



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

DATE: Monday, November 14, 2011
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 Bill Delaney and Bill Sonnieman

Absent: Commissioner Gina Mariani

Staff: Dale Lillard, ARPD Director

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of October 13, 2011 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting

M/S/C DELANEY/SONNEMAN (unanimously approved)

"That the minutes of the October 13, 2011 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting are approved."

Approved (4): Restagno, Brown, Delaney, Sonnieman

Absent (1): Mariani

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

None.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Restagno introduced the letter dated November 1, 2011 from the Alameda Girls Softball Association (AGSA) regarding the recently approved Hanging of Banners Policy. The Recreation Commission has reviewed the letter and discussed some recommendations to modify the policy as follows: (1) Extend banner-hanging locations to include the Rittler Park fence (on Otis side only) and the West End's Bayport Park. (2) Extend timing of banners from a 30-day limit to a 45-day limit. There would still be an option to extend an existing hanging banner for a new period of time as long as there are no other banners scheduled to be put up. (3) Decrease time for approval of banner hanging from 10 days to 5 business days. (4) Add a specification that up to three banners may be posted at each site at any one time.

Chair Restagno asked for a motion to revise the current policy to add the two banner-hanging locations of Rittler and Bayport Parks; extend the number of days a banner can be hung from 30-45 days; revise the amount of time for approval of banners to be hung from 10 days to 5 business days; and to include a constraint that the number of banners that can be hung at each location at any one time to be 3.

M/S/C SONNEMAN/DELANEY (unanimously approved)

Approved (4): Restagno, Brown, Delaney, Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion, Review, and Approval of Park Master Plan – (Discussion/Action Item)

Chair Restagno handed the meeting over to Linda Gates of Gates & Associates, who gave an overview presentation of the Draft Park Master Plan. This "urban greening plan" has been posted on the website and is accessible to everyone. Gates & Associates looked at every park in the City, and made recommendations for either repair or renovation of each. They also looked at potential new park sites, such as locations on Alameda Point. Gates indicated that there had been two community meetings held, a telephone survey performed, and an on-line survey people could complete, in order to reach a broad cross-section of the community. They also contacted stakeholders (the people who run or schedule programs) for their input. During the presentation, there were several questions from audience members; Ms. Gates addressed each question when posed.

Chair Restagno thanked Ms. Gates for her presentation, and also thanked the audience members, saying there had been a lot of really good questions brought up. Commissioner Sonneman mentioned the issue of field lights in the Parks, and thought that even though there are resident complaints about the lights at night, if there was a large sports complex built at Alameda Point, that would mostly take care of that issue. Vice Chair Brown also thanked the audience for showing up and bringing such good questions. Brown did voice a concern that there had been no talk about North Loop Road. Chair Restagno asked Ms. Gates about revenue generation and what would the payback period look like. Restagno was also in favor of a large sports complex as opposed to several parks throughout the City. Commissioner Sonneman wanted to know if the sports needs of disabled youth and adults had been addressed in the surveys.

The Recreation Commission provided direction to Gates & Associates to address the questions brought before them; no action will be taken at this time.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion, Review, and Approval of Conceptual Drawings for Krusi Park Renovation – (Discussion/Action Item)

A presentation was made by Carducci Landscape Architects, the firm hired to develop improvements for Krusi Park. They had held meetings to gain input with Recreation & Parks, school and community groups, and the Fire Department. A conceptual design was developed to address and incorporate everyone's needs. The reports and all comments are available to review on the Carducci website through a link on the City webpage.

Carducci asked the Recreation Commission to review the final design and make a decision on site color schemes. The orange/tan/sandblasted finish was selected.

Conversation came up about including a batting cage at the park as well. There will be continued discussions about this piece at future meetings.

Commissioner Sonneman made a motion to accept the final design and to keep discussion going about inclusion of a batting cage on the site.

M/S/C SONNEMAN/BROWN (unanimously approved)

Approved (4): Restagno, Brown, Delaney, Sonneman
Absent (1): Mariani

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

None.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

None.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

None.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Continue discussion about the batting cage issue.

11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2011

12. ADJOURNMENT