



## ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, February 14, 2018  
**TIME:** 7:00 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: Chair Limoges, Vice Chair Alexander, Commissioner Robbins

Absent: Commissioner Chen and Pondok.

Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation and Park Director

Director Wooldridge reported that Commissioner Pondok resigned.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Limoges moved to accept the minutes of January 10, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.

M/S Vice Chair Alexander / Commissioner Robbins. All in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

Minutes accepted as presented.

### WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- o Written Communication: Public input for 7-C Alameda Point Campground Concept was submitted by Richard Bangert, Lydia Greer, Anne Williams and Irene Dieter. See Exhibit 1
- o Oral Communication: Speaker Denise Li: Asked why the City doesn't provide more lap swimming year round at the Encinal Pool for increased community access. Answer: The Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) would like to have year round aquatic programs and have requested increased use several times to the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD). AUSD response is no due to the security of having unknown adults on the Encinal High School campus. Vice Chair Alexander requested the subject be put on the agenda next time and invite AUSD to come and answer questions.

### REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Amy Wooldridge gave report. See Exhibit 2.

### REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chair Limoges: Attended the joint meeting with AUSD and the City in which the issue regarding the Emma Hood Swim Center was talked about. Received invitation to attend the speed dating that the League of Women Voters puts on at the Elks Club.
- Vice Chair Alexander: Went to Longfellow Park to look at the tree that needs to be removed and said it is sad to see it taken down. Went to the AUSD meeting for the Emma Hood Swim Center. Also met with Alameda Marina Group.
- Commissioner Robbins: Visiting Jean Sweeney Open Space Park on a weekly basis to exercise and enjoys the park.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Limoges moved to hear item 7-C first. All Commissioners were in agreement.

### **7-C Discussion of Alameda Point Campground Concept**

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the presentation which included information about the existing condition, concept and options. The goal of the discussion was to get public input about having a public / private partnership campsite which would be a public area.

#### **Commissioner Discussion**

- Chair Limoges: Has toured the area and said it's beautiful. Can see both sides of either developing the area with a private partnership or leave it as a park space.
- Commissioner Robbins: Would like to do a walk through to see the full site and would like to see it become a campground
- Vice Chair Alexander: She would like to also do a walk through to get a better understanding of the space.

#### **Speakers**

- o Irene Dieter, Alameda resident: Wants to reopen the campground but suggested partnering with East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), as they were interested in developing it at one time and that seems like a natural fit. Encouraged not to piecemeal but to have an overall master plan including naming it.
- o Richard Bangert, Alameda resident: Interested in keeping the space as a park and proceed by having a Master Plan.
- o Joe Stack, Owner of Stacked Adventures: It's a unique space that allows opportunities for people to enjoy nature and camping and would like to see it as a campground.

### **7-A Approve the City of Alameda Transportation Program Plan for Seniors and People With Disabilities for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.**

Victoria Williams, Paratransit Coordinator, gave the report which included the budget, the planning process, recommended programs, scholarship programs, taxi services and the Alameda Loop Shuttle.

#### **Commissioner Discussion**

- Commissioner Robbins: Thinks the shuttle is wonderful. Asked what is the reason for not sharing all the bus stops? Answer: There are some sites that AC transit does not stop at. What if the shuttle buses are not full, can anyone use it? Answer: Yes.
- Chair Limoges: Bread and Roses is a nonprofit organization that coordinates small bands to play their music at various nursing homes and long term facilities, and it might be interesting to reach out to consider them for useage of the Leisure Bus for transportation. Clarified in the Transportation budget that the term management included the use of consultants. Encouraged to have a shuttle that goes to the Ferry.

Commissioner Robbins made a Motion to approve the City of Alameda 2019/2020 Transportation Program Plan as presented.

M/S Commissioner Robbins / Vice Chair Alexander / All in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

**7-B** Discussion of Park Hours of Operation.

Director Amy Wooldridge gave information on the drafted Park Rules and Regulation.

**Commissioner Discussion**

- Vice Chair Alexander: What are the parks where cars are being left overnight. Answer: Woodstock, Washington Parks and others. Confirmed there is a time limit for noise in the City. Asked if there is still a rule for no tackle football allowed on the field. Answer: No, not in the Municipal Code.
- Commissioner Robbins: Are bags for dog waste not provided due to cost? Answer: Yes the dog bags are a significant cost, however; one idea that is being considered is to purchase containers with signs asking people to put their extra plastic bags in it. Commissioner Robbins confirmed that dogs need to be on leash in the parks. Suggested additional signage that clearly states how people can reserve the tennis courts.

