



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, June 8, 2017
TIME: 7:04 p.m. Called to Order
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ruben Tilos, Commissioners Ron Limoges and Mindi Chen

Absent: Vice Chair Delaney and Commissioner Marianne Carter

Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved by all who attended the meeting.

M/S/C Commissioner Limoges / Commissioner Chen

All present and who attended the May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting in favor with 3 – 0 vote

NEW BUSINESS

4-A Review and Recommend Mastick Senior Center Member Input and Program Evaluation.

Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report on Mastick Senior Center input and program evaluation.

Highlights

- A variety of tools used to evaluate and reflect the needs of members
 - Three suggestion boxes
 - Staff is available on-site and offers an open door policy
 - Flyers are posted in the lobby to evaluate member interest prior to a class
 - A cross sampling of classes are evaluated annually in the Fall.
- Alameda County Area Agency provides annual grant to the City of Alameda for Mastick Senior Center and requires surveys from members to obtain.
- Staff works with the Mastick Senior Center Advisory Board, (MSCAB).
 - MSCAB is a 15 member body that serves as the active advisory committee for the center and conducts a member survey.
- Personal attention is given via a phone call from staff if a specific concern is raised.
- Staff identifies potential programs through conferences offered by the California Parks and Recreation Society.

Commissioner Discussion

- o Commissioner Chen: Attended MSC new member orientation today and was very impressed with the numerous programs and with the staff.
- o Commissioner Limoges: Is very involved in Mastick. Is on the MSCAB and Long Range Planning Committee. Has been a member for five years and is a very engaged participant who is conscious how much time is spent on policy, how the facilities are maintained and how

the money is used. Has almost no criticisms of Mastick Senior Center's policies or their programmatic level. Feels there's a great deal of attention paid to what members need. Does not know what other remedy this group of Commissioners can offer. Feels his role on Commission and as past-President of the MSCAB was to listen. Issue is have we listened, have we heard what was said and have we determined the best way to move forward for the majority? There are 3,400 members of Mastick. We are an appointed group of ARPD and feels both ARPD and Mastick are well advised and operated.

- o Chair Tilos: Feels feedback is definitely being heard even if the outcomes are not always what are wanted. Outreach has been done and procedures are in place for feedback and believes there are avenues for seniors to be heard. Received a packet of information from seniors directly that was not provided to staff or other Commissioners. Letters focused on the Wednesday fitness class with no other themes. Hears a lot of positives but only negative heard is this fitness class issue going from 3 classes to 2 classes. Example, if we always went with what the majority wanted in parks, then smaller lesser known sports wouldn't get field time. Feels there is an avenue for voices to be heard.

Speakers

- **Patricia Bowen, Mastick Senior Center Member:** Does not agree that the Senior Advisory Board represents senior's needs. Completed survey online and still has not seen results of it. Read a letter regarding a previous ballroom class and fitness class.
- **Paul Hauser, Mastick Advisory Board President:** Board doesn't have jurisdiction to hire or fire staff or evaluate staff's performance. The board does advise staff on issues relative to functionality of senior center, such as financial and program and facility recommendations. Have over 12 active committees reporting to the Board.
- **Edmond Lee, Mastick Senior Center Member:** Letter attached regarding seniors not having a voice about class selection.

Commissioner Limoges made a motion that the Recreation and Parks Commission accept recommendation from staff on program evaluation for Mastick Senior Center programs.

M/S/C Commissioner Limoges / Commissioner Chen

All present in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

4-B Review and Recommend Alameda Soccer Club Project Scope to Renovate the Tennis Courts Adjacent to the Hornet Soccer Field.

Recreation and Parks Director Amy Wooldridge and Eugene Demmler, Past President of Alameda Soccer Club (ASC), gave update on the Alameda Soccer Club Project.

Highlights

- The field will be inclusive of other groups. ASC wants to open it up to other sport uses when ASC isn't using it.
- This will also be a great field for youth with physical and mental challenges, already being served in ASC's Challenger League.
- Potential to renew a five-year Hornet Field Lease Agreement that will include this project.
- Reached out to San Jose Earthquakes and US Soccer Foundation about funding.
 - US Soccer Foundation will fund one of the three courts to do an acrylic surface so it can be used for Futsal.
 - US Soccer Foundation will fund the "Soccer for Success" program.

- San Jose Earthquakes are committed to come out and do skills and development clinics

Commissioner Discussion

- o **Commissioner Limoges:** Requested clarification; in the beginning of the project, was one soccer court proposed and now 3 courts?
Answer: Have adjusted to now make it 3 futsal regulation sized courts. It is a 5 on 5 game that's very fast and on a smaller field. Currently 100 kids are playing futsal every Friday night at the Alameda Point Gym for drop-in. Like that, ASC wants kids to come play just to play. This is a way to expand its reach for soccer.
- o **Chair Tilos:** Will it be locked? Answer: ASC is not adverse to not locking it but have liability concerns. Already have people throwing rocks and bottles over the fence and vandalizing nearby structures. But idea is for open access, which may be within permitted time. Chair Tilos: Would like to see it being open to everyone similar to the Warriors basketball court.
Answer: If Club could lock it at night that would help and provide open availability during the day.
- o **Commissioner Limoges:** Is East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) interested in this area?
Answer: No, Director Wooldridge has discussed with EBRPD and they are not interested but are focused on working with city regarding Northwest Territories at Alameda Point.
- o **Commissioner Limoges:** Would it be renamed for the Soccer Foundation? Answer: there would be striping with logo for San Jose Earthquakes similar to a photo in the slide show.
- o **Chair Tilos and Commissioner Chen:** Both like that Club is reaching out to Boys & Girls Club and the community. Would also help the community if it opens up time at the gym.
- o **Chair Tilos:** Would appreciate at least a couple hours a week in which it is open for drop in.
Answer: Club is already planning to have drop-in times for no charge for families and youth.

