



**NOTICE OF MEETING  
ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, April 8, 2010

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Vice Chair Joe Restagno (late), Commissioners Lola Brown, Mike Cooper, Bill Delaney, and Gina Mariani,  
**Staff:** Dale Lillard, ARPD Director  
Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager (SSM)  
**Absent:** Chair Terri Ogden, Commissioner Bill Sonneman

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M/S/C BROWN/MARIANI (approved)**

**“That the March 11, 2010 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting are approved.”**

Commissioner Brown stated that she had a correction to the minutes. Ms. Brown stated that a motion needs to be added concerning sending a letter to East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) reiterating the Recreation and Park Commission's position with relation to Measure WW funds. Motion was, "That a letter be sent to EBRPD from the Commission stating the Commission's position with regard to WW monies." Moved: Brown, Seconded: Restagno. Approved by Commission.

Director Lillard stated that Measure WW applications have been submitted and EBRPD will begin their process of reviewing and approving the applications.

Director Lillard stated that he will check with Chair Ogden on the status of the letter to be sent to EBRPD.

**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.)

Dorothy Freeman, Alameda resident, announced that there is a Citizen's Advisory Committee that is comprised of 27 individuals from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties that have a say in where the Measure WW. They will be meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

p.m. at the EBRPD offices. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Vice Chair Restagno asked if Ms. Freeman knew what kind of influence the Advisory Committee has on the decisions that are made. Ms. Freeman stated that according to the ballot information the Committee oversees the disbursing of the funds to make sure that they are used properly. So the Committee does have influence.

Mr. Woodard, Alameda resident, stated that it is not quite clear in the statement of the law what arm twisting the Committee can do in objecting. But they certainly become a part of the public record. It seems that they are an important voice in the decision making process.

Ms. Freeman stated that the Bay Area Open Space Council will be meeting on May 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Golden Gate Club in San Francisco's Presidio. The Interim City Manager has given permission for someone to attend. She distributed information to the Commission.

Ms. Freeman stated that the draft EIR Report is out on the Boatworks Project/Estuary Park. Mr. Woodard stated that the land is privately held and the developer has proposed to build 242 homes with parking being barely enough for those that live in the development. This would lead to all kinds of problems let alone wiping out the possibility of a park.

Ms. Freeman asked the Recreation & Park Commission to write a letter to Council supporting the Estuary Park. She asked if the Commission could do it before the EIR meeting on April 26, 2010.

Commissioner Brown asked if this was before the Planning Board now. Ms. Freeman stated that this is the beginning of the process which formally starts on April 26, 2010. Director Lillard stated that the project would eventually come before the Commission as soon as there is a project recommendation. Right now they are still negotiating. When there is a project recommendation then the Commission would review it.

Commissioner Brown asked Ms. Freeman if they wanted a letter from this Commission before April 26. Ms. Freeman stated yes, in support of Estuary Park. They are working with the Interim City Manager. The City staff put in a request the other night to have a Park Master Plan done and in the charts they did include Estuary Park.

Commissioner Cooper recommended that rather than the Commission write a letter at this point, the Commission could write individual letters and then after the project has gone through the Planning process then the Commission can speak.

Commissioner Cooper asked when the Master Plan was done. Ms. Freeman stated that it was done in 1991.

Commissioner Mariani recommended that Ms. Freeman contact Ron Matthews because he would have interest in the project with regard to possible baseball/soccer fields.

#### **4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Director Lillard provided the Commission with a copy of the power point presentation, "Park & Facility Status Report" that went to Council, on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. The goal of the presentation was to establish the need for a Park Master Plan. Currently, we

repair items as they come up or do projects with grant monies or as bond measures are passed. There is no continuity, advanced planning, no tree plan, or long term planning, etc. Director Lillard went over the presentation.

Council was very favorable toward the request for funding to develop a Park Master Plan. It is estimated that the plan would cost \$140,000. Council will consider funding in June 2010 when reviewing the new budget for the City. A scope of work will be brought back to Council in May. Staff will write an RFP, there will be some sort of interview process; Director Lillard will recommend that a Commissioner sit on the interview panel along with someone from the City Managers office.

Commissioner Mariani asked if we have any development impact fees that are going toward recreation. Director Lillard stated that there are some, but they are very limited and may be too low at this point due to there not being a Master Plan to tie in calculations.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Letter of Support from the Recreation & Park Commission for a Master Urban Greening Plan – *(Discussion/Action Item)***

Director Lillard stated that City is proposing to undertake the development of a Master Urban Greening Plan. One of the best ways to protect our environment is to enact a comprehensive plan to guide the development of Alameda's urban green areas of its parks, streetscapes and other civic spaces.

The City is applying for an Urban Greening Grant with the federal government. This grant will look at completing a study on converting all vehicles to alternative fuels, drought resistant landscaping, etc. Staff is trying to get a variety of groups to lend support and endorse the grant. The grant is \$250,000 and is competitive.

**M/S/C                      MARIANI/RESTAGNO                      (approved)**

**“That the Recreation and Park Commission sign a letter of support to undertake the development of a Master Urban Greening Plan.”**

Approved (5):                      Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Delaney, Mariani  
Absent (2):                      Ogden, Sonneman

### **B. Discussion and Review of Draft Bike Plan - *(Discussion/Action Item)***

This item is tabled due to illness of speaker.

### **C. Discussion of Setting a Date for Park Tour – *(Discussion/Action Item)***

Director Lillard stated that he would like to schedule a Park Tour for the Recreation and Park Commission. It was suggested that the tour be done at the meeting on May 13. Tour will begin at 6:30 p.m. Some suggested sites to visit were: Bayport Park, Alameda Point Gym, and Littlejohn Park.

**M/S/C            RESTAGNO/DELANEY            (approved)**

**“That the May Recreation and Park Commission Meeting be a Park Tour meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner’s will meet at City Hall to begin tour.”**

Approved (5):            Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Delaney, Mariani  
Absent (2):              Ogden, Sonneman

**6.       UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**7.       REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND  
PARK DIRECTOR**

**A.       Park Division**

See April 5, 2010 Activity Report.

**B.       Recreation Division**

See April 5, 2010 Activity Report.

**C.       Mastick Senior Center**

See April 5, 2010 Activity Report.

**D.       Other Reports and Announcements**

**8.       STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS**

None.

**9.       ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL**

None.

**10.      ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**11.      SET NEXT MEETING DATE:**      May 13, 2010

**12.      ADJOURNMENT**