Commissioners agreed on Park Hours from dawn to dusk and until 10:00pm for lighted athletic facilities for the Resolution.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Limoges made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M/S Commissioner Robbins / Vice Chair Alexander / All in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

Chair Limoges adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM

## Alameda Point Campground Discussion



Item 7C Recreation and Park Commission meeting February 14, 2019

Dear Commissioners,

It is an encouraging sign that there is interest in an actual management plan for the old campground at Alameda Point. However, it is discouraging that this discussion is a continuation of a piecemeal, ad hoc planning process for the larger triangle park space that this campground is a part of. The campground should be discussed as part of a master plan for triangle park.

The triangle park, including the campground, was designated in the 1996 Community Reuse Plan as a region-serving park. Even though the anticipated leasing of this park area to the East Bay Regional Park District has not materialized, numerous city documents since 1996 have envisioned a public park in this location. The Community Reuse Plan called it Inner Harbor Park. For a number of years, the name "Triangle Park" was used. The most recent name is Enterprise Park.

All of the planning efforts ~~presented to the public~~ since 2006 have featured this area as a public park. Most recently, the 2014 Alameda Point Master Infrastructure Plan identified this area as a public park. It even suggests a bulb extension of the park northward across West Hornet Avenue into the Enterprise District. Besides becoming a local and regional recreational asset, a fully planned shoreline park in this location would become an asset for the economic efforts in the adjacent Enterprise District. The city's own promotional materials suggest as much.

I am opposed to privatizing the campground under any scenario. If the city wants to bring in a private operator to invest money for improvements to serve the public and also produce revenue for the parks department, offer the land where the old recreation building is located. Seek out a café/restaurant operator to tear down the obsolete building and build an attractive year-round destination that would serve all visitors to Alameda Point, as well as employees in the Enterprise District. I suggest tearing down the building because at least two businesses have looked at the old recreational building for unknown commercial uses and determined that the costs of rehab would be too costly to make it viable. It's also an eyesore that should be dealt with before inviting the public to camp ~~at the campground~~ 50 feet away.

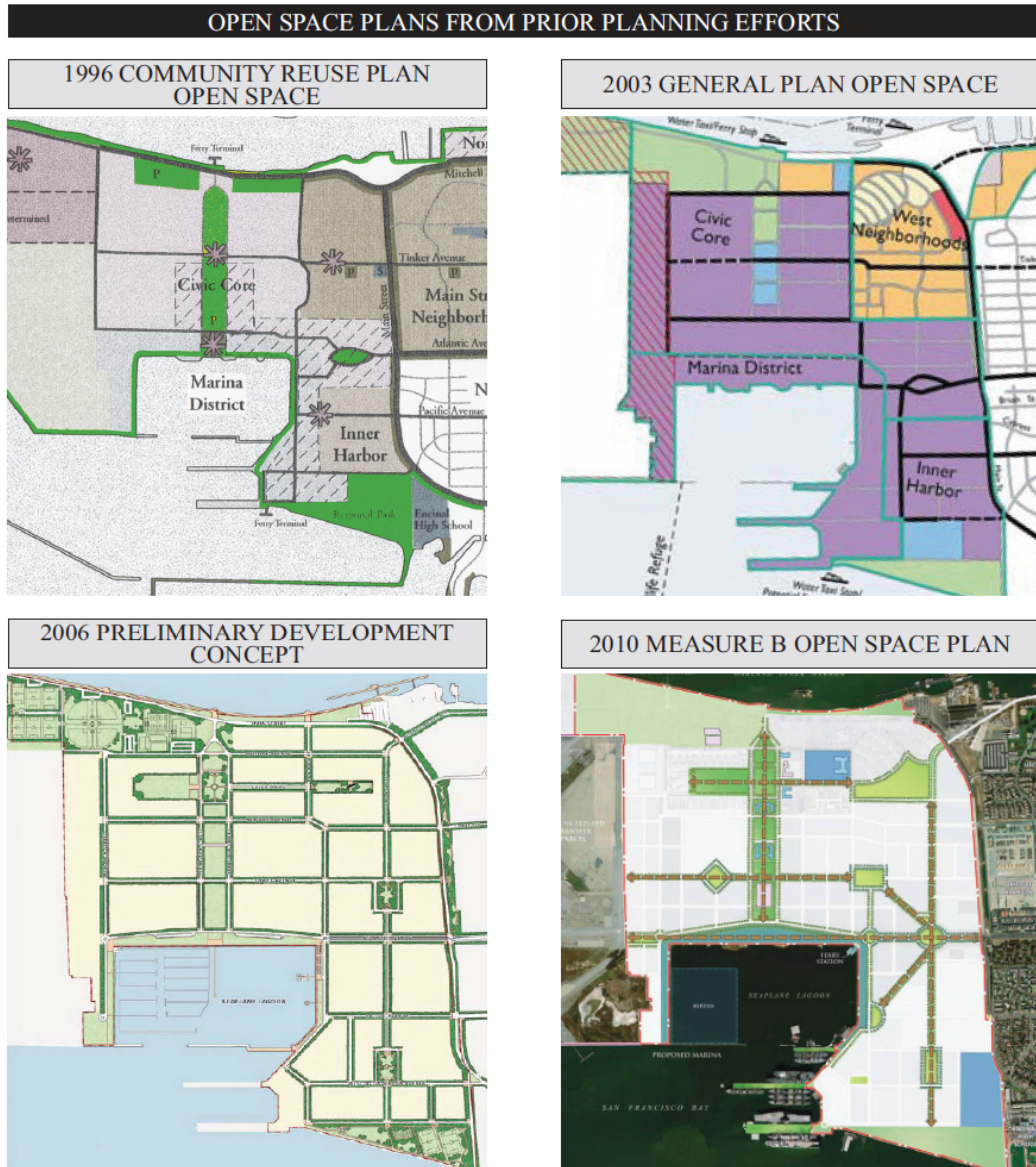
I urge you to direct staff to return at the earliest possible date to begin a master planning process that would lead to the creation of a new city park stretching from the ferry maintenance facility to the Encinal Boat Ramp. The city should be hosting community meetings on the master plan, not incrementally cobbling together park

