



MINUTES OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

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DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2005
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave., Third Floor, Room 360
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jay Ingram, Vice Chair Jo Kahuanui, Commissioners Christine Johnson, Georg Oliver, and Bruce Reeves

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

Absent: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of July 14, 2005 Recreation and Park Commission Meeting.

M/S/C **OLIVER/JOHNSON** (approved)

In Favor (3) – Ingram, Johnson, Oliver
Abstain (2) – Reeves, Kahuanui

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.)

David Peterson, dog park user, asked when there would be water at the Main Street Dog Park. AD Lillard stated that there used to be water at the park but it was not potable water. At this time, it would be cost prohibitive to run the line for potable water and the Main St. Dog Park.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- E-Mail from Sara Zehnder-Wallace, Alameda resident, regarding placement of cell towers in Krusi Park.

- Letter from Miriam Sundheim, Alameda resident, regarding construction of cell phone towers at Krusi Park.
- E-Mail from Carol Wallace regarding construction of cell phone towers at Krusi Park.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Washington Park Recreation Building Conceptual Drawing – (Discussion/Action Item)

AD Lillard provided to the Commission the conceptual drawing for the new recreation Building at Washington Park. Several years ago the old recreation building burned down and a temporary building was installed. The temporary building has deteriorated and we are unable to run programs at the park.

The new building will be funded with Prop 40 monies and will be a modular building. This is the first modular building to be built in the City.

M/S/C REEVES/OLIVER (approved)

“That the conceptual drawing for the new modular building at Washington Park be accepted.”

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

B. Request to Install Cingular Cell Tower in Krusi Park at the Tennis Courts – (Discussion/Action Item)

Bruce Knopf, Redevelopment Manager, presented to the Commission plans for installing a Cingular Cell Tower in Krusi Park at the tennis courts.

Approximately two years ago the tennis court lights on the left side of the court (facing the tennis courts from Otis Dr.) were replaced with new lights that have cell towers inside the new light poles. With this proposal, the three old tennis court lights on the right side of the tennis courts would also be replaced with additional cell towers inside the new light poles. Cingular is making this new proposal.

Mr. Knopf provided the Commission with a map of Alameda showing other cell tower sites (e.g., Alameda Hospital, top of former Alameda Drug, College of Alameda, Christ Episcopal Church, Wood Middle School, Washington School, etc.) located in Alameda. There are a lot of other places that do not go through the process that the City does for City owned property and do not go through the City-wide public notification process that the City uses.

The City has collected approximately \$91,000 over the last two years from the current Krusi Park cell tower carrier. An initial deposit of \$25,000 went to the Recreation and Park Department with an additional half of the monthly lease revenues also going to the Department.

Staff has gone through the draft Long-Term Park Use Policy and feels that the proposal falls within all the criteria and that the proposal is consistent with the criteria. It does not displace any park programs, effect use of active park space; have any detrimental impact on the use of the tennis courts or use of the grounds. This also generates revenue for the Recreation and Park Department and replaces the old lights which need to be replaced at the tennis courts.

Commissioner Reeves asked how much it would cost the Recreation and Park Department to replace the tennis court lights. AD Lillard stated that it would cost approximately \$25,000 to replace the three old lights. The lights on that side of the tennis courts are the original lights and one light pole has fallen before. Regardless of accepting the proposal or not the lights will need to be replaced in the near future.

Commissioner Reeves asked if the creation of a tower was subject to FCC regulations. Mr. Knopf stated yes. The sites have to comply with FCC regulations and the study/evaluation that the City received is well within the FCC regulations.

Commissioner Reeves stated that FCC regulations would supercede any City, County, or State restrictions so that any private entity that gets permission from the FCC to build a tower would not have to go through the approval process that the Commission/City is doing now. In fact, there is no ability to restrict a private citizen from putting up a cell tower if the FCC approves it. If the Commission does not approve this proposal any other entity (e.g., church, school, private business, etc.) could go ahead and build a tower right next door to a park without any approval from the Commission or City. The Commission would not be able to stop it.

