



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

**DATE:** Thursday, October 14, 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 Joe Restagno, Vice Chair Lola Brown, Commissioners Mike Cooper, and Bill Sonneman

**Staff:** Dale Lillard, ARPD Director

**Absent:** Commissioners Bill Delaney and Gina Mariani

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of September 9, 2010.

Item tabled until November 10, 2010 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA**

Chair Restagno talked about the Friends of the Parks Oktoberfest Fundraiser. The event raised \$11,000. Funds will be used for fitness course equipment, scholarships, and teen program. Alameda Magazine was at the event for publicity. The event was well tended.

**4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Update on Alameda East Bay Miracle League – (*Information Only*)**

There were introductions of Ann Rockwell (Vice President of Alameda East Bay Miracle League), Roberta Rockwell (President of Alameda East Bay Miracle League), and Jim Rockwell (Treasurer) who provided the Recreation & Park Commission with a presentation of the Alameda East Bay Miracle League.

City has granted the League a ball park in Estuary Park. We are waiting for the Navy to convey the property to the City.

League was hoping for some of the Measure WW Funds.

City has approved giving \$50,000 to work on design/development of the field. Director Lillard stated that there would have to be a fund match because the cost will be approximately \$100,000.

League received City Resolution of Support for the Miracle League.

The Current League Status is:

- League is holding ongoing fundraising activities.
- League is performing outreach.
- City Status: Timeline for Navy/HUD property conveyance.
- Site Control: City assurance for Miracle League Site, Site will enhance City's ADA compliance.

#### Project Overview

Plan is to renovate existing Estuary Park on the former naval air station.

Development of Conceptual Site Plan/Renderings

Project would be done in three phases: 1) Miracle Park, 1A) Common Area; 2)

Renovation of existing, adjacent fields by other groups (not included in scope of work);

3) Boundless Playground Area.

Cost is approximately \$3 million. It is the League's hope that a lot of the work can be performed with in-kind services. In short term, the League is focusing on raising the additional \$50,000 for the design/development of the field.

The League would like the Commission's support and assistance with any other possible funding sources.

Chair Restagno asked if there were any other commitments from companies or individuals, etc., to help fund the project at this point in time. Ms. Rockwell stated that they do have a commitment for \$500,000 cash or in-kind services from Catellus which is dependent upon when they start the Alameda Landing development.

The Pepsi Challenge Contest that was held with the Oakland A's brought in \$5,000 and a lot of recognition for the League.

The League's Annual St. Patty's Day Dash has brought in \$5,000. In both the first year and second year that it was held.

The League was wondering about the possibility of receiving some of the Measure WW Funds.

City has done a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alameda East Bay Miracle League.

Chair Restagno asked if the League has approached the Special Olympics. Ms. Rockwell stated that they are a very special population. They are taking care of children who have different disabilities.

A video of the Alameda East Bay Miracle League was shown.

The Commission thanked the group for their presentation.

Vice Chair Brown stated that the League needs as much assistance as possible.

Commissioners discussed possibility of helping with Measure WW Funds.

Director Lillard stated that all Measure WW Funds have been allocated to other projects.

Commissioner Cooper asked when the land would be conveyed. Director Lillard stated that it will be approximately one year. They need to develop the design to begin moving forward.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

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

### **A. Park Division**

See October 12, 2010 Activity Report.

Director Lillard stated that the Park Master Plan negotiations are finished. The agreement will go to Council for approval at their first meeting in November. It is anticipated that the Plan will take approximately seven to nine months to complete.

Director Lillard stated that the Adopt-a-Field Concept is still being discussed. Groups were to discuss the concept with their Boards. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 18.

Commissioner Sonneman stated that some people are saying that the Adopt-a-Field Concept will eliminate the little guy. Director Lillard stated no, it will not. It actually helps the little guy. We do not expect anyone to take it over. But, if an organization pays for the three months that they use the field and they will pay for the water, then ARPD is not spending that amount and we can spend money in other areas to water, aerate, or irrigate other fields.

Director Lillard stated that the return they get back would depend on the level of an investment that they give, but ARPD will still maintain scheduling control of everything. As an example, group x gives us a certain amount of money and in exchange they'll receive a certain amount of time.

Commissioner Sonneman stated that the fear is that a group outside of Alameda would have more control, but that is not the case because we already have an agreement on how the fields are designated.

Chair Restagno stated that he has heard that people in some of the organizations think that ARPD has been nickel and diming them and that all of a sudden there will be an

added cost. Director Lillard stated no, ARPD will not be charging them more. But, what is going to happen is that in the next three years, without a doubt, there is going to be a choice made at the City Council level, when the PERS benefits monies come due, and there will have to be choices made. Some of those choices might be cutting a fire station or two cops on the street, or mowing the lawn every week.

Chair Restagno asked what exactly do the groups get in return if they do not get scheduling preference. Director Lillard stated they would get some preference, but not exclusive preference. It would be negotiated and there would be a written agreement just like the agreements we have in place with AUSD for the use of the pools, and the agreement we have for the College of Alameda Hardball Field with Peralta Community College District.

**B. Recreation Division**

See October 12, 2010 Activity Report.

Director Lillard stated that the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Krusi Park Renovation has been completed and will be sent out by November 1, 2010. It is estimated that the contract would be awarded in January 2011.

**C. Mastick Senior Center**

See October 12, 2010 Activity Report.

**D. Other Reports and Announcements**

**8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS**

None.

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL**

Director Lillard stated that some non-profits held a Candidates Night on Tuesday, October 12. There is some misinformation that was passed on regarding the Recreation & Park Department administration budget. ARPD is taking steps to remedy and correct the misinformation that is being distributed.

**10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Discussion of the Location for Possible Placement of an All Weather Field.

**11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** **Wednesday, November 10, 2010**  
(Due to Veteran's Day Holiday on Thurs., 11/11)

**12. ADJOURNMENT**