
Ms. Tara Navarro  
Ms. Alice Nguyen  
*Commissioners of the City of Alameda Recreation & Park Commission*

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Madame Chair,

My name is Raine Allen Pagud. I am a 12th grade student at Encinal High School. I live in Alameda and I visit and enjoy the parks that we have. I learned about the new parks that are waiting to be named in particular about the Alameda Landing Waterfront Park that the Bohol Circle, Inc. is proposing to be named Bohol Circle Immigrant Landing or Bohol Circle Crossing of Hope. Which I am so glad is happening.

I am happy to hear that the City is finally wanting to name a park that will reflect its diversity and inclusiveness. As an immigrant youth, I envision a city that values the history and contributions of people from another country who has made Alameda home and actively makes it a city to be proud of since the people see and experience the richness in diversity and acceptance of differences. Coming to Alameda myself as a Filipino immigrant in 2009, I was welcomed with open arms from different individuals in the island, thus, I believe that this amazing city should mirror the families living in it. With this new name, there would be an increase of cultural sensitivity in our community. As always, through representation we are stepping towards an environment of peace and broadening of perspectives of future generations.

I see that to bring out our humanity is the way to live a life where we all can pursue happiness and prosperity.

Please include the name, Bohol Circle Immigrant Landing and Bohol Circle Crossing of Hope in the short list.

Respectfully,  
Raine A. Pagud  
A Filipino Immigrant and Alameda Resident since 2009  
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