



**NOTICE OF MEETING
ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2010

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Terri Ogden, Vice Chair Joe Restagno , Commissioners Lola Brown, Mike Cooper, and Bill Sonneman

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

Absent: Commissioner Gina Mariani

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of:

- September 10, 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting
- September 10, 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Special Meeting
- October 5, 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Special Meeting
- November 12, 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting
- January 14, 2010 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting

M/S/C BROWN/SONNEMAN (approved)

“That the September 10, 2009 Recreation Commission Regular Meeting minutes are approved.”

Approved (5): Ogden, Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

M/S/C SONNEMAN/RESTAGNO (approved)

“That the September 10, 2009 Recreation Commission Special Meeting minutes are approved.”

Approved (5): Ogden, Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

M/S/C SONNEMAN/RESTAGNO (approved)

“That the October 5, 2009 Recreation Commission Special Meeting minutes are approved.”

Approved (4): Ogden, Restagno, Cooper, Sonneman
Abstained (1): Brown
Absent (1): Mariani

The November 12, 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting minutes are tabled until the next meeting.

M/S/C COOPER/RESTAGNO (approved)

“That the January 14, 2009 Recreation Commission Meeting minutes are approved.”

Approved (4): Ogden, Restagno, Brown, Cooper
Abstained (1): Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

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, Alameda resident, asked if there is a proposed time of when the Alameda Boys & Girls Club Measure WW application will be available. Director Lillard stated that their application has to be filed by March 31, 2010. But, if it is submitted before that time he believes it is a public document. Ms. Freeman requested a copy of the Alameda Boys & Girls Club Measure WW application when it is submitted. Director Lillard stated that copies can be provided once it is submitted.

Ms. Freeman asked the four names of the people who were to work on the Alameda Beltline Park. Director Lillard stated that it was himself, Public Works Director, Deputy City Manager, and Andrew Thomas, Planning Services Manager in Community Development Department. The Deputy City Manager is the chair of the committee and is in charge.

Ms. Freeman stated that her pet peeve in all of this is Estuary Park. They have been working on this project for approximately nine years; they have gone out and found money, talked to public officials and the only people they cannot seem to get on board is the City. This park could have been built several years ago if they could get some support or somebody from the City working with them. They would like to know what it would take to get some cooperation. They as individuals cannot go and apply for money; they have to have the City working with them to be able to apply. Director Lillard stated that he would recommend starting with the City Manager's office. They would need to provide direction to move forward whether it is the Planning Department or ARPD.

Joe Woodard, Alameda resident, stated it is frustrating that when they do receive recommendations for funding sources, for instance from Pete Starks's, and they are unable to pursue them further without the city's interest. They cannot interest anyone in doing the fundraising. Vice Chair Restagno asked if the Commission could recommend that the city at least look at this issue. Director Lillard stated yes, the Commission can support it.

Commissioner Sonneman stated that the Commission supports parks and open space. Director Lillard stated that he could set the meeting if the Commission would like to be part of the sub-committee or the representation. A representative from the Commission could be at the meeting.

Vice Chair Restagno stated that the City should at least take a look instead of stonewalling the group. It did not do a lot of good with the Measure WW funds. Ms. Freeman stated that there are a lot of people that really do know that the Commission supported the parks on that issue. She feels that the Commission received a lot of kudos for that. Director Lillard stated that the Commission's position was pretty clear on the issue.

Commissioner Sonneman stated that the bottom line is that the Commission does support open space and parks and commended the efforts and work that the group has done. But, how to get the City to apply for money is not a Recreation & Park Commission charge.

Director Lillard stated that the Recreation Commission can approve the concept and then he could set up the meeting if the Commission would like to name a member to attend the meeting that would be up to the Commission. Chair Ogden stated she would like to be at the meeting. Whenever the meeting is set with the City Manager she would be happy to be at the meeting.

Ms. Freeman stated that their group has had a lot of meetings with Mr. Thomas and he has been meeting with the property owner to come up with some kind of agreement. But, if he has no support from the rest of the city then he is spinning his wheels too.

Ms. Freeman stated that they do not understand the city's attitude about grant writers. They have found millions of dollars out in the world, all of these corporations still have foundations. Even for things that are not parks related, we are not as a City going out and looking for that money. It is out there for the taking. We need a grant writer or a better attitude about grant writers to be helping our city out.

M/S/C SONNEMAN/RESTAGNO (approved)

"That the Recreation and Park Commission supports the concept of Estuary Park and will pursue with the City to look at ways to fund it and that Chair Ogden be the representative of the Commission."

