



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

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015
TIME: 7:02 p.m. Called to Order
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bill Delaney, Commissioners Ann Cooke, Mario Mariani, and Ruben Tilos
Absent: Vice-Chair Lola Brown
Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation & Parks Director

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 13, 2014, regular Recreation & Park Commission meeting were approved M/S Cooke, Tilos, and all were in favor.

Minutes of the January 8, 2015, regular meeting were tabled until there is a quorum of the Commissioners present at that meeting.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA: None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Workshop on Initial Site A Development Concept at Alameda Point

Ms. Jennifer Ott, Chief Operating Officer, provided a presentation of Alameda Point's Site A, and the history of the community process. She explained the selection process that led to Alameda Point Partners as the development group.

Mr. Joe Ernst, Alameda Point Partners, introduced his team. He described the plan for Site A and how it will be incorporated into Alameda Point as a whole.

Ms. April Phillips, Design Works Landscape Architect, provided an overview and presentation on the open space development and design. She discussed the approach of appreciating the old, while incorporating the new. She discussed the various districts and how they incorporate park space; the walkability of the area; and how the waterfront will be used. She presented a diagram of bike and pedestrian paths throughout the districts.

Commissioner Cooke asked for more information on saving the older buildings at Alameda Point and asked about transportation issues for getting on and off the island.

Mr. Ernst commented that the merge of retail commercial and the makers who are already there. Things like small markets and restaurants. Phase Zero will be creating community for those types of establishments. He reported this area will hopefully create a sustainable balance with employees living in the area, and they would like more density and more transit use.

Commissioner Mariani asked if there has been any talk on converting salt water to fresh water and overall water conservation. Ms. Phillips reported this would be an incremental change, but more and more cities are moving in that direction. They are thinking about the future, and there is a big stormwater plan, but the team is looking at possibilities. Ms. Ott stated that purple pipe installation for reclaimed water is required in all new developments.

Commissioner Tilos commented that the Antique Fair on Sunday really impacts traffic on the West End. He further commented on the demographics of the island, which doesn't always lend itself to being bike/pedestrian or transit oriented. He commented on including parking spaces at the parks and open space areas to ensure that drivers can access them as well. Ms. Ott responded that there is a Transportation Demand Plan that addresses all aspects of transportation for Alameda Point.

Chair Delaney had comments specific to the park space. He likes the different types of park space, but asked if they are defined by specific things that are not available in other park spaces.

Ms. Phillips explained that the neighborhood parks will be about playgrounds, exercise, picnic areas that are family friendly. The urban park is about sitting, eating, meeting space, interactive things, and the waterfront park will be about promenade of different levels, and more flow for big crowds or event space. The west will be most nature-like with trails and paths. They are looking at a community garden space.

Chair Delaney asked if the Commission would be consulted for specific design of park elements. Ms. Phillips stated absolutely they will seek the Commission's input. Ms. Ott reported all parks will go through a design review process which will include more details. This plan is more conceptual. There were questions from the community outreach process on the greenway space and these are being addressed.

Commissioner Cooke asked about how many parks will there be. Ms. Ott stated this is currently planned by acreage. She also encouraged comment tonight.

Chair Delaney asked when the first shovel will go into the ground and who is responsible for the maintenance of the park spaces. Mr. Ernst reported that once a development agreement is approved, they would then move to design review. Ms. Ott stated that the City is responsible for the maintenance, which has been accounted for in the Alameda Point Master Infrastructure Plan, which provides a project of the costs and how those expenses will be managed. Community development district will help with tax revenue in paying for those expenses, but there will be offsets also. Alameda Point is required to be fiscally neutral.

Director Wooldridge recommended that playgrounds be included in the neighborhood parks and design could also include small recreation components throughout the neighborhoods, such as small climbing rocks.

Commissioner Tilos asked about staffing parks for programs. Director Wooldridge that at this time there are no plans to specifically staff programs at the parks but that it will be considered at a later date.

Speakers:

Ms. Irene Dieter, requested consideration to change the phasing of Site A so that the waterfront is developed all in Phase 1. She expressed that she felt there could be a cost savings in developing all the waterfront in one plan and this could increase the desire for developers.

Ms. Dorothy Freeman, she was here to talk about Site A and the Cross Alameda Trail. This will be a four mile path that connects Alameda Point to the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park.

B. Report and Make Recommendation on the 2015-2017 and 10-year Capital Improvement Program for Recreation and Parks

Director Amy Wooldridge reported on the CIP programs and made a presentation on both the two year and the 10-year CIP projects, including the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, Estuary Park, Encinal Boat Ramp renovation design, annual playground replacement program, and improvements to the parks with athletic courts and lighting.

Chair Delaney asked for an explanation on the Developer Impact Fees and how those get allocated. Wooldridge explained how those fees are acquired and disbursed.

M/S Commissioner Mariani, Commissioner Tilos and unanimous to approve the recommendation.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. None

7. REPORTS

A. Recreation Commission Reports: Commissioner Mariani reported meeting with the Catellus folks securing the unveiling of Wilver "Willie" Stargell dedication by Safeway. He is working on getting the baseball community and having the event include some major league greats, along with members of the Stargell family, on April 18th.

B. Friends of the Park Report (FOTP): Chair Delaney reported on there is a date for Play for the Parks, Monday, September 14, 2015. First Annual Ride for the Parks (bicycle) in early October, they are still working on the details. Lena Tam was appointed as a board member and Commissioner Mariani is the first member of the FOTP Advisory Committee.

C. Recreation and Parks Director Report: Director Wooldridge reported on Krusi Park site work redesign is underway. She intends to bring a contract for a pre-fabricated building and a request to go out to bid to Council on April 21.

Mastick is very busy with the free tax preparation services.

ARPD is hiring for summer, and registration will be available in late March.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL: Chair Delaney read a statement regarding the passing of Golf Commissioner Tim Scates. There was a moment of silence.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Cross Alameda Trail design along Appezzato Parkway

10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2015

11. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Delaney adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.