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MINUTES OF RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2009

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 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, Mike Cooper, Gina Mariani, and Bill Sonneman

Staff: Dale Lillard, Director
Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager (SSM)
John McDonald, Park Manager (PM)

Absent: Chair Terri Ogden and Commissioner Jo Kahuanui

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of Minutes:

- March 12, 2008 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting

M/S/C COOPER/BROWN (approved)

“That the March 12, 2008 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting Minutes be approved as written.”

Approved (4): Restagno , Brown, Cooper, Mariani,
Abstention (1): Sonneman
Absent (2): Ogden, Kahuanui

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.)

Dorothy Freeman and Joseph Woodard members of Estuary Park Action Committee (EPAC) provided information and spoke regarding the Prop 84 Grant Application for Estuary Park. Commissioner Sonneman thanked Ms. Freeman and Mr. Woodard for the information.

Director Lillard stated that a lot of the information requested is probably already on a grant that was applied for in a prior year.

Vice Chair Restagno asked what the approximate cost would be to acquire the project. Mr. Woodard stated at this time he does not know. The price tag will be determined by the purchase price as determined by negotiations with the property owners.

Vice Chair Restagno asked if there were any funds available at all throughout the City. Director Lillard stated no.

John McDonald, Park Manager, asked if there has been any talk about obtaining maintenance funds for maintaining the areas once they are built. Ms. Freeman stated that the Trust for Public Lands will come in and help buy and maintain the areas.

Director Lillard stated that ARPD can provide a venue for the public meetings. ARPD can also provide to the group the City's media contacts.

Vice Chair Restagno thanked Ms. Freeman and Mr. Woodard for all of the information and their hard work and asked them to keep the Commission posted.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Lights in the Parking Lot Across from the O' Club Parking – (Discussion/Information Only)

Director Lillard stated that ARPD staff contacted Development Services staff and the lights in the parking lot are now working.

Parking lot safety was discussed. Commissioner Sonneman suggested that volunteers have walking patrols in the parking lot during fundraising events.

B. Discussion of Recreation & Park Commission being Members of the Friends of the Parks, Inc. – (Discussion/Action Item)

Director Lillard stated that in the original By Laws for the Friends of the Parks it was required that the Recreation Commission had to be members of the Friends. The By Laws were amended in 1997 and it is not now required. Now you can appoint whomever you like to the Board.

Vice Chair Restagno asked for clarification on whether the Commission is required to serve on the Friends of the Parks, Inc. Director Lillard stated no, members of the Commission are not required to serve on the Board.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See April 2009 Activity Report.

PM McDonald stated that parks are experiencing quite a bit of vandalism lately. Current, problem areas are: Washington, Woodstock, and Littlejohn Parks. Graffiti throughout the City has been a lot more than normal lately.

Commissioner Sonneman asked what is spent on cleaning up the graffiti. PM McDonald stated that the cost is approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year to clean up.

B. Recreation Division

See April 2009 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See April 2009 Activity Report.

SSM Krause stated that the Volunteer Luncheon was held today. As usual it was a well attended event.

The Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 14.

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, May 14, 2009

12. ADJOURNMENT