



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m. Called to Order
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed at <https://alameda.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
The following are action minutes in keeping with the Sunshine Ordinance 2-91.17.

ROLL CALL

Present: (Teleconference via Zoom) Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioner Limoges and Commissioner Navarro

Staff: (Teleconference via Zoom) Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Amy Wooldridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge announced:

1. Commissioner Aimee Barnes has resigned due to a move and we deeply appreciate her efforts and time on the Commission.
2. Item 6-B, Options for the Pools at Lincoln Park and Franklin Park, will not be heard tonight and will be heard at a later date yet to be determined.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alexander moved to accept the minutes of January 14, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented. M/S Commissioner Navarro / Vice Chair Robbins. All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Written Communication:
 1. Resident Michael Hulihan regarding interest to rename Godfrey Park.
- Oral Communication:
 1. Resident Betsy Mathieson asked what the City of Alameda is planning do to publicly announce Chochenyo Parks' new name. Answer: ARPD Director Wooldridge said there will be a press release for a virtual opening celebration closer to when the new sign with the park name goes up.

REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. See Exhibit 1

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Navarro: Spending time at Encinal Beach to observe and said the weekly progress is incredible and overall it is a pleasant place to spend time. Was also able to see the inside of the Krusi Park Recreation Center and said it was well done.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Glad to see the Commission is getting updates regarding Corica Park redesign as it is an exciting addition to the City of Alameda with a potential of holding the U.S. Open Golf Tournament in the future. Requested update on the new pickleball park. Went to

Encinal Park and said it is such an improvement and overjoyed with the amount of people using the park. Asked if some of the tennis courts at Alameda Point that are presently being used by the Soccer team could be changed to Pickleball Courts. Answer: ARPD Director Wooldridge said the pickleball item is on the March agenda.

- Commissioner Limoges: Spent time learning about the Lincoln Park and Franklin Park pools. Also has been observing the new park at Alameda Point being built and is fascinated by the construction of it.
- Chair Alexander: Shout out to ARPD gardener Maria Ducey at Franklin Park who is doing such a good job. Visited the Encinal Boat Ramp and said the new fence behind Encinal High School looks good and the beach area looks great. Received complaints from residents who live near Franklin Park about local teens who have been having parties in Franklin Park until early morning and are leaving their trash behind including broken bottles.

AGENDA ITEMS

6-A Presentation from East Bay Regional Park District on the Status and Development of Parks and Trails Managed in the City of Alameda

Carmen Erasmus, EBRPD Landscape Architect, gave a presentation and answered questions on the Encinal Beach Restoration and Public Access Project which included project goals, construction, progress, and the habitat and dune restoration.

Brian Holt, Chief of Planning Trails at EBRPD gave a presentation and answered questions about the McKay Avenue Master Plan Park Expansion at Crown Beach which included objectives, existing conditions, opportunities, timeline of Master Plan, public survey and a working concept. Also gave update about Alameda Point's ongoing project of 145 acres for a regional park and nature reserve. Presentation included existing conditions, opportunities, working conditions, collaborating with the Veterans administration regarding a seasonal Bay Trail around the property and ongoing Navy remediation for site clean-up.

6-B WITHDRAWN – Review and Recommend Options for the Pools at Lincoln Park and Franklin Park [Item will not be heard tonight and will be heard at a later date yet to be determined]

6-C Review and Recommend the 2020 Climate Action & Resiliency Plan (CARP) Annual Report

City of Alameda Danielle Hutchings Meiler, Sustainability and Resilience Manager and Patrick Peligri-O'Day, Public Works Administrative Specialist 1, gave report and answered questions about the 2020 Climate Action & Resiliency Plan (CARP), which included CARP goals and vision of reducing emissions to 50% below 2005 levels by 2030, climate adaption and effective implementation and capacity building, social equity of economy, environment and equity, 2020's accomplishments, 2021 priorities, CARP and the Recreation and Park Commission, CARP overview, timeline and partnerships and recommendation to endorse the 2020 CARP Annual Plan.

Commissioner Navarro made a motion to accept the 2020 Climate Action & Resiliency Plan (CARP) Annual Report as presented for City Council adoption.

