



**MINUTES OF
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2007**

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DATE: Thursday, January 11, 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, Christine Johnson, and Bruce Reeves
Absent: Commissioner Joe Restagno
Staff: Dale Lillard, Director

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 14, 2006 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C KAHUANUI/COOPER (approved)

“That the Minutes of December 14, 2006 Recreation and Park Commission are approved.”

Approved (4): Ogden, Kahuanui, Cooper, Johnson
Abstention (2): Ingram, Reeves

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.)

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on the Meyers' House Operations - (Discussion Item)

Director Lillard introduced George Gunn, Museum Curator, to the Commission who gave a presentation to the Commission on the Meyers House and Garden Museum.

The daughter's will bequeathed the house to the City with the stipulation that it be used as a museum. The Meyers House was erected in 1897 and is an example of the Colonial Revival style. This period of architecture was popular around the turn of the century in Alameda. The house was designed by Henry H. Meyers and was built by his father Jacob Meyers at a cost of \$4,000. The house is open for tours every fourth Saturday of the month.

Mr. Meyers was a prominent East Bay architect who received many Alameda County commissions. His work includes the portal entrance of the Posey Tube in Alameda, ten Veterans Buildings throughout Alameda County, plus numerous public buildings and churches.

Director Lillard stated that the Historical Society operates the house museum and the Recreation and Park Department, Park Division, maintains the garden area. The garden area is available for rentals (e.g., private rentals, civic functions, etc.). People are not allowed inside the house when there is a rental. We also receive approximately \$18,000 to \$25,000 per year from the Meyers Trust to maintain the outside which pays for approximately two-thirds of the cost to operate the facility.

Mr. Gunn stated that the facility really needs a public restroom for the facility to make the facility more viable. This limits the use of the house and garden.

Mr. Gunn invited the Commission to visit the Meyers House and Garden Museum.

B. Presentation by Representatives of Catellus Regarding their Proposal for Open Space Within the Alameda Landing Project – (Discussion Item)

Mr. Bruce Knopf, Catellus Development Group Vice President, and the Catellus Team provided an overview of the proposed development of the Alameda Landing Project.

Council approved the Master Plan for the project on December 5, 2006. In the Master Plan is the requirement that Catellus develop an open space plan for the entire waterfront promenade as a single design process.

There will be three phases to the development. The first phase will be going before the Planning Board in March 2007.

It is Catellus' intent to come back to the Commission in February with responses to their comments/feedback tonight and finalize the Waterfront Promenade Conceptual Development Plan.

Mr. Knopf responded to questions regarding traffic flow into and out of the site as well as concerns regarding the height of some of the building.

Following the discussion period the Commission asked that a 4-6 acre park be incorporated into the residential area of the site. Also, Commissioner Ingram requested some illustrations detailing site lines with regard to the office structure. Mr. Knopf agreed to take

the Commission's comments under consideration and to return at the February meeting for a further report and request for action.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

There is no report at this time.

B. Recreation Division

There is no report at this time.

C. Mastick Senior Center

There is no report at this time.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

- **Status Report on Transportation Master Plan Committee (Commissioner Johnson)**

There is no report at this time.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

None.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING** February 8, 2007

12. ADJOURNMENT