



MINUTES OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2005

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DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2005
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave., Third Floor, Room 360
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jay Ingram (late), Vice Chair Jo Kahuanui, and Commissioners Christine Johnson, Terri Ogden, Georg Oliver (late), and Bruce Reeves

Staff: Dale Lillard, Acting Director (AD)
Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager (SSM)

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Nomination and Selection of Chair

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

“That Chair Ingram be re-elected as Recreation and Park Commission Chair for 2005-06.”

Approved (5): Johnson, Kahuanui, Ogden, Oliver, Reeves,
Absent (1): Ingram (late)

B. Nomination and Selection of Vice Chair

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

“That Vice Chair Kahuanui be re-elected as Recreation and Park Commission Vice Chair for 2005-06.”

Approved (5): Johnson, Kahuanui, Ogden, Oliver, Reeves
Absent (1): Ingram (late)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of September 15, 2005 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

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

Approved (3): Johnson, Kahuanui, Reeves
Abstention (1): Ogden
Absent (2): Ingram (late), Oliver (late)

Approve Minutes of October 13, 2005 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C REEVES/KAHUANUI (Approved)

Approved (4): Johnson, Kahuanui, Ogden, Reeves
Absent (2): Ingram (late), Oliver (late)

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.)

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Alameda Island Blazers complimenting staff on the recent improvements at the Alameda Point Gym.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Joint Meeting Agenda with City Council and Recreation & Park Commission - *(Discussion Item)*

AD Lillard provided the Commission with a draft agenda for the Joint Council & Recreation Commission Meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the DeWitt O' Club.

The City Clerk is still working on establishing Councilmembers who will be able to attend.

Commissioner Reeves stated that he would like to see finance issues on the agenda. Something that shows what Commission is doing to breach the funding gap. AD Lillard stated that he would put Cost Recovery Goals on the agenda. Commissioner Reeves stated that something needs to be on the agenda that addresses the issue that we are acquiring more parks and we are going to need more money.

Chair Ingram stated that Achievements, Goals, Master Plan, and Cost Recovery are enough to have on the agenda. AD Lillard stated that he receives many questions regarding the DeWitt O' Club and if possible we can leave it on the agenda but briefly talk about the facility.

Chair Ingram stated that the last time he spoke with Mayor Johnson she asked for cost figures to open the AP Gym and AP Pool. The Commission should bring that up again. AD

Lillard stated that DeWitt O' Club will be removed from the agenda and Alameda Point Facilities will be added.

B. Meeting Attendance – (*Discussion Item*)

AD Lillard stated that Attendance Reports are turned in yearly to the City Manager's Office and provided the Commission with the latest Attendance Report. He reminded the Commission that meeting attendance is important.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Revisions to Long-Term Park Use Policy – (*Discussion Item*)

AD Lillard provided to the Commission the latest revised Long-Term Park Use Policy. It is hoped that the Policy can be sent to Council at their second meeting in January 2006.

The next step will be to send the policy to the City Attorney's Office to be approved as to form before it will go before Council in January.

8. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See attached Monthly Report for November 1-30, 2005.

B. Recreation Division

Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2005, at City Hall (2263 Santa Clara Avenue) beginning at 5:30 p.m. Activities include: Souvenirs for the children, a visit from Santa Claus, and a NEW – Free ice skating rink which will be open before the Tree Lighting Ceremony from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also, the Alameda Community Band, Dancing Christmas Trees, the fabulous Mistletones, will be performing throughout the event. Refreshments will be available.

Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 10 at the Dewitt O' Club from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Besides wonderful yummy treats and activities, participants will receive a photo with jolly old St. Nick (Santa Claus). The cost is \$10 per person. Bring the whole family to this festive occasion.

Santa's Visits to the Homes registration began November 9. Families can sign up and enjoy a personal visit with Santa and his elf in the relaxed atmosphere of their home. The cost for this visit is \$25 for a ten minute stay.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See attached Monthly Report for November 1-30, 2005.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

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

Commissioner Johnson stated that the Committee is spending a lot of time on street classifications. Maps are being reviewed and truck routes are being studied. Classifications of some of the streets clash with some of the uses.

9. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Washington Park Recreation Building – Replacement of the Recreation Building will go to bid soon. The bidding process will take approximately 60 – 90 days and it will be 3 weeks for installation of the modular building. Removal of the old building has begun.

Rittler Park Field Renovation – There are CIP Funds to renovate the field at Rittler Park. Irrigation system will be removed and new irrigation will be installed.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Chair Ingram suggested talking with Council at the Joint Meeting regarding the need for a Park Master Plan. Commission was in agreement with talking to Council.

Chair Ingram asked the status of installing a wood sign at Leydecker Park. AD Lillard stated that staff is still looking for a vendor. The prior vendor is out of the sign making business and the heir apparent is still deciding if it is cost effective to make wood signs.

Chair Ingram asked if there was any progress in obtaining information about the College of Alameda track and field. AD Lillard stated that Pat Bail, Alameda resident, is still waiting to hear from the College of Alameda Maintenance Staff regarding costs for maintaining the field.

Vice Chair Kahuanui asked for the status of installation of the cell tower at Washington Park. AD Lillard stated that permits were granted and we are receiving payments. No work has begun at this time.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

12. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday, December 8, 2005.

13. ADJOURNMENT