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Vice Chair Robbins. All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Sweeney Park Update – grant funding and revised design
- Tennis Court Conversion to Pickleball Proposal at Washington Park
- Update from Public Works on building maintenance plan

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: March 11, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

M/S Commissioner Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Navarro

Motion carried by the following voice vote: All in favor with a 4 ayes via roll call vote.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM

EXHIBIT 1

02/11/2021 ARPD Director's Report

Presented by Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge

Recreation Services

- Winter and spring programs continue with after school including nine sites and 10 social pods plus two Tiny Tots sites and the Tots to Go bags that are being distributed.
- During the pandemic, ARPD increased its aquatic programs at Encinal and Alameda High School pools and it has been well received by the public with additional lap swim and swim lessons throughout the weekdays and weekends. These will now be reduced as AUSD is restarting its athletic programs and is now using the pools on some weekdays until 8:30pm and Saturday mornings. ARPD is working to adjust its programming to continue as much lap swim and swim lessons as possible. Staff is also working with AUSD staff to determine options to provide City use of daytime weekday use of the Encinal High School pool.
- In lieu of the Family Dance we host each year with Girls Inc. of the Island City, we are offering the Winter Weekend Family Fun kit with a variety of activities, song list, snacks, crafts, games and more for the family to enjoy on the last weekend of February. We are asking families to upload photos of themselves enjoying the kit.
- Friends Connect, our social group for teens with developmental disabilities, continues to meet virtually and is looking for more members. The Alameda Youth Committee, a youth leadership development group is also meeting online regularly and planning some teen specific activities this spring.
- Sports Trivia Night went well with over 100 participants playing. Lots of positive feedback and family fun. Another Trivia Night coming in March.
- A virtual recreation guide will be posted in early March, with hard copies available and being distributed for equity, and includes ARPD summer activities such as Day Camp, WOW, Teen Adventure Camp and Aquatics. A second guide will be issued later this spring and includes a variety of more camps and classes available this summer.

Mastick Senior Center

- We held a successful American Red Cross blood drive on Feb. 4
- Mastick Senior Center will offer its annual AARP tax preparation program to seniors. The program is structured to have very limited contact between tax preparers and clients. This program serves many seniors and saves them tens of thousands of dollars in filing costs
- Roses were pruned at Lincoln Park rose garden thanks to Pat Oransky, Alison Limoges, and Glenda Williams, volunteer dream team. And Patricia Bowen pruned the roses behind the Mastick Social Hall.
- Parking stops and curbs are being painted in the Mastick parking lot. Upon completion, staff member will tackle interior painting projects originally scheduled to be contracted out.

Park Maintenance

- Park Maintenance staff have been busy and completed the following projects:
 - Installation of basketball court and hoop at McKinley Park.
 - Installation of ADA parking at Washington Park

- Washington park pathway repaving at lower Washington and small portion at upper Washington.
 - Revamped lower Washington picnic area with decomposed granite, concrete tables and BBQs
 - Leydecker athletic field lighting was installed.
- ADA ramps are being installed at Golf Course adjacent to the driving range.
- Working with East Bay Regional Park District staff to install bike racks at the newly opened Encinal Beach
- Sign was ordered for Chochenyo Park
- Our new Parks Maintenance Supervisor starts on February 22 and we are beginning recruitment of Parks Foreperson
- The Mosaic art piece in Sweeney Park is being installed within the month. The rock spinners are anticipated for installation later this spring/early summer.

Administration / Projects

- Corica Park construction on the North Course continues. Greenway Golf anticipates opening the front 9 holes this summer with the full golf course opening in June 2022. They are planning other facility improvements to coincide with this opening.
- Golf tournaments are anticipated to begin later this month at Corica Park, pending Greenway Golf's application for an exemption from the Alameda County Public Health Dept. Staff have been in discussion with County staff who stated that the Health Officer supports golf tournaments as very low risk and is anticipated to authorize any golf tournaments submitted. Staff is requiring a high level of safety protocols from Greenway Golf to ensure all golfers wear masks, maintain physical distance, avoid congregating, and do not share equipment or surfaces.
- Ideas for revising the City's Facility Naming Policy (including Parks) will be discussed by City Council on February 16. We will not be bringing any new parks or renaming of parks to the Commission until this policy is finalized.
- Commissioner Aimee Barnes has resigned as she moved to Hawaii. Received 35 applications and working to have a new Commissioner in place starting at our April meeting.
- The contract for construction of the Alameda Point Gym Modular Restroom is going to City Council next month and we anticipate the building will be completed by summer.
- Finalizing plans to improve Godfrey Park Recreation Center which includes full renovation of restrooms to now include two park facing restrooms and one interior restroom (all single stall, gender neutral), updated kitchen counters and cabinets and interior painting.
- Working on a project at Woodstock Park Recreation Center to replace all of the windows and paint the exterior of the building.
- The Alameda Point Neighborhood Park is anticipated to open in March. This park will not be named until a revised Naming Policy is adopted by City Council and implemented.
- Staff is applying for the Statewide Parks Program, funded by Prop 68, the Parks and Water Bond Act of 2018. The application is to fund redesign, based on updated boundary lines, and construction of the western portion of Sweeney Park including the community garden. Staff will host at least one community meeting to review the design updates and determine if there are any other desired changes to that phase of the park. The community garden is planned to help address food insecurity in Alameda through collaboration with the Alameda Food Bank and Alameda Backyard Growers.