



## **ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

**DATE:** Thursday, September 11, 2014  
**TIME:** 7:02 p.m. Called to Order  
**PLACE:** City Hall Council Chambers

### **1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Bill Delaney, Vice Chair Brown, Commissioners Mario Mariano, and Ruben Tilos  
**Absent:** Commissioner Ann Cooke  
**Staff:** Amy Wooldridge, Recreation & Parks Director

New members were introduced.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved minutes of June 12, 2014 regular Recreation & Park Commission meeting.  
M/S/C Vice Chair Brown / Commissioner Mariano, All in favor.

### **3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA: None**

### **4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None**

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Presentation on ARPD Sports, Aquatics and Facility Rental Programs, by Dennis McDaniels, Recreation Services Specialist**

Mr. McDaniels provided an overview of the programs he administers with a presentation, including aquatics, facility rentals, new park monitor program, adult sports (such as softball and tennis), and youth sports. He commented on the Earth Day, Annual Mayor's Tree Lighting event, and the Everything Alameda event. There will be touch-a-trucks from Public Works and Alameda Fire and Police at this year's event.

Chair Delaney asked about the staff working for programs and if staff do many different things, or if staff do specific areas they are assigned to. Mr. McDaniels explained that some staffers work various events and areas, and some staff are specific, like aquatic staff are only at the pools.

#### **B. ARPD Annual Report for FY 2013-14 by Director Amy Wooldridge (attached)**

Commissioner Mariano asked about fund raising and grant opportunities. Director Wooldridge reported on the current status of grant funds and would like to expand on fundraising opportunities, such as corporate and business donations.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Update**

Director Wooldridge provided an update on the Alameda Community Garden. Two volunteers compiled a report on fungus options for cleaning the soil. She will hear about grant opportunities in the near future.

Mr. Jim Sweeney spoke and reported that the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund has obtained their 503(c) status and looks forward to working closely with the Commission to raise funds for the park.

Commissioner Tilos asked about corporate logos being on items or in parks and how the public feels about it. Director Wooldridge responded that the Under Armor logo on Leydecker Park's Curry Court was the first and was well received. It passed through this Commission and City Council. Discussion regarding what corporate funding signage could look like.

Chair Delaney suggested in the future forming a subcommittee for leveraging funds.

**B. Estuary Park Update**

Director Wooldridge reported that on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the conceptual design was reviewed by City Council. There is still approximately \$1 million to raise of the anticipated \$3.5 million budget for Phase 1. Subsequently, there is no timeline yet for going out to bid. She reported the Challenger League is through the Little League and is starting this Fall.

Commissioner Mariano asked about the synthetic turf requirement for accessibility on the Challenger field. Director Wooldridge discussed different field types of rubberized versus synthetic turf and their accessibility.

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

**A. Recreation Commission Reports:** None at this time.

**B. Friends of the Park Report (FOTP):** Chair Delaney reported the annual golf tournament is Monday and looks like they have over 90 members signed up to play. Friday night is the last Starlight movie in Leydecker Park, along with a skateboard give-away.

Vice Chair Brown reported that the Mastick annual drive for new members is underway, and they have already had a great turnout. Mastick will have many new Fall programs such as fall prevention, band, caregiver work groups and Spanish language. She gave kudos to Jackie Krause. Their annual open house had a great turnout.

**C. Recreation and Parks Director Report:**

- Director Wooldridge reported on successful summer programs.
- RAP is full at several sites and Kindergarten RAP is available.
- Parks and Playgrounds are available at five locations.
- Starting a project to replace the doors at the Woodstock Recreation Center.
- ARPD youth volunteer service will be highlighted in the National Parks and Recreation Association's Publication for Parks
- Both pools are experiencing problem and there will be temporary closures. AUSD has been very helpful with the diagnosis.

Chair Delaney asked about Jackson Park bench and how the funding efforts were going. Director Wooldridge reported that the Save the Bench group has raised over \$7,000 and Tucker's Ice Cream has raised additional funds through a special flavor for the Jackson Park bench campaign.

8. **STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS:** None
9. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL:** None
10. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** No comments
11. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, October 9, 2014
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Delaney adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.