



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

**DATE:** Thursday, June 9, 2011  
**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:** Chair Joe Restagno, Commissioners Bill Delaney, Gina Mariani and Bill Sonneman  
**Absent:** Vice Chair Lola Brown  
**Staff:** Dale Lillard, ARPD Director

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of April 14, 2011 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting.

**M/S/C SONNEMAN/DELANEY** (unanimously approved)

**“That the minutes of April 14, 2011 Recreation Commission Meeting are approved.”**

Approved (4): Restagno, Delaney, Mariani, Sonneman  
Absent (1): Brown

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA**

Bill Trabuzio, Alameda resident, wanted to let the Recreation Commission know that at the next Alameda Point Meeting he is going to suggest that the area further out on the point be a picnic area. He will be requesting/suggesting that the picnic area be operated by the Alameda Recreation & Park Department because they are very capable of operating the area. The area is out beyond the fence which used to be landing strips and is waste land. Nothing can be built there, but it could be built into a picnic ground where people could watch yacht races, etc.

Chair Restagno asked if there was grass in the area. Director Lillard stated that it was a concrete area. Chair Restagno stated that he did not think that people would want to picnic on concrete.

Commissioner Sonneman asked when the meeting would be held. Mr. Trabuzio stated the meeting would be at Mastick Senior Center regarding Alameda Point. Date and time will be announced in the paper.

Mr. Trabuzio stated he will be proposing that a picnic area be put there at the public meeting.

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

None.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **A. Discussion of Draft Policy on the Hanging of Banners – (*Discussion/Action Item*)**

Director Lillard stated that the Recreation & Park Department receives multiple requests from various non-profits to hang their banners in/on our facilities. We take requests on a case-by-case basis and try to limit their use, but banners pop up all over town. The groups do not remove them and the banners get weathered, torn, and do not look good.

Director Lillard asked the Commission to review the draft Hanging of Banners Policy. Policy would be the following:

1. Only banners advertising the activities or events of Alameda based Non-profits (501(c)3) will be considered.
2. Once approved by the Recreation, Parks & Golf Operations Director or designee banners will remain in place for a maximum of 30 days.
3. It will be the responsibility of the group to hang and remove banners. In the event they are not removed ARPD staff will take them down and the non-profit will then be billed for the staff time involved.
4. ARPD will not be responsible for any damage or loss to the banners.
5. Placement will occur in Krusi Park on the fence facing Otis Drive and in Upper Washington Park on the fence along Central Avenue.
6. Groups desiring to place a banner in a park must make the request a minimum of 10 working days prior to placement.

Chair Restagno asked that Lincoln Park also be included for placement of banners. Commissioner Sonneman agreed with the Lincoln Park location as well.

Chair Restagno also stated that Alameda schools should be added.

**M/S/C SONNEMAN/DELANEY** (unanimously approved)

**“That the banner policy be approved with Lincoln Park added as a location and that Alameda schools also be added and allowed to hang banners in addition to the Alameda based non-profits.”**

Approved (4): Restagno, Delaney, Mariani, Sonneman  
Absent (1): Brown

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

### **A. Park Division**

See Activity Report dated June 7, 2011.

On June 21, 2011 the contract for Carducci Landscape Architects will be awarded for the Krusi Park Renovation Project.

### **B. Recreation Division**

See Activity Report dated June 7, 2011.

The Park Master Plan Public Meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 15, at Leydecker Park and Thursday, June 16, at Mastick Senior Center. The phone survey has been completed. Also, an online survey is being conducted on the city's website.

### **C. Mastick Senior Center**

See Activity Report dated June 7, 2011.

### **D. Other Reports and Announcements**

## **8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS**

None.

## **9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL**

Director Lillard announced the following:

There were monies left over from the Prop 12 and Prop 40 grants. The State extended the deadline to June 30, 2011. More work has been done at Rittler Park. The work was as follows: shade covers installed over bleachers, fence heightened to eliminate foul balls going into the play area, picnic tables/benches installed, and installation of a four-foot fence along the park perimeter.

ARPD has an agreement with AUSD to operate the pools for another year. The agreement will go to Council for approval on June 21, 2011. The agreement will be shared costs of AUSD 50%, ARPD 50%. Capital costs are not addressed. If a pool heater or filter fails there are no funds available.

A Budget Hearing with Council was held June 7. The anticipated short fall of \$6 million has now grown to \$7 million. All departments were asked to do a list of 5% and 10% cuts. ARPD's first year cuts are 7%, the second year will be 10%. All cuts are listed on the city's website. ARPD cuts are as follows:

- Only open 5 instead of 10 free playground programs (year-round)
- 1 full-time position in Mastick Division
- 1 full-time position in Parks Division
- 1 full-time position in Recreation Division

The city will still have a \$4 to \$5 million budget deficit for the next fiscal year.

**10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, September 8, 2011

Recreation & Park Commission decided not to meet in July or August unless it was deemed necessary.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**