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MINUTES OF RECREATION & PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2009

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2009
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Terri Ogden (late), Vice Chair Joe Restagno, Commissioners Lola Brown, Mike Cooper, Jo Kahuanui, and Bill Sonneman

Staff: Dale Lillard, Director
Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager
John McDonald, Park Manager
Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Commissioner Gina Mariani

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of Minutes:

- December 11, 2008 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting

Jean Sweeney, representative from Estuary Park Committee, spoke regarding the December 11, 2008 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting Minutes (Item 6. New Business, A. Discussion of Possible Projects for East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Measure WW Funds). Ms. Sweeney feels that the acquisition of Collins Property (Estuary Park located between Oak St. and Milburn) should be given the #1 priority and not be #11 as noted in the minutes.

Ms. Sweeney stated that the Estuary Park Committee representatives include Jim Sweeney, Joe Woodard, and Dorothy Freeman.

Joe Woodard stated that he wants to make sure that the Recreation and Park Commission is informed and suggested that they visit the website at Alamedareport.org/epac which gives an update and information on what is going on with this issue. It is the Committees hope and strong recommendation that the Recreation and Park Department will come on board by reorganizing the priorities in the December 11, 2009 Recreation and Park Commission Minutes and making the acquisition of Estuary Park it's highest priority.

Director Lillard stated that for clarification the restrictions that go along with the Measure WW funding source is that an entire project must be completed to receive the funds. The funds cannot be put into a bank account and then wait to find other funding sources.

Commissioner Kahuanui stated that when the Commission made the list it was based on projects that were pending and within reasonable costs to be reimbursed.

Vice Chair Restagno asked what the cost would be to purchase the property. Director Lillard stated that prior estimates were approximately \$3-5 million. In the current market it may be a little lower.

Mr. Woodard stated that the Committee is now working with Andrew Thomas, City of Alameda Planning Services Manager, to obtain possible grant funding. It is the Committees hope that the City will move to a more progressive search for funds and move up the timeline.

Vice Chair Restagno stated that the Commission will note the Committee's suggestions and asked the Estuary Park Committee to forward any future information to the Commission. Mr. Restagno asked the Committee to keep the Commission informed as they progress.

M/S/C KAHUANUI/BROWN (approved)

“That the December 11, 2008 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting Minutes be approved as written.”

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

The approval of Minutes:

- January 9, 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting

M/S/C KAHUANUI/BROWN (approved)

“That the January 9, 2009 Recreation & Park Commission Meeting Minutes be approved.”

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

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.)

None.

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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

Director Lillard stated that staff has provided surveys/charts, etc. regarding this year's recommended fee information. Fee increases include:

- Swim Lessons increase by 50 cents
- Swim Team Hourly Rate increase of 50 cents
- Picnic Rentals increase by \$5
- Field Only Rentals increase by \$15
- Sports Field Use Fee increase by \$2
- Alameda Point Gym Rental Deposit increase to \$500/resident, \$750/non-resident
- Tennis Lessons increase by \$1 for Adult groups and Junior groups

Vice Chair Restagno stated that the AP Gym Rental fees are very inexpensive and asked if there is room to increase the fees. Director Lillard stated yes.

M/S/C Sonneman/Kahuanui (approved)

“That a \$5 increase be charged to resident and non-resident 1 court/Gym. Non-Profits would stay the same.”

Approved (6): Ogden, Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Kahuanui, Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

Director Lillard brought to the attention of the Commission that there is one new fee to be added. It is the rental of the Bocce Ball Courts in Lincoln Park. Proposed fee would be \$10/hr resident, \$30/hr non-resident (weekends only – Friday 5 p.m. thru Sunday 8 p.m.).

Vice Chair Restagno stated that the Italian/American League (IAL) does a lot of work on the court and also have work parties to clean up the area and make improvements. He would suggest that the IAL not be charged to use the courts. Director Lillard stated that staff will apply the same rules that are applied to field charges.

Chair Ogden suggested that a \$50 key deposit be charged.

Jack Stevens, representative of the church league that plays at Krusi Park on Sundays, stated that their group does not have a lot of money to be able to pay the increased fees. Director Lillard stated that staff could work with the group to slowly bring the group in line with the fee structure and other groups. Commissioner Sonneman suggested that staff work with the group and bring the issue back to the Commission at a later date.

M/S/C KAHUANUI/BROWN (approved)

“That 2009 Fees be approved as follows:

Swim Lessons	\$6.50 resident (\$78 for 12 lessons)
	\$7.50 non-resident (\$90 for 12 lessons)
Private Lessons:	\$25.50 for ½ hr resident
	\$29.50 for ½ hr non-resident

Swim Team Use Fee:	\$13.50/hr/youth \$14.50/hr/adult
Fields (Picnics Only):	\$35/hr w/Picnic Rentals (Resident) \$60/hr. Regularly staffed (Non-Resident) \$45/hr. Non-staff hours (Resident) \$70/hr. Non-staffed (Non-Resident) \$60/hr with lights \$80/hr Private Rental/Tournament
Fields Only Rentals:	\$40/hr Resident \$65/hr Non-Resident
Sports Field Use Fee:	\$5/player - Youth Little League \$5/player - Youth Soccer \$5/player – Youth Softball \$5/player – ARPD Adult & Youth Sports
Alameda Point Gym:	<u>Resident:</u> \$35/hr for 1 Court \$155/hr for Gym Non-Profits: \$25/hr for 1 Court \$125/hr for Gym <u>Non-Resident:</u> \$45/hr for 1 Court \$205/hr for Gym Non-Profits: \$35/hr for 1 Court \$200/hr for Gym Gym Deposit: \$500 Resident, \$750 Non-Resident
Bocce Ball Courts	\$10/hr Resident \$30/hr Non-Resident (Weekends only -Fri., 5 p.m. to Sun., 8 p.m.)
Tennis	
Adult Grp Lessons	\$13/hr
Jr Grp Lessons	\$13/hr
Day Camp	\$140 Hidden Cove (1/wk session) \$4.75/hr Tiny Tot (Preschool)
Filming & Photography	\$250 Still Photography
Approved (6):	Ogden, Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Kahuanui, Sonneman
Absent (1):	Mariani

B. Review and Discussion of Drought Field Use Policy – (*Discussion/Action Item*)

Director Lillard stated that staff has talked to EBMUD regarding the water restrictions. Even if there is above normal rainfall it will be a while before EBMUD will discontinue the

restrictions. Even if rainfall is normal this year, EBMUD will still impose a 30% water reduction. It will take at least a couple of years of normal rainfall before the restrictions will be lifted.

All fields are looking better then ever due to the Commission being proactive and limiting the field use.

Staff is recommending that when EBMUD lifts the water restrictions that the issue be brought back to the Commission. Periodic updates will be provided.

M/S/C SONNEMAN/KAHUANUI (approved)

“That the Drought Policy remains in effect until EBMUD changes the water restrictions. When water restrictions are lifted/changed it will be brought back to the Commission.”

Approved (6): Ogden, Restagno, Brown, Cooper, Kahuanui, Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See February 2009 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See February 2009 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See February 2009 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Commissioner Sonneman shared with the Commission information from a Field Meeting that he attended with Councilmember Matarrese.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday, March 12, 2009

12. ADJOURNMENT