Approved (5): Ogden, Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

Mr. Woodard strongly recommended that the Commission try to attend a meeting of the Bay Area Open Space Council. It is very educational.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Franklin Elementary School Principal regarding their request for use of Franklin Park.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Franklin School's Request for Use of Franklin Park – (Discussion/Action Item)

Director Lillard introduced Lisa Zenner, Franklin School parent and Alameda resident, who provided the Commission with a preliminary plan of the request to use Franklin Park. She introduced Robert Shemwell, AUSD Interim CFO, in case the Commission has questions of AUSD and also stated that Chris Nelson (architect, Franklin School parent, and Alameda resident) provided a site plan for the proposed project area.

The principal of Franklin Elementary School is requesting a shared use agreement between Franklin Park and Franklin Elementary School which will enable Franklin School students to use the park for recesses and P.E. classes.

Ms. Zenner described the project to the Commission. The children would cross at San Antonio and the Franklin group proposes that a gate be placed between the north side of the recreation building and the wrought iron fence that comes to it so that the whole area could be supervised by a teacher who would be standing at the picnic tables in front of the recreation building. They could see everywhere in the area with the exception of the pathway around the corner to the recreation building which would be gated off.

The second phase of the project would be to approach the Public Works Department to close San Antonio Avenue during school hours. This project phase is separate from this current request. This phase would be for safety reasons to get the children back and forth to the park safely.

Commissioner Brown asked if the request to close San Antonio would be the entire street. Ms. Zenner stated that it would be the area right in front of the school.

Ms. Zenner stated that the group has met with Matt Naclerio, Public Works Director, to pursue the street closure.

Director Lillard stated that these types of agreements are very common. Most of the school sites are adjacent to a park (e.g., Otis Elementary School uses Krusi Park, Bay Farm School uses Tillman Park, etc.). The City and AUSD are currently working on developing a master joint use agreement to cover everything. This project is more site specific. The ultimate agreement would be between the City and AUSD and would come back to the Recreation and Park Commission before it went to City Council and AUSD Board for approval.

Director Lillard stated that one of the main concerns that ARPD staff has is that there are a lot of preschoolers who use the park and they might get over run by the school age children. Ms. Zenner stated that if they raised funds it would be under the auspices of Friends of Franklin Park. Director Lillard stated that they could add a second play area. So during the day the preschoolers could play in that area and then the preschoolers would not be overrun by the school age children.

Commissioner Cooper asked if the second play area would be the grass area beyond the tennis courts. Director Lillard stated yes. Ms. Zenner stated it would be an early childhood play area. Director Lillard stated so that park patrons would not get over run by the school children.

Commissioner Cooper stated that his only concern would be the number of preschoolers who use the park. Commissioners Sonneman and Brown also agreed.

Director Lillard stated that at this point the project is conceptual but wanted to begin the Commission review process.

Commissioner Sonneman asked who would pay for the gate. Ms. Zenner stated probably the Franklin School PTA.

Commissioner Sonneman asked if ARPD would have approval of placement of the gate. Director Lillard stated yes, it would be a negotiated item.

Commissioner Sonneman asked if the site specific plan would be unique to Franklin. Director Lillard stated it would be the first one documented besides Bayport Park.

Chair Ogden asked if the use would include the tennis courts. Ms. Zenner stated no. Director Lillard stated that the time would only include during the school day. We would still have the area from 3:00 p.m. on and it does not include the recreation building.

Chair Ogden stated it would not be for exclusive use. Director Lillard stated no. There will still be park access.

Director Lillard stated that ARPD nor the Recreation and Park Commission could sign an agreement with the Franklin School group. It would have to be done at the Council level.

Director Lillard stated that this is an informational item. There have been a couple of meetings between staff and the school group just in case the Commission starts hearing about this issue.

B. Annual Review and Adjustment of Fees for Recreation and Parks - (Discussion/Action Item)

Director Lillard reviewed the fees for the Recreation and Park Department. Staff tried to keep the fees stable because of the current economic situation and we are trying to hold the line so people make the choice to stay with our programs. Program registrations are

full and we are making enough money to pay for the four and on-half positions.

M/S/C SONNEMAN/RESTAGNO (approved)

“That 2010 Fees be approved as follows:

Public Swim \$5 Adult Non-Resident

Lap Swim \$5 Adult Non-Resident
\$3 Senior 50+ Non-Resident

Pool Rentals

Commercial Use

(For profit organizations) **\$50/hr** (grp leaders CPR/1st Aid certified, 1 ARPD Attendant)
\$75/hr (includes 1 ARPD certified guard)

Buildings

Recreation Centers Additional \$30/hr non-resident fee

Grounds

Picnics \$60/hr 3 hr. min. Non-Resident fee

Alameda Point Gym

Gym Deposit \$1,000 Resident
\$1,000 Non-Resident

Tennis

Adult Group Lessons \$15/hr
Junior Group Lessons \$15/hr

Day Camp

Preschool \$5/hr

Approved (5): Ogden, Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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

A. Park Division

See February 10, 2010 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See February 10, 2010 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See February 10, 2010 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

None.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

None.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

None.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None.

11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE: March 11, 2010

12. ADJOURNMENT