



**MINUTES OF
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF July 12, 2007**

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DATE: Thursday, July 12, 2007
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Terri Ogden, Vice Chair Jo Kahuanui, Commissioners Michael Cooper, Jay Ingram, Bruce Reeves, and Joe Restagno

Absent: Commissioner Bill Sonneman

Staff: Dale Lillard, Director
Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 14, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C REEVES/INGRAM (approved)

“That the Minutes of June 14, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission are approved.”

Approved (6): Ogden, Kahuanui, Cooper, Ingram, Reeves, Restagno
Absent (1): Sonneman

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

(Any person may address the Commission in regard to any matter over which the Commission has jurisdiction or of which it may take cognizance that is not on the agenda.)

Commissioner Ingram asked the status of the storage area at Krusi Park for Girls Softball. Director Lillard state that they have yet to submit plans.

Commission Ingram asked the status of fields at Coast Guard Park (Estuary Park). Fields are dying from lack of water. Director Lillard stated that the Coast Guard has pulled out and the property has reverted back to the Navy. The City has contacted the Navy and we are waiting a response. The City has stated that they would take care of the fields. We do not have access to the irrigation clocks to water the fields at this time.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of East Bay Regional Park District's Alameda Point Bay Trail Project - *(Discussion Only)*

Director Lillard stated that in fall 2006 the City was approached by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) about developing a shoreline trail at Alameda Point. Subsequently the City has entered into a lease with EBRPD. Representatives from EBRPD were Anne Rockwell, EBRPD Park Supervisor, Ren Bates, EBRPD Sr. Park Designer, and Kim Fisher, EBRPD Project Manager / Landscape Architect.

Ms. Fisher provided a presentation to the Recreation and Park Commission.

A segment of the Bay Trail shall be constructed along approximately 2,600 feet of shoreline on land owned by the Navy and the City of Alameda, leased to EBRPD. The trail alignment primarily follows an existing access road with approximately 500 lineal feet of the trail along the Encinal Boat Ramp. The trail will be 10-feet-wide, ADA accessible with an asphalt paved surface, and 2-foot-wide aggregate base rock shoulders on both sides of the paved trail. Included in the project is the installation of signage, bollards, one and two rail wood fences at the east and west trail access points, and benches.

The site will be cleared of miscellaneous surface debris and vegetation. As required by BCDC, 732 lineal feet of 6-foot-high, chain link fence will be removed to open views to the Bay. The fencing will be replaced with one and two rail wood fencing to direct circulation. This segment of the Alameda Point Bay Trail will provide linking to future segments of the Bay Trail.

EBRPD will maintain all the improvements that they install.

Commissioner Cooper stated that he thought it was great that EBRPD was putting a trail in that area.

Commissioner Ingram asked what the anticipated cost would be of the project. Ms. Fisher stated approximately \$450,000 without the clean up.

Director Lillard asked if dogs would need to be leashed in the area. Ms. Rockwell stated yes.

Commission thanked the EBRPD representatives for their presentation.

B. Selection of Pedestrian Task Force Representative - *(Discussion/Action Item)*

Director Lillard stated that a request was received from the Public Works Department. They are putting together a Pedestrian Task Force to discuss pedestrian issues/concerns and are asking for a member of the Recreation & Park Commission to serve on the Task Force.

Commissioner Cooper nominated Commissioner Sonneman. Commissioner Kahuanui seconded. No vote was taken.

Kahuanui asked what the commitment is. Director Lillard stated that he thought the meetings would be at night and probably one night per month.

Commissioner Kahuanui stated she would be interested but would not be able to start until September.

Director Lillard will check with Commissioner Sonneman to see if he would like to serve on the Pedestrian Task Force.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Ogden asked about the status of the middle school sports programs. Director Lillard stated that another meeting was held. An agreement has been reached and the program will include volleyball, basketball and track. Program will be held at the schools. All coaches will be working for the City. City will administer the program/league and hire the officials. AUSD will provide gym space and uniforms.

The program will be fee based. Cost is anticipated to be \$70 per child for a 6-8 week season. The Track Program will possibly be cheaper depending on the number of participants.

Chair Ogden asked who would be overseeing the program. Director Lillard stated Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor. The program will be participation and revenue based.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See July 9, 2007 Activity Report.

Godfrey Park Field Renovation - Project begins Monday, July 16, 2007.

Bayport Park Recreation Building – The first meeting with the modular building company was held. Design is underway.

B. Recreation Division

See July 9, 2007 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See July 9, 2007 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

None.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Commissioner Kahuanui asked the Commissioners for consensus on holding Friends of the Parks, Inc., meetings once a quarter on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled Recreation and Park Commission meeting. This will be instead of having lunch time meetings which is what has been done recently. This will help with obtaining a quorum of the meetings. Ms. Kahuanui will talk to Mr. Wetzork regarding moving the meetings back to quarterly Thursday evenings.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

10. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING

The August 9, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting is cancelled. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2007.

11. ADJOURNMENT