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MINUTES OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 11, 2006

DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: DeWitt O' Club, 641 West Redline Avenue, Alameda CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jay Ingram, Vice Chair Jo Kahuanui (late), Commissioners Michael Cooper, Christine Johnson, Terri Ogden, and Bruce Reeves

Absent: Commissioner Georg Oliver

Staff: Dale Lillard, Acting Director (AD)
Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager (SSM)
Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Trini Blumkin, Recreation Coordinator (RC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of April 13, 2006 Recreation and Park Commisison Meeting.

M/S/C **REEVES/COOPER** (approved)

Approved (6): Ingram, Cooper, Johnson, Ogden, Reeves
Absent (1): Oliver
Abstention (0):

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.)

None.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- E-mail received from a patron complimenting ARPD's online registration system and thanking staff for including swim lessons in the online registration.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fourth of July Activities – (Discussion Item)

AD Lillard stated that the last Mayor's Fourth of July Parade Committee meeting it was decided to coordinate the various groups' Fourth of July activities. All events will be listed on all promotional material and groups will work cooperatively to support all events.

A sub-committee of the Parade Committee will hold a barbecue to be held at Rittler Park during the Fourth of July Jubilee and will be open to the public in appreciation of the U.S. Coast Guard. Free tickets will be given to Coast Guard members and tickets will be available for purchase by other patrons. Sometime during the course of the afternoon there will be a recognition/presentation by the Mayor.

Commissioner Reeves stated that the joint effort by all groups was the Mayor's concept. It should be a good event. Great American Barbecue will be the caterer and approximately 400 Coast Guard people should be in attendance. There will also be at least one Admiral and two Captains at the event and there will be Coast Guard vessels coming in from all over.

B. Small Dog Park – (Discussion Item)

Commissioner Johnson stated that the Small Dog Park group had made a request through her to have their website linked with the City's. AD Lillard stated that staff checked with the City's IT Department and the request was denied. There would be too many non-profits that would want to link to the site and there would be no control over site content.

Commissioners can visit the small dog website at www.alamedasmalldogs.org to see the pictures.

Chair Ingram stated that he has been asked by a few people about where to go to allow dogs to swim in the water. AD Lillard stated that the only place he knows of is the Dog Run in San Leandro, but did not know if letting your dog play in the water was allowed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review of Alameda Point Gym Allocation Policy and Procedures (Discussion/Action Item)

AD Lillard stated that the Recreation and Park Commission asked staff to have the user groups who utilize space in the gym to review and provide input one last time for the Alameda Point Gym Allocation Policy and Procedures. No additional comments were received by the user groups.

M/S/C REEVES/OGDEN (approved)
“That the Alameda Point Gym Allocation Policy and Procedures be adopted.”

Approved (6): Ingram, Coopers, Johnson, Kahuanui, Ogden, Reeves
Absent (1): Oliver
Abstention (0):

B. Review of CIP Projects – (Discussion Item)

Chair Ingram asked when the budget will go to Council. AD Lillard stated it will go to Council on June 20, 2006. There will be a Budget Workshop on May 30, 2006.

The only CIP's approved for funding were:

- Lincoln Park Field Renovation
- Renovation of the Harrison Recreation Center

CIP's on the unfunded list are:

- Renovation of Alameda Point Gym and Pool
- Alameda Point Sports Complex
- Veteran's Building Kitchen Upgrade and Interior Painting
- Park Master Plan
- Mastick Senior Center Exterior Painting
- Repairs at the Skate Park
- Alameda Point Soccer Fields
- Park Lighting Replacement
- Renovation of the Leydecker Recreation Center
- Refinish Hardwood Floors in Veteran's Building
- Godfrey Park Field Renovation
- HVAC in Administrative Office
- Tillman Park Athletic Field

AD Lillard will give the Commission a Budget Update at the June Commission Meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See attached May 1- 31, 2006 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See attached May 1- 31, 2006 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See attached May 1- 31, 2006 Activity Report.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

- **Status Report on Transportation Master Plan Committee (Commissioner Johnson)**

No report at this time.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Washington Park Recreation Building – The design has gone to the Planning Board. Plans will go to Council on June 6, 2006. Contract will be awarded within approximately six weeks.

Bayport Park and Building - Bids were opened. The park construction came in \$50,000 cheaper than the first bidding process. McGuire and Hester will perform the park portion work and it will be awarded on May 16, 2006. When bids were opened for the building the lowest bid was \$750,000. Construction of the park will begin so it is done when the school opens, but we will wait to re-bid on construction of the building until the fall.

Godfrey Park Field Renovation – Conceptual Plans are being developed. It is anticipated that the plans will be available for review in July or August 2006.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

AD Lillard stated that ARPD's online registration is going well. Approximately 20% of our summer registrations have been done online since we have added the ability to register for our Aquatics Programs.

AD Lillard stated that Councilmember Mataresse will be doing a volunteer project at Towata Park on June 10, 2006. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be native plants and approximately 3-4 redwood trees planted in the area.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING June 8, 2006

12. ADJOURNMENT