



MINUTES OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2006

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DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Veteran's Building, 2203 Central Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jay Ingram, Vice Chair Kahuanui, Commissioners Michael Cooper, Christine Johnson, Terri Ogden and Bruce Reeves

Absent: Commissioner Georg Oliver

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of December 8, 2005 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C **REEVES/OGDEN** (approved)

Approved (5): Ingram, Kahuanui, Johnson, Ogden, Reeves

Absent (1): Oliver

Abstention (1): Cooper

Minutes of January 12, 2006 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting will be brought back to the Commission in March.

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

- Letter from Alameda Architectural Preservation Society and Mr. Carvalho, Baldwin & Pell House, recommending that the new park in the Bayport Development being named in honor of Andy Pagano.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Possible Names for the Park in Bayport Development – (Discussion Item Only)

AD Lillard stated that, per direction from the City Council, each Board or Commission is responsible for recommending any names for new facilities within their realm (e.g., Golf Commission responsible for golf facilities, Library Board responsible for Library facilities, etc.).

The Commissioner's are in receipt of two letters (from Alameda Architectural Preservation Society and Mr. Carvalho, Baldwin & Pell House) asking that the new park in the Bayport Development be named in honor of Andy Pagano.

The Commission needs to decide how they would like to go about picking a name for the facility. The Commission can solicit names from the public, generate your own list, accept letters of recommendation, etc. Also, there is a list of potential names on the Street Naming List that could be used. Something could also be put on the ARPD website.

The only formal request that has been received is for Andy Pagano.

Chair Ingram stated that the Commission has enough history that they could possibly come up with some names tonight.

Commissioner Reeves stated that Chuck Corica's name came up but he already has the Golf Complex named after him.

AD Lillard stated that J.C. Shirriell's, former Recreation Commissioner, name has been suggested for the list. No formal request has been received.

Commissioner Ogden asked about Win Currier. AD Lillard stated that the Commission has already approved naming the ball field at Leydecker Park in Win Currier's honor.

Chair Ingram recommended Bea Rowney.

Commissioner Cooper recommended Don Grant who was a long-time coach at Encinal High School for track and football.

Commissioner Reeves stated that he personally felt that Pagano was a superb choice. Commissioner Johnson agreed.

Commissioner Cooper stated that it would be good to let the community have some input. Names that come to his mind are Andy Pagano, Bea Rowney, Don Grant, and Nick Cabral.

Suggested names to put on a list are:

Nick Cabral
Don Grant
Andy Pagano
Bea Rowney
J.C. Shirreil

AD Lillard suggested that for the next meeting people/Commissioners bring names with a little background on the suggested individuals for consideration.

B. Review Amendment to the Field Allocation Policy – (*Discussion Item Only*)

AD Lillard stated that to comply with requirements outlined in AB2404 specific language needs to be added to the Field Allocation Policy. Assembly Bill 2404 prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of sex or gender in the operation, conduct or administration of community youth athletic programs and activities, or in the allocation of parks and recreation facilities and resources.

Chair Ingram asked what constitutes compliance. AD Lillard stated that if you were challenged one of the three things they use for compliance is the percentage of participants in youth sports is roughly the same as the percentage in the general population. Or, that you have demonstrated an effort to move toward equalization.

For instance, if figures are collected and 20 percent are girls and general population is 40 percent but in the next few years we go from 20, 25, or 28 percent then we are in compliance, or if it is generally accepted in the community that we are meeting the needs of everyone. It is somewhat vague, but we are collecting everyone's participation number so that in the future we can demonstrate an increase in the number of people or programs.

Commissioner Reeves stated that the first thing is to have a stated policy which matches the State policy. The next step is that we are working toward meeting the goals in the Policy. This is the first step in adopting a policy which matches the State policy.

Chair Ingram asked if it was too early to figure out the figures of girls in youth sports versus girls in general population. AD Lillard stated that staff is beginning with this Policy and then rosters will be obtained for this season and then we will move forward.

Commissioner Kahuanui stated that she feels that there needs to be wording put in the Field Allocation Policies and Procedures which deals with groups who consistently do not follow the policies and procedures (e.g., following times allocated for their permit, etc.). AD Lillard stated that staff can add wording stating, "Failure to comply with any of the policies could result in the loss of their Field Permit." Commissioner Kahuanui agreed with the above wording.

AD Lillard stated that the Policy and Procedure will go back to Council as an informational item.