uses. Below are some images that show the history of planning for this area, along with some photos.

Thank you,

Richard Bangert

Alameda Point Environmental Report <https://alamedapointenviro.com/>

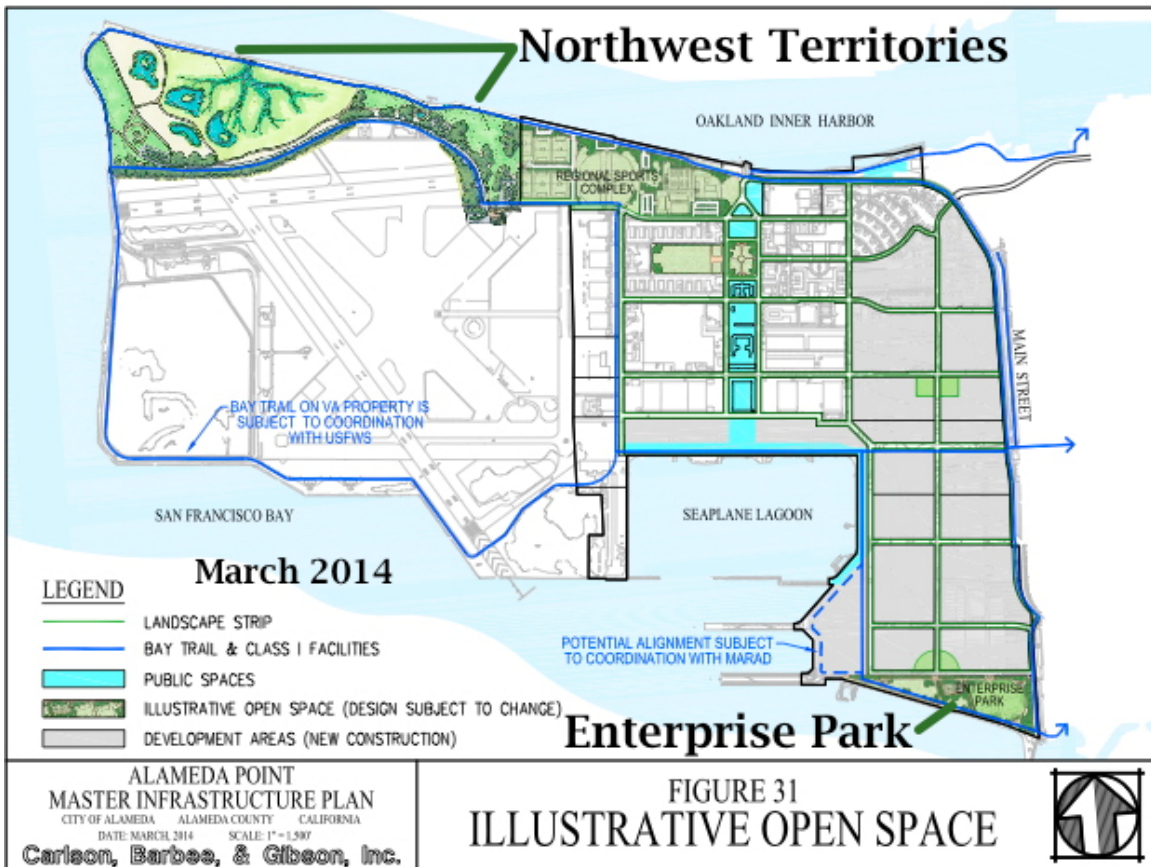


**2010 Community Planning Workbook: *Going Forward***





*Adaptive Reuse and Enterprise Sub-Area Close-up*











**From:** [Lydia Greer](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#); [ARPD](#)  
**Subject:** Enterprise Park- Encinal Boat Ramp  
**Date:** Monday, February 11, 2019 3:56:01 PM

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Dear Commissioners of the City of Alameda and to whom it may concern at Parks and Recreation,

I am writing concerning the potential private/public campground project near the Encinal Boat Ramp. Privatizing and developing this area piecemeal is a bad way to begin the long overdue park planning along this shoreline. The old campground is near the Encinal Boat Ramp and Breakwater Beach and is part of a larger park area that the Navy built. From the beginning of the base reuse planning process in the mid-1990s, this triangle park area, from the ferry maintenance facility to the boat ramp, has been envisioned as one complete park. Even though this area is referred to as Enterprise Park in various city documents, it is not an official park. As a citizen of Alameda and a homeowner a few blocks away in the neighborhood who utilizes this space every day (I can quickly walk here, and many more will also do this when the Plan A housing is finished) and sees many others from the neighborhood and region spend time in this special space, I would like to request that you please start a full planning process for the **entire park. I also want to let you know that space is already used by the neighborhood as a park, it is a vital and rare green space with unique vistas.** There is no other space in the neighborhood of the Point (and there ARE people who live and work near or in the Point) that has trees, mature plantings, and views of the bay. Privatizing in any way or restricting the use of another parcel of land directly on the Bay from the public is not justified. Why can this space not remain what it is with some simple upgrades? It is a peaceful and unique green space in a sea of concrete. I have a better idea, keep the mature trees and plantings, improve the native