



**MINUTES OF
RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2008**

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DATE: Thursday, January 10, 2008
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, Vice Chair Joe Restagno, Commissioners Michael Cooper, and Jo Kahuanui

Absent: Commissioner Bill Sonneman

Staff: Dale Lillard, Director
Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager (SSM)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 8, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C KAHUANUI/COOPER (approved)

“That the Minutes of November 8, 2007 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting are approved.”

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.)

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Discussion of Installation of Memorial Bench in Washington Park -
(Discussion Item)**

SSM Krause showed a sample picture of a memorial bench that will be installed at Washington Park. This bench will be in memory of "Iko" Ichinkhorloo (15 year-old who was shot in the park in October 2007).

Commissioner Kahuanui stated that she wanted to make sure that protocol was being followed by staff. SSM Krause stated that due to the special circumstances the installation of the bench will be allowed.

Director Lillard stated that the family will be holding a dedication of the memorial benches on Monday, February 18, 2008.

B. Discussion of Installation of New Park Signs - (*Discussion Item*)

SSM Krause showed the Commission pictures of the new park signs which are made of concrete. New signs will be going in at Leydecker, Rittler, Lower Washington Parks and the O' Club. A car recently ran into the sign at Longfellow Park so that sign is also due to be replaced. Replacements should take place within the next few weeks.

C. Discussion of topics for Future Joint Meeting with Council – (*Discussion Item*)

Chair Ogden asked the Recreation Commission to come up with items to discussion with Council at the joint meeting. SSM Krause stated that the Joint Meeting is usually in November.

Items suggested for Joint Meeting:

Accomplishments to make known to Council:

Godfrey Park Field Renovation
Bayport Park
Washington Park Recreation Building Renovation
Alameda Point Gym Improvements
Water Fountain installed at Dog Park

Items for discussion with Council:

Sports Complex
Alameda Point Pool
Alameda Point Dreams
Coast Guard House Field (Estuary Park)
Bay Trail

Director Lillard stated that the update on the Coast Guard Field (Estuary Park) is that ARRA is applying for lease in February. Lease will be good for one year. City is also applying for the land to become City property.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See January 7, 2008 Activity Report.

Godfrey Park Field Renovation – This project is complete and field will be playable in February 2008.

Rittler Park Field Renovation – This project will begin in June 2008.

Lincoln Park Field Renovation – This project will begin in spring 2009.

B. Recreation Division

See January 7, 2008 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See January 7, 2008 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Director Lillard stated that there could be budget issues. Department's have already been asked to make two percent cuts to their budgets. The State has declared a fiscal emergency which means that the State could take funds from cities. As the process continues the Commission will be kept up-to-date.

Commissioner Cooper asked if the Mayor will be appointing two more Recreation & Park Commissioner's to have a complete/full Commission. Commission is supposed to consist of seven members, but currently there are five seated. Director Lillard stated that he would have to get back to the Commission with that information. Chair Ogden stated she would also e-mail the Mayor regarding status.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

ARPD Fees will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday, February 14, 2008

11. ADJOURNMENT