



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, June 11, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m. Called to Order
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bill Delaney, Vice-Chair Lola Brown, Commissioners Ann Cooke, Mario Mariani and Ruben Tilos
Staff: Patrick Russi, Interim Recreation Services Manager

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 14, 2015, regular meeting were approved with a few minor changes, M/S Brown, Cooke, and all present were unanimous.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA:

Dorothy Freeman commented that the Earth Day booth at Sweeney Park was a success with a good turnout.

A. Commissioner Recognition: Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Cook were recognized by Director Amy Wooldridge, Interim Recreation Services Manager Patrick Russi, Chair Delaney, Commissioner Mariani, Commissioner Tilos, Joe Restagno, Recreation Manager Jackie Krause, and Gary Brown with warm comments, appreciation and thanked for their commendable service.

Chair Delaney recognized Terry Veasy for her continued support of Recreation in Alameda.

Commissioners Brown and Cook gave speeches of gratitude in completion of their service.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers: Chair Delaney called for nominations from the commissioners for the new chairperson of the Recreation and Parks Commission. Ruben Tilos was nominated by Commissioner Cooke. Commissioner Tilos accepted. Commissioner Brown made motion to call for a vote. The motion passed and the vote was unanimous. Commissioner Tilos was asked to begin role as Chair of Commissions starting at the next meeting for a term of two years.

Chair Delaney called for nominations for the Vice Chair. Commissioner Brown nominated Commissioner Mariani. Mariani declined and nominated Delaney for Vice Chair due to his experience. Commissioner Cook concurred and nominated Delaney for Vice Chair as well. Chair Delaney accepted. Commissioner Brown made motion to call for a vote for the position of Vice Chair. The motion passed and the vote was unanimous.

7. REPORTS

A. Recreation Commission Reports:

Commissioner Cook commented on the Sandcastle

Event's attendance being high and about the creativity of the participants. Next year will be the fiftieth year anniversary of the competition. Event was well organized. Tilos commented that the event was very efficient and that the staff was helpful even when the high tide came in, they continued to do their job while passing out the ribbons.

Commissioner Brown spoke about the Skateboard park event having a good turnout, Chair Delaney spoke about the ability of Alameda to bring both past and present history together to create an engaging event for all ages. Commissioner Tilos commented on the event being enjoyable, and that watching the participants seemed just as fun as actually participating.

Commissioner Mariano spoke about the golf course, he researched and emailed the questions that the citizens asked to Director Amy Wooldridge, and received a phone call from the CEO of Greenway with information to add to the research they already have.

Chair Delaney recognized Gina Jaber as one of the Sandcastle Event judges.

Commissioner Mariano reported the Board of the Encinal High School golf tournament rented the Mastick Senior Center for their fundraiser and complimented the accommodations.

B. Friends of the Park Report (FOTP):

Construction on Longfellow Park playground started. Chair Delaney visited the construction site to view its progress. FOTP donated \$20,000 to the construction. Construction includes improving the surface to a rubber flooring for the safety of the children. Chair Delaney will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony when construction is complete.

FOTP will be rebranding their logo and will relaunch the brand in January 2016. Golf Tournament on September 14, 2015, will be last appearance of current brand.

C. Recreation and Parks Director Report:

Commissioner Brown reported that she will be able to spend more time on Mastick Senior Center Advisory Board. Recreation Manager Jackie Krause was recognized as being helpful in this process by bringing new information and organizing summer programs.

Encinal Boat Launch Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is due on June 18, 2015.

Recreation Services

Summer training for staff starts on Monday June 15th. Summer programs start on June 17th. Mass majority of other summer programs will start Monday June 22, 2015.

Sand castle event had over 100 participants.

Parks

Grand reopening of the Longfellow Park playground on July 25th in conjunction with the commission on disability issues which coincides with the 25th anniversary of the American Disability Association.

Longfellow Park playground is underway and should be completed by mid-July. It will be the first ever all accessible playground surface as part of the renovation.

Encinal Pool is closed for the summer for repairs.

Skateboard mural is completed and up. Barbeques' are in place. Retrofitting and cement work are completed.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS:

The Harrison Center floor was completed. Next phase of Harrison Center is the kitchen remodel which will be completed by the beginning of summer.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL:

Chair Delaney suggested not holding July 9th meeting, Interim Recreation Services Manager Russi and Chair Delaney will discuss at a later date and advise the commissioners.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2015

12. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Delaney adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.