



**ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2011
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Joe Restagno, Vice Chair Lola Brown, Commissioners Bill Delaney and Bill Sonneman

Absent: None.

Staff: Dale Lillard, ARPD Director

Chair Restagno announced that Commissioner Gina Mariani had resigned effective December 7, 2011.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes of November 14, 2011 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting

M/S/C DELANEY/BROWN (unanimously approved)

"That the minutes of the November 14, 2011 Recreation & Park Commission Regular Meeting are approved."

Approved (4): Restagno, Brown, Delaney, Sonneman

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

Chair Restagno spoke about the Friends of the Parks "Fit City Challenge" proposal to fundraise money for exercise equipment in the parks. Restagno asked that this be put on the agenda as a discussion/action item for the January 2012 meeting, and that the commission make a recommendation to the City Council at that time.

Audience member Mary Anderson came for the Friends meeting but it had been cancelled. She expressed concerns and had questions about language in the Park Master Plan. Director Lillard asked her to give the questions to him and he would send them on to the consultant.

Audience member Dan McEachern apologized for arriving late, and asked if there had been discussion about the Krusi Park batting cage. Director Lillard said that the Commission was waiting for a new proposal but had received nothing to date. Mr. McEachern then provided the Commission with the new proposal which would place the batting cage in a grassy area along Otis Drive that is currently underutilized. The proposal will be reviewed, and more discussion will be held and action taken at the January 2012 meeting.

There was a question on Alameda Point field leasing to teams outside of Alameda. When the current lease expires in September 2012, Council has directed that an RFP go out, and the organization able to provide the most field maintenance money would probably be awarded the lease. The other side of this is that once the lease expires, depending on how development of Alameda Point is going, there may not be further opportunity to lease the fields.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Provide Direction to Staff on the Issue of Non-Profit Field Rates for Adult (18-21 year olds) Use (*Discussion Item*)

Director Lillard was looking for some direction on putting something together on non-profit field rates to bring back to the January 2012 meeting. Under the established plan, both field priority and fee structure is approved every February by the Recreation Commission. Teams with participants under 18 get the top priority for field use, the lowest fees, etc. This has been working well, and is not a problem at all. However, a number of teams have popped up in the last year that are over 18 (most of them are between 18-22), that are not really youth and have been affiliated with a non-profit youth operation. The question is, are you going to give them the same rate and the same priority as you would the under 18 non-profit youth teams. Maybe the answer is to come up with a new tiered category for these 18-22 year-olds. The priorities should still stay Recreation's direct programs, school district programs, non-profit youth programs, non-profit adult programs, then private rental and outside groups. Not really wanting to charge them as a private rental, nor give them the lowest youth non-profit rate, there should be some kind of intermediate fee structure instituted. Other cities will be checked out to see how they charge such groups, and a recommendation will be brought back before the Commission for a decision.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

7. REPORTS FROM RECREATION COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

- A. Park Division
- B. Recreation Division
- C. Mastick Senior Center
- D. Other Reports and Announcements

Director Lillard reported that the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony the past Saturday was very nice. With the weather cooperating, about 1,500 people had attended. The holiday programs are filling up. Breakfast with Santa at the O'Club is the following Saturday, and there are about 150 people signed up for that. Public Works employee, Max Arbios, will play Santa this year.

As noted, Commissioner Mariani did resign. The Mayor will make a recommendation at the December 20 Council meeting on a new member to fill her spot. Chair Restagno will coordinate a meeting with the Mayor to talk about reducing the number of Commission members from 7 down to 5.

The City just issued a new RFP for Golf which can be found on the City's website if anyone is interested in reviewing it. Responses are due back in early February, and expectations are that a recommendation will go to Council sometime in March.

8. STATUS REPORT ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Chair Restagno asked if there was anything new on the Krusi Park project, and is it still expected by next fall. Director Lillard responded that there were some minor things they've adjusted such as room size, door placement, etc. The consultant is supposed to have all their stuff together before Christmas, and would like to be able to go to bid in February.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

- 10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** Re-visit the batting cage issue; talk more about the non-profit 18-22 year old priority and use fees; recommendation for Friends of the Park fundraising efforts in regards to the Fit City Challenge; and, the Park Master Plan.
- 11. SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**