C. Annual Review and Adjustment of Fees for Recreation and Parks – (*Discussion/Action Item*)

Discussion was held regarding fee comparison surveys with other cities and staff recommended fee increases.

Discussion was held regarding fees for Alameda Point Facilities. Staff is working with user groups to develop an Alameda Point Gym Allocation Policy and Procedure. It's anticipated that this will come before the Recreation and Park Commission in the near future.

Staff has notified users that current agreements are good until the end of this school year. At that time new agreements will be negotiated with user groups.

M/S/C REEVES/OGDEN (approved)

“That the 2006 fee increases listed below are approved:

BASKETBALL

Adult **\$610.00 Resident Team Fee**
\$660.00 Non-Resident Team Fee

SOFTBALL

Adult **\$640.00 Resident Team Fee**
\$690.00 Non-Resident Team Fee

FLAG FOOTBALL

Adult **\$598.00 Resident Team Fee**
\$615.00 Non-Resident Team Fee

SWIM LESSONS

\$ 6.00 each ½ hr. lesson - Resident
(\$60 for two-week session)
\$ 7.00 each ½ hr. Lesson - Non-Resident
(\$70 for two-week session)

SWIM TEAMS USE FEE

Hourly Rate: **\$11/hr./youth**
\$12/hr./adult
\$12/hr./youth (beginning January 2007)
\$13/hr. adult (beginning January 2007)

FACILITY RENTALS

Recreation Centers **\$85/hr Private Rental (Resident)**
\$110/hr Private Rental (Non-Resident)

TENNIS

Adult Group Lessons **\$ 11/hour**
Junior Group Lessons **\$ 11/hour**
Private Lessons **\$ 42/hour**

YOUTH

Day Camp **\$125/week – Hidden Cove**
\$140/week – Trails End
\$ 65/week – Hidden Cove Extended Care
\$ 55/week – Trails End Extended Care
Preschool **\$ 4.25/hour**

YOUTH SPORTS

Fall, Winter, Spring
- Basketball **\$ 75 Season (additional \$10 Non-Resident Fee)**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Final Review of Long-Term Park Use Policy – (*Discussion Item Only*)

Commission reviewed the minor changes to the Long-Term Park Use Policy. The changes do not significantly change the policy, but rather make it easier to both understand and implement.

Small changes were:

- Added a pre-application clause.
- Eliminated trying to cover every specific contingency (e.g. ice creams trucks, Girl Scouts cookie sales, etc.).

This item was originally scheduled to go before Council sometime in March, but the City Manager's Office has requested that the item go before Council on February 21, 2006.

Commissioners Reeves and Kahuanui recommended that staff forward the Policy on to Council.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See attached February 1- 28, 2006 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See attached February 1- 28, 2006 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See attached February 1- 28, 2006 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

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

No report at this time.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

- The Washington Park Recreation Building has been demolished in preparation for installation of the new building. Plans will go to the Planning Commission at

their last meeting in February. Project will go to bid in April. It is anticipated that the project will be complete by mid-summer.

- Commissioner Ogden asked about the status of the Woodstock Park renovation. Staff will be meeting with Babe Ruth, Little League, and Alameda Soccer to determine a schedule. Staff does not want to have more than one field down at a time. Tentative schedule would be:
 1. Opening of Bayport Park
 2. Godfrey Park Renovation
 3. Woodstock Park Renovation
 4. Rittler Park Renovation

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

AD Lillard provided the Commission with a memo from City Attorney regarding AB 1234. As a result of an audit of some public entities, which showed unreasonable expenditures by public officials, a new State law was passed, and became effective January 1, 2006. The law attempts to increase accountability for compensation and reimbursement of members of legislative bodies, and impose ethics training on members of legislative bodies and elected officials. The law expressly says it applies to charter cities, which is an unresolved legal issue. The legislature asserts the law should apply to charter cities because it addresses a statewide concern, (e.g., transparency in the activities of local government).

AD Lillard wanted the Commission to be aware that members of city legislative bodies and any elected city official must get two hours of ethics training every two years, if the city provides compensation or reimbursement to any legislative body member. The city must provide information on available training to these individuals at least once a year. Incumbents must complete their training by next January. Newcomers must receive the training in their first year. Records must be kept for five years.

Chair Ingram stated that he will be contacting a few architects to walk through the Veteran's Building.

Chair Ingram suggested that the Commission visit the new assisted senior living facility across from Chevys Restaurant.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Chair Ingram asked for a status report on CIP's at the next meeting.
- List of names for facilities.

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday, March 9, 2006

12. ADJOURNMENT