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MINUTES OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2006

DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Ingram called the meeting to order in memory of Don Oransky, Mastick Advisory Board President, who recently passed away.

Present: Chair Jay Ingram, Commissioners Michael Cooper, Christine Johnson, Georg Oliver, and Bruce Reeves

Absent: Vice Chair Jo Kahuanui and Commissioner Terri Ogden

Staff: Dale Lillard, Acting Director (AD)
Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of March 9, 2006 Recreation and Park Commisison Meeting.

M/S/C JOHNSON/REEVES (approved)

Approved (5): Ingram, Coopers, Johnson, Oliver, Reeves

Absent (2): Kahuanui, Ogden

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.)

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Miracle League Presentation (baseball league for physically challenged children) – (Discussion/Action Item)

Roberta Rockwell, Miracle League Baseball representative, provided a presentation to the Recreation and Park Commission on the Miracle League Baseball. Miracle League Baseball serves and enriches the lives of disabled children as well as their families and communities. It demonstrates to both the disabled children and the community that they are not limited by their disability and enables them to participate in an organized sports league just as able-bodied children do.

Baseball games are played on a special rubber sports field. There are currently 127 Miracle League Organizations across the country, 32 completed, 61 under construction, and 30 groundbreaking scheduled for 2006.

Commissioner Reeves verified that Ms. Rockwell was looking for space and not money. Ms. Rockwell stated that they are looking for space.

Chair Ingram asked if the group had any ideas on the location. Ann Rockwell, EBRPD representative, stated that there is room at the former NAS. EBRPD has 30 acres and currently has an agreement with the Alameda Soccer Club. They also have other leases with various groups. The City also has the proposed a Sports Complex at NAS.

Roberta stated that they have spoken to the School District and they are interested in the program. The group feels positive that it can happen in Alameda.

Commissioner Reeves asked what it would take in staff time if this were implemented. AD Lillard stated that it would probably be the same type of support that the Recreation and Park Department has with the Alameda Soccer Club, Little League, etc. Mr. Reeves asked if it would be a big burden to staff. AD Lillard stated that at this time it does not sound like it would be a burden.

M/S/C REEVES/INGRAM (approved)

“That the Recreation and Park Commission are in support of the Miracle League Program.”

Approved (5): Ingram, Coopers, Johnson, Oliver, Reeves
Absent (2): Kahuanui, Ogden
Abstention (0):

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

AD Lillard presented a summary of the proposed allocation and fee policy document. After a short discussion staff was requested to bring the item back after providing the user groups with one last opportunity to provide input.

C. Public CIP Meeting Recap – (Discussion/Action Item)

AD Lillard reviewed the lists compiled by the Public Works Department detailing which projects were recommended for funding and which were placed on the deferred list. Also a summary was provided on how the whole process works. Chair Ingram expressed disappointment that the Park Master Plan was not placed on the deferred list.

Staff was requested to provide the list of priorities that the Commission established during their January 2006 meeting.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Status Report on Veteran's Building - (*Discussion Item Only*)

AD Lillard reported that representatives from the A Rule Design Architectural Company toured the Veteran's Building facility. They have agreed to volunteer to compile a project matrix of all the various improvements that would be required to bring the building up to current standards. They will be provided a copy of the building plans and will report back in the near future. They have also expressed an interest in being involved in the restoration process.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

See attached April 1- 30, 2006 Activity Report.

B. Recreation Division

See attached April 1- 30, 2006 Activity Report.

C. Mastick Senior Center

See attached April 1- 30, 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

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING

May 11, 2006 at the DeWitt O' Club

12. ADJOURNMENT