Speakers

- **Co-President of Futsal Club:** Would be closely involved with developing futsal programs at this facility.
- **Scott MacAskill, Alameda Soccer Club field coordinator:** Would work with ARPD on scheduling and then lock it in the evenings.
- **Pia Abola, Alameda Futsal Club:** This would be wonderful for the futsal community which also provides soccer players with great skills and as an alternative to grass fields. If opened up for open use would want to make sure that permitted groups can still get onto the field.

Commissioner Limoges made a motion that the Recreation and Parks Commission move to recommend the Alameda Soccer Club project at the Hornet Field tennis courts and move forward as presented with every effort made to schedule available open times.

M/S/C Commissioner Limoges / Commissioner Chen

All present in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

4-C Review and Recommend Encinal Boat Launch Facility Design.

- Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report on the Encinal Boat Launch Facility Design which is at 60 % design which is funded by the California State Parks Department, Division of Boating and Waterways. Facility is well-loved and in dire need of repair. Demand for non-motorized boats has increased.

Highlights

- Replace existing docks and add non-motorized watercraft dock float.
- Two launch lanes.
- Repave parking lot and add parking lanes.
- Create ADA compliant access.
- Add fish cleaning station, outdoor shower and hand launch laydown area.
- New signage and lighting.
- Replace restroom facility.
- Allows the boats direct access to the bay.

Commissioner Discussion

- o **Commissioner Limoges:** How comfortable are you that there will be construction money?
Answer: Construction will be about a million, will go back to the Division of Boating and Waterways which grants once a year. Fairly certain the money can be obtained by grants. Project could take up to 2 years before starting construction.

Speaker

- **Daniel Lee, Alameda Resident:** Very run down over the years. Appreciate the effort of Parks and Recreation to improve the area. Need a rigging area for boats. Currently people park right up to the launch. Need signs that say No Parking, 30 minute parking and red zones in new plan. Director Amy Wooldridge responded that ARPD is already working with Public Works to obtain proper signage.

Commissioner Chen made a motion that the Recreation and Parks Commission approve the Encinal Boat Launch Facility design with the addition of no parking signs.

M/S/C Commissioner Chen / Commissioner Limoges

All present in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

4-D Review and Recommend the Krusi Park Recreation Center Design.

Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge gave a presentation and update on the Krusi Park Recreation Center Design.

Highlights

- Building is a 2,376 square foot multipurpose recreation building with a multipurpose room, kitchen, office, storage, and 3 restrooms.
- Weekday Use for ARPD programs
- Weekends use for event rentals
- Kitchen will be available for a concession stand for softball and tennis
- Otis Elementary will have use of facility when available

Commissioner Discussion

- o **Commissioner Limoges:** Suggested to flip the kitchen with the storage area to create a better flow. Shade awnings are a nice touch.

Commissioner Limoges made a motion that the Recreation and Parks Commission approve the Krusi Park Recreation Center Design as presented.

M/S/C Commissioner Limoges / Commissioner Chen

All present in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

REPORTS

A. Recreation Commission Reports

Commissioner Chen attended Mastick New Member Orientation and was impressed. Looking forward to being a judge for the Sandcastle Contest.

Commissioner Limoges spent time at Lincoln Park observing Pickleball court improvement. Courts are fabulous and pleased with all the improvements for the Pickleball, basketball courts and handball courts. Went to an Alameda Vipers volleyball tournament in San Mateo. Impressive amount of work for volunteers.

Chair Tilos has been visiting the multiple tennis courts around the city. Handled some accidental closures at Longfellow Park. Participating in adult softball. Looking forward to summer events coming up.

B. Recreation and Parks Director Report

- Administrative:
 - o Budget approved by the City Council with 2 new Park maintenance positions.
 - o Alameda Preservation Historical Society gave an award to Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) for work on Jackson Park bench.
- Parks:
 - o Pickleball court, handball court and basketball courts all resurfaced.
 - o Washington Dog Park was closed for 1 day to do massive cleanup. Removed brush, lowered branches of trees and removed foxtails. Grading done - more level now, which improves drainage.
 - o Fibar wood chips put in playgrounds for safety and ADA requirements.
 - o Woodstock playground renovation starts next week. Grand opening in about a month.
 - o Fence work at Washington Park done, netting at the softball field on upper Washington is being replaced.
 - o Folding bollards at entrances to parks so that cars cannot drive into parks for safety. Shoreline Park had theft of copper wire from light poles, Towata Park was cleaned up by Kiwanis Club. Replacing lights at Shoreline Park
- Recreation Services:
 - o Sand castle contest this Saturday at Crown Memorial Beach, starts at 9AM.
 - o 35 Alameda schools had their end of the year picnics throughout the ARPD parks at no charge.
 - o Piece and Kindness puzzle was mounted and is at the ARPD office.
 - o Training for Summer Recreation Leaders starts next week.

- Mastick Senior Center:
 - o The Senior Center exterior is fully painted; looks great.
 - o Open house on May 31st was successful.
- Projects:
 - o Sweeney Park
 - CAT bids came in 39% over estimate. Construction bids are very competitive and high right now due to building climate. Good drawings because all four bids were within 12% of each other. Identifying gap funding. Phase A – reviewing our cost estimate with numbers from CAT.
 - July 10th will be moving out the homeless with the help of Project Dignity and the Police Department. July 12 will be starting construction for the Cross Alameda trail.
- **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**
 - o Park Maintenance Presentation by Park Manager John McDonald.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 13, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Tilos adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.