



MINUTES OF RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2008

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DATE: Thursday, December 11, 2008
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, , Commissioners Lola Brown, Jo Kahuanui, and Bill Sonneman

Staff: Dale Lillard, Director

Absent: Vice Chair Joe Restagno, Mike Cooper, Gina Mariani

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Nomination and Selection of Chair
- B. Nomination and Selection of Vice Chair

Elections are tabled until the January 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of Minutes:

- November 13, 2008 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting January 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting.

Approval of November 13, 2008 Minutes are tabled until the January 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting.

4. 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.)

None.

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Possible Projects for East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Measure WW Funds – (Discussion)

Director Lillard stated that the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Measure WW was passed by voters in November 2008. Since the Measure passed it is anticipated that the City will receive approximately \$3 million to fund park improvements. The City will have 10 years to spend the funds.

Some restrictions are as follows:

- Funds cannot be a partial payment for completion of a project. Project must be completed.
- City must own the property to be improved/developed. Although the City could acquire property with the funds.

Possible project list with estimated costs is as follows:

Highest Priority

1. Resurfacing of Washington Park Basketball Courts	\$100,000
2. Renovation of Littlejohn Park Recreation Center	\$250,000
3. Renovation of Woodstock Park Recreation Center	\$500,000

Additional Projects

4. Replacement of Krusi Park Recreation Center	\$750,000
5. Renovation of Godfrey Park Play Area	\$100,000
6. Resurface Washington Park Tennis Courts	\$350,000
7. Renovation of Field Lighting (Washington, Woodstock & Leydecker)	\$1,000,000
8. AP Gym Renovations	\$750,000
9. Improvements to DeWitt O' Club	\$500,000
10. Renovation of Field in Coast Guard Housing	\$750,000
11. Acquisition of Collins Property (Estuary Park)	\$3-5 million

Commissioner Brown asked when the City can start applying for the WW Funds. Director Lillard stated that the City can start applying next year (2009).

Commissioner Sonneman asked how much the City had received from the EBRPD Measure AA funds. Director Lillard stated approximately \$2.1 million. Those projects completed were the building of Tillman Park and Harrington Field, renovation of Lincoln Park playground, and some work was done at Krusi Park.

Commissioner Sonneman asked if monies could be combined to complete a project. Director Lillard stated that as long as the Measure WW funds complete the project, combining funds can be done.

Chair Ogden asked if the Lincoln Park Recreation Center and the Woodstock Park Field were completed. Director Lillard stated that the Woodstock Park Field is funded through the State and Public Works has not started the project yet. The Lincoln Park Recreation

Center will be done in spring 2009 with City capital improvement funds (e.g., Dwelling Unit Tax).

Chair Ogden asked what type of improvements will be done to the gym. Director Lillard stated that most improvements being done are with regard to ADA requirements.

Director Lillard stated that once projects are determined the list will be sent to Council for their input/approval.

Commissioner Sonneman stated that he will meet with the Facility & Maintenance Director at the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) to discuss possible joint projects with the City. Mr. Sonneman would like the City to explore working with AUSD to possibly do a synthetic field/track project.

An Alameda Soccer Club representative stated that he supports Commissioner Sonneman's idea and hopes that some of the Measure WW monies would go to sports fields.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See December 2008 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 13 at the Albert H. DeWitt O' Club from 10:00 am – 12:00 p.m. There will be treats and activities; participants will have the opportunity to take photos with jolly old St. Nick (Santa Claus). The event is sold out with 230 participants.

See December 2008 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

Reminder-- Mastick Senior Center Closed on Sundays - Beginning in January 2009, Mastick Senior Center will be closed on Sundays. At this time, we remain committed to serving seniors Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. On Saturdays please consider joining us for our fundraising Bingo Program from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. or visit the Thrift Shop between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

See December 2008 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday, January 8, 2009

12. ADJOURNMENT