Mr. Knopf stated that the proposal is consistent with the bequest by the Krusi family. Deeds were reviewed and the stipulation in the Deed was that if the City were to use the premises for public park and playground purposes and for other municipal purposes which will not materially interfere with the operation of the area as a public park or playground. The City's evaluation of this proposal is that it will not effect/interfere with use of the park or playground.

Chair Ingram asked if Mr. Knopf was reading from the actual Krusi Deed. Mr. Knopf stated yes.

C. Request to Install Sprint Cell Tower at Mastick Senior Center in the Corner of Parking Lot – (*Discussion/Action Item*)

Bruce Knopf, Redevelopment Manager, presented to the Commission the proposal for installing a Sprint Cell Tower at Mastick Senior Center.

Mr. Knopf stated that Sprint proposes to lease approximately 400 square feet within the southwest corner of the Mastick Senior Center parking lot to install a 45-foot high, slim line monopole with new parking lot lights, and with antenna panels hidden within the top five feet of the monopole. Equipment would be located within a fenced enclosure, with fencing

to match the existing parking lot fencing.

Don Oransky, Mastick Advisory Board President, stated that the Advisory Board was in favor of installing the cell tower in the corner of the Mastick Senior Center parking lot.

Chair Ingram asked where Mastick would spend the revenues from the cell tower rental. SSM Krause stated that the Council recently cut the part-time secretarial position at Mastick so the revenues would go toward paying for that position.

M/S/C REEVES/KAHUANUI (approved)

“That the proposals to install cell towers at Krusi Park tennis courts and at the Mastick Senior Center parking lot be approved.”

Approved (4): Johnson, Kahuanui, Oliver, Reeves
Opposed (1): Ingram

Chair Ingram stated that he supports the cell tower for Mastick Senior Center but wishes the City would have a more long-term plan, rather than just popping them up all over the City.

D. End-of-Summer Report – (*Information Item*)

AD Lillard stated that the ARPD Summer programs went very well this summer.

RS Russi provided the Commission with an End-of Summer Report. Attendance in all of our summer programs increased. The Council put back in to the budget our free parks and playground programs and attendance in these programs increased over prior years.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Revisions to Long-Term Park Use Policy – (*Discussion Item*)

AD Lillard provided the Commission with a Draft Long-Term Park Use Policy for review. There is a policy section and an application process section and a process for an appeal to Council.

SSM Krause stated that Council wanted the Commission to specifically define what long-term was (staff came up with 72 hours), emphasized private use and concessionaires. Also, Council placed an emphasis on placing cell towers in parks.

AD Lillard stated that staff felt that that using 72 hours as defining long-term would be good because there are some events that the City and non-profits do that could expand to two days.

Suggested revisions to the Long-Term Park Use Policy were discussed by the Recreation

and Park Commission with staff.

Another draft will be brought before the Commission at their October 13, 2005 meeting.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

A. Park Division

AD Lillard stated that the Dog Park drainage project should begin within the next 60 days. This will eliminate the standing water problem during the winter and a water line for a dog and human water station will be installed.

Soccer and Football season has begun. All Park Maintenance Workers are mowing their own parks since we have lost the Equipment Operator position due to budget cuts.

Leydecker Park Playground Renovation is almost complete. We are waiting for the installation of two benches.

B. Recreation Division

See the 2005 End-of-Summer Report.

AD Lillard stated he will be meeting with the College of Alameda regarding use of their fields within the next week.

C. Mastick Senior Center

SSM Krause stated that the Flu Shot Clinic will be held on Monday, October 31, at the Mastick Social Hall.

D. Other Reports and Announcements

1. Status Report on Alameda Point Golf Course Design Committee (Vice Chair Reeves)

No report at this time.

2. Status Report on Alameda Point Advisory Committee (APAC) (Chair Ingram)

Group has been sunsetted and item will be removed from the Agenda.

3. Status Report on Transportation Master Plan Committee (Commissioner Johnson)

Commissioner Johnson stated that an informational meeting was recently held. There

were a lot of new people in attendance and regular meetings will begin again.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

See 7. A. Park Division.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Chair Ingram thanked Fred Framsted, Recreation Supervisor, for all of his years of service. Fred is retiring after 35 years in the recreation field.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

11. SET DAY FOR NEXT MEETING Thursday, October 13, 2005.

12. ADJOURNMENT