habitat, build a better and more accessible path, put in a few picnic tables, and benches for people to enjoy the space as is. Go take a stroll at sunset with your colleagues and you will understand. Can I take you all for a tour? I'd love to show you why it is special. Brown Pelicans, Seals, Hummingbirds, Shore Birds, songbirds, butterflies and lizards are just some of the animals that you can see in this area. Don't take this little bit of nature and habitat away from the animals who use it, the people who spend time there and the people who could enjoy it in the future. Some ideas: you could create picnic areas and rent out/permit some of the space for larger picnics and celebrations as they do at Crab Cove and Crown Beach. You could create an open play field next door and expand the park by knocking down the rec center. The "campground" can be a beautiful shady nature trail and picnic area. How can I help? I would personally volunteer to help create this public green space for the city. Instead of a private campground, can you imagine creating a unique green park that is a gift to the neighborhood and a crowning jewel for the City of Alameda, Parks, and Recs and provides regional public access to the Bay Front? A campground is a strange thing to have so near to housing and an urban environment. As I said, I can walk here quickly from where I live. A park is actually what the citizens of Alameda need. I am about to go walk there now. It is already a beautiful, peaceful park on the bay even if not officially. You would only have to improve the path and add some benches and picnic tables. Let's make this space an official park. We do not need or want a campground in our park or in our neighborhood. Please keep me posted on this and if there is anything I can do to assist.

Your neighbor,

Lydia Greer

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**From:** [Anne Williams](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** Comments about the old campground at Alameda Point  
**Date:** Monday, February 11, 2019 4:57:37 PM

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Greetings,

It has come to my attention that the future of this particular spot will be discussed this Thursday.

I would like to provide the following comments:

This is a very special area, a hidden gem of sorts and it would be very detrimental to see it being urbanized.

