



## ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, September 10, 2020  
**TIME:** 7:02 p.m. Called to Order  
**PLACE:** City Hall Council Chambers

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed at <https://alameda.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>  
The following are action minutes in keeping with the Sunshine Ordinance 2-91.17.

### ROLL CALL

Present: (Teleconference via Zoom) Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioner Limoges  
Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Navarro  
Staff: (Teleconference via Zoom) Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Amy Wooldridge

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alexander moved to accept the minutes of August 13, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.  
M/S Commissioner Navarro / Vice Chair Robbins. All present in favor with 5 ayes via roll call vote.

### WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Written Communication: None
- Oral Communication: None

### REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. (See Exhibit 1)

### REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Barnes: The subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion met with 3 consultants that brought different perspectives and helped the committee to understand the timeline and costs to develop a Diversity and Inclusion Policy for ARPD. Presently waiting for details from one of the consulting firms and then will be able to hone in on the outcomes.
- Commissioner Navarro: Diversity and Inclusion process has been good to see how the policy can affect meaningful change in an achievable time frame. Thanked staff of the Tiny Tot program for meticulously following the COVID-19 guidelines and making the program safe and fun for the kids. Received inquiries from the public about when restrooms in the parks be will open. Answer: All restrooms are open and ARPD Director Wooldridge will follow up with Park maintenance staff.
- Vice Chair Robbins: The online line dance class at Mastick is awesome. Asked if certain tennis courts could be converted for pickle ball as there are many interested people. Answer: Looking for options, such as Washington Park half courts. Are online tennis court reservations possible? Answer: Yes, have been working on the technical side of launching that. Will start in a couple weeks.
- Chair Alexander: Asked questions about how the ARPD scholarship program works. Director Wooldridge will bring a report to Commissioners next meeting. Committee for renaming Jackson

Park interviewed people from the community to be a part of the committee and are coming up with good naming process and ideas with the goal of sending a name to the City Council at the end of the year for approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **6-A Receive Report from the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park (JSOSP) Foundation**

Dorothy Freeman, Co-Chair of JSOSP Foundation and partners with ARPD gave the report which included history of the park and updates. There are now three dog waste bag stations in the park which are maintained and restocked by JSOSP Foundation. The foundation also funded the replacement of the drinking fountain to add a drinking station for dogs. The volunteer program to maintain and clean JSOSP has been going well. Kiwanis volunteers had three work days and the Rotary volunteers had one work day. The Cub Scouts have also expressed interest in volunteering. Work days and sites have been divided out amongst the groups. An agreement was worked out with park staff to pick up the green waste bags when full from clean up days. The blackberries on the outside of the park have started to grow inside the fence. Planning to have a work day in October to cut them back. It is helpful to have the volunteers to help oversee the park. ARPD gave the volunteers t-shirts.

ARPD Director Wooldridge and Commissioners gave recognition and appreciation to Dorothy Freeman for the JSOSP Foundation's commitment and ongoing support to the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** Financial assistance report, 2021 User Fee Schedule, update on the budget.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** October 8, 2020

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Limoges

Motion carried by the following voice vote: All in favor with a 5 ayes via roll call vote.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM

## **EXHIBIT 1**

### **9/10/2020 ARPD Director's Report**

**Presented by Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge**

#### **Recreation Services**

- RAP and TEENS afterschool program have begun. Ten sites with 11 social pods – amazing staff despite challenges of air quality and COVID. Includes a site at the new Krusi Park building.
- Two Tiny tot sites started this week at Woodstock and Godfrey. In addition, “Tots Being Tots” provides an option for pre-school work in a take home format.
- ARPD Aquatics 2020- Fall and Winter
  - Starting Sept. 14 will be offering 50 minute Water walking/Lap swim blocks. Registration is available online. Starting soon after with private weekend swim lessons on Sept. 19 for all age groups and weekday and evening lessons. Bringing back Aqua Aerobics in October.
- Offering in person outdoor fitness classes for adults and youth as well as more additional virtual offerings
- Looking for additional tennis instructor as there has been an increase in private tennis lessons, especially for youth
- Part of Early Childhood Learning grant, collaboration between AFS, Library, local early childhood providers. Received an additional \$50,000 – one of two organizations in Alameda County for this. Using it to purchase a van to go out to neighborhoods for screenings, kindergarten learning.
- Our challenges include keeping up with the ever fluid Alameda County Health guidelines and planning for Fall community events.

#### **Mastick Senior Center**

- Continuing with lunch program and providing support for Brown Bag Programs
- Case Management Services and wellness calls. Continuing collaborations to link seniors with needed resources and share available opportunities.
- Working on a project to improve the front entry walkway
- Launched Zoom classes with some fee based plus launching outdoor fitness classes. Line Dance, Qigong, Pilates, Current Events, Music Review, Pickleball and others.
- Honeybee presentation by Cal State East Bay funded by Mastick Senior Center Advisory Board on Monday, Sept. 14.
- Thrift Shop volunteers gathered donations for fire victims – 10 shopping carts donated.
- Volunteer providing one on one tech help for seniors during this time where everything is online.
- Scheduling a kiln firing for people to drop off their art projects, socially distanced.
- Hope to launch book “grab and go” bags by the mid-month.
- Membership renewal is now at 1,923 and climbing.
- Alameda Loop Shuttle still running its regular schedule and is free.

### **Park Maintenance**

- Starting Shoreline lighting project
- Asphalt repairs at Shoreline Park near both restrooms
- Replacing field lights at Leydecker Park
- Over this next year Public Works will replace pathway lights and poles at Woodstock
- Converting park lights to LED
- Replaced the remaining wood chips at Woodstock playground with rubberized safety surfacing—funded by CDBG grant

### **Projects**

- De-Pave Park – Vision Plan approval is going before Council on 9/15/2020
- Krusi Park Recreation Center – working on a virtual grand opening with a video tour of the center, interviews and stories from current and past Krusi Colts and the Mayor.