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## MINUTES OF RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 14, 2009

**DATE:** Thursday, May 14, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Room 360, City Hall, Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501

### 1. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Vice Chair Joe Restagno , Commissioners Lola Brown, Jo Kahuanui, and Gina Mariani

**Staff:** Dale Lillard, Director  
Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager (SSM)  
Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)

**Absent:** Chair Terri Ogden, Commissioners Cooper and Sonneman

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of Minutes:

- April 9, 2008 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting

Approval of Minutes tabled until next meeting.

### 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.)

None.

### 4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Summer Preview – *(Discussion/Information Only)*

Director Lillard gave the Commission an update on summer programs in light of the City's budget issues. At this point, our summer programs will stay at the same service level. The City has gone through a reduction in force. Citywide there was a reduction in force of 40 positions. Our Department is eliminating one position through a retirement and another

coordinator was moved out of the General Fund and into the revenue producing side of the budget. At this point there are no service levels being reduced.

This is all pending on the Governors Budget plan. If the Governor takes property taxes back from the cities (as he has mentioned) it would mean that the City of Alameda would lose \$2.3 million and our budget would have to be reviewed again.

If we are hit with budget cuts again they will be severe. If we are asked to make further cuts we will be cutting people and service levels.

If everything stays the same (without the Governor taking away funds), we should be able to get through the next two years.

We are still in the transition phase with regard to the Park Maintenance Workers and the Golf Maintenance Workers.

Director Lillard went over the summer program with the Commission.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

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

### **A. Park Division**

See May 2009 Activity Report.

### **B. Recreation Division**

The **43rd Annual Sand Castle and Sculpture Contest** will take place on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Robert Crown Memorial State Beach Park. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Completion of the projects will need to be finished by 12:00 p.m. Judging will begin and awards will be given out at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**Earth Day 2009** was a huge success on Saturday, April 25th at Washington Park. There were well over 2,700 people in attendance.

See May 2009 Activity Report.

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

See May 2009 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 DAY FOR NEXT MEETING** Thursday, June 11, 2009

**12. ADJOURNMENT**