Instead it would be an ideal spot for conservation and restoration efforts.

It is a prime spot for Monarchs that are in dire need of our help, they love the pines there, all it needs is the addition of food/hosts plants. This could be achieved quite easily by planting specific plants and flowers. Native Milkweeds come to mind. Other endangered pollinators, like bees, would benefit from this as well, which in turn would benefit the whole community (we grow a lot of food in Alameda some of which is being donated to our food bank).

What a great community effort this would be, just like what has been done for our beloved seals.

It would show that while Alameda does evolve, it is not forgetting what matters. Alameda could lead the way in terms of initiatives taken to protect and sustain our wildlife. This in turn being a big plus for everyone's quality of life.

A campground at that spot would put the seals and other wildlife at risk and would only bring unnecessary disruptions of all kinds.

Thank you.

Hearing Date: February 14

Agenda Item: 7-C – Alameda Point Campground Concept

Dear Recreation and Park Commission,

I am very excited about the city agendizing the campground near Breakwater Beach. The campground, however, is only one section of the park. I suggest we start with creating a master plan for the entire 26 acres of open space.

Community meetings should be held to create an overall vision for the park—much like how Jean Sweeney Park was handled. While the area currently hosts temporary soccer fields, the city will need to decide if soccer should remain in long-term vision or if they should be located at the proposed sports complex. The city will also need to decide the park boundaries, as there have been different proposals in various planning documents, and whether there should be concessions. We will need to officially name the park too.

It would be a shame to enter into a private/public partnership in which profits dictate the outcome before exhausting the public options. I wrote about the campground and produced a video in 2011: <https://ionalameda.com/2011/05/05/camping-in-alameda/>

I look forward to participating in the community visioning process and, hopefully, reopening the campground.

Sincerely,  
Irene Dieter

## EXHIBIT 2

### **ARPD Director's Report – Presented by ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge 02/14/19**

#### **Mastick Senior Center**

- Artwork created in Mastick classes was installed today with the reception/opening scheduled for Thursday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Lobby.
- Launched a two-day trip to Mendocino (May 14 -16) with 24 registered to date.
- Gearing up to paint a large portion of the Lobby-wing (May - June) and exploring flooring replacement options for the Game Room.
- At present, membership totals exceed last year's totals (July - January).
- The \$25,000 annual grant received by the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging will increase by \$4,272 and schedule to be approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in March.
- Bingo attendance is averaging 95 per week (up from 75 - 80).
- Mastick Senior Center Advisory Board Directors are visiting classrooms and educating members about the MSCAB and its function. The response has been positive with more members applying to serve on the MSCAB or one of the nine active committees.
- The Board's November appeal generated \$16,000 for Mastick programs and facility improvements.
- Leisure Club participants had a great outing last Friday night at the "Night to Shine" Prom sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundations held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

#### **Parks Maintenance**

- The Littlejohn Park new playground is now open. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be soon.
- Significant work to address leak at Lincoln Park under basketball court. 80 year old pipes. Surfacing repairs next week.
- Monitoring trees and drains during these storms

#### **Recreation Services**

- Out of this World Dance Party in collaboration with Girls Inc. had 177 couples in attendance last Friday night at O' Club
- President's Week camp is sold-out
- Franklin Park over the next week will have replaced all new counter tops and cabinetry within the center
- Getting ready for summer hiring season. Looking for some new site coordinators

#### **Projects**

- **Krusi Park Recreation Center**
  - o In final plan check review and going out to bid within next couple weeks for the site work.
- **Public Pathways on Fernside and Eastshore**
  - o Attorneys completed the title reports and review.
  - o Next step is City Council closed session on March 19 then to the Recreation and Parks Commission



- **Emma Hood Swim Center**
  - o The Alameda County Environmental Health Department has informed the school district (which manages the pools) that it will close the Emma Hood Swim Center in May after their swim season due to long-standing public safety and code concerns with the facility.
  - o The AUSD/City subcommittee met on 2/13/19 and both the Board and Council are prioritizing discussion of this issue to appoint a working subcommittee and determine short and long-term solutions.
  - o This will be discussed at the 3/5/19 City Council meeting.
- **Cross Alameda Trail along Ralph Appezzato Memorial Parkway**
  - o Construction has begun. This is a public works project and includes protected bicycle lanes along Atlantic Ave. between Constitution and Webster St. to connect with Sweeney Park.