



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2024
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.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Swartz, Commissioner Burney, Commissioner Radez and Commissioner Robbins
Absent: Chair Alexander
Staff: Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Justin Long, ARPD Office Assistant Donna Conde

Vice Chair Swartz read the following statement: Anybody may speak up to three minutes regarding any matter that is not on tonight's agenda. Commissioners will not respond to your comments or answer any questions. The City welcomes speakers providing public comment but please be advised that this is a limited public forum. As such, speakers must stay on topic if speaking on a particular agenda item and if speaking during the non-agenda public comment, they must address matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City. Speakers failing to follow these rules will be warned and if they continue to disregard the rules, their opportunity to speak will be ended.

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Speaker Ruben Tilos: Spoke of his childhood memories and recent experiences at Longfellow Park with his daughter, Angelina Tilos, also present at the meeting. Stated that he was disappointed that the Parks and Playground Program was discontinued and learned of this after his daughter was not able to participate in a camp project as it was only for enrolled campers. Commended ARPD Staff on the festive Lilo and Stitch Dive-In Movie Night held Friday, July 19, 2024 at Encinal Swim Center.

3. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation and Park Director Justin Long gave the Director Report. See Exhibit 1.

4. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

- Commissioner Burney: Thanked all who participated in the Aquatic Center discussion through community meetings, online, and in attendance at Recreation and Park Commission and City Council meetings. Acknowledged the complexity of the issue and stated that it is good that people are passionate about their community.
- Commissioner Radez: Shared that his family had a summer filled with sports, swimming and camping in a safe environment and at a reasonable cost all under the care of ARPD Staff. Visited and recommended Bohol Immigrant Circle Park. Agreed with Commissioner Burney and was pleased to see people attend the three Aquatic Center community meetings over the course of the summer. Expressed gratitude for the depth and breadth of the programs and facilities

available to Alameda residents. Encouraged everyone to participate in the many stewardship opportunities on “Creek to Bay” Day on September 21, 2024.

- Commissioner Robbins: Commented on fantastic upgrades to Krusi Tennis Courts surface. Encouraged teens within AUSD to fulfill community service hours by volunteering to help with the ARPD Teen Haunted House festivities. Pleased that Mastick Senior Center offers weekend classes for seniors working during the week. Thanked the community for participating in the Aquatic Center survey.
- Vice Chair Swartz: Saw “Tennis Only” signage and “Pickleball is recommended to be played at Leydecker Courts and Lincoln Park” signage at Krusi Park. Asked Director Long for clarification of current rules. Director Long replied that at the September 3, 2024 City Council meeting, Council gave direction to install temporary signs in yellow that state “Tennis Only” at all tennis courts except Leydecker Court #1, then redirected staff to bring back a discussion about tennis policy, rules, and modifications, if any, at the Recreation and Park Commission meeting on October 10, 2024. Currently, pickleball is allowed to be played at Lincoln Park and Leydecker Court #1. Visited Encinal Swim Center, Krusi Park, Lincoln Park and Jean Sweeney Open Space Park. Enjoyed taking adult group tennis lessons and enrolled son in first swim lessons. Looks forward to the Friends of the Alameda Parks Family Fun Ride, September 21, 2024.
- Chair Alexander: Director Long read a letter from Chair Alexander which gave her regrets for not attending in person. She thanked ARPD Staff for a fantastic summer filled with outstanding community events and activities. Attended the Starlight Movie Night at Alameda Point Field and heard positive comments from families who attended the showings throughout the summer. Acknowledged Stacy Thomas and ARPD Staff for a great Dive-In Movie Night at Encinal Swim Center. Ventured to Jean Sweeney Open Space Park where ARPD mobile recreation set up a Gaga Pit and looks forward to more mobile recreation access at various parks and playgrounds. Thanked the community for attending the Aquatic Center meetings. She attended all three meetings and stated that comments and concerns were heard and well-noted. She stated that listening to the community is valuable when critical decisions have to be made for all. She was pleased to observe Leydeck Pickleball Courts in full use.

5. MINUTES

Commissioner Radez moved to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented.

M/S Commissioner Radez / Commissioner Robbins. All who were present at the June 13, 2024 meeting were in favor with four ayes via roll call vote.

6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

6-A Recommendation to Approve the City Aquatic Center Design Concept with a 30-Meter Pool and Activity Pool and Provide Direction to Staff on Additional Design Features such as Lobby, Diving Well and Springboards, Community Room, Building Storage, and Electrification.

ARPD Director Justin Long presented on the Alameda Aquatic Center Two Pools or Single Pool Options and included the Community Engagement Process, Concept A: 30-Meter Pool and Activity Pool, Concept B: 50-Meter Pool, Community Garden, Soils Improvement, Alameda Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP), Electrification, Cost Recovery Outlook, Expense and Revenue Projections.

Public Comments

- Speaker Joe Restagno: Lifelong Alamedan, eight years on Recreation and Park Commission, two years as Recreation and Park Commission Chair, Board Member of Friends of the Parks (FOTP) Foundation for 16 years, President of FOTP for two years. Commented on exciting project coming to fruition for the City of Alameda. Spoke of when he was a commissioner, the most important factors were the number of Alamedans that would benefit and the financial analysis. Stated that the process was thorough, thoughtful, and sound. Both pool options are good but supports the two pool option along with electrification. Commended Director Long, ARPD Staff, and all involved for doing great work on the project thus far. Wished continued success and looks forward to the Alameda Aquatic Center.
- Speaker Jonathan Moore: Proud veteran, father, 13 year Alameda resident. Commented on excellent and thorough presentation. Stated that his children who are swimmers have not been asked what they prefer. Did not agree that survey results represented our youth and requested another survey targeted at youth. Mentioned that Alameda Gators forced to practice in Oakland and Hayward. Stated that Concept A is a duplication; supports Concept B.
- Speaker Dorothy Freeman: Spoke on behalf of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Fund Board Members whose mission is to maintain the open space integrity of the park. Stated that Jean Sweeney envisioned the park to be like Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Funding for completing the park would add the Community Garden, provide tree planting in undeveloped space, and move the southern fence to Union Pacific Railroad property line. Supports the Aquatic Center but would like access to 3-4 acres of park closed off behind the fence and to see progress toward park completion. As an individual, voted for Concept A which is better financially and would serve a large part of the population.
- Speaker Artie Cortez: Former lifeguard, swim teacher, competitive swimmer, scuba rescue diver and current Masters swimmer. Advocated for Concept B: 50-meter pool. Gave examples of uses such as kayaking and scuba diving safety to help practice skills, underwater field hockey, and underwater rugby. Proposed a design change with a large step area to the 50-meter pool.
- Speaker Anne Delp: Alameda Masters swimmer for 27 years, taught swim lessons at Harbor Bay Club, was a swim instructor in a 50-meter pool in a successful swim program where young children were taught to swim. Commented on the benefits of a 50-meter pool and already having two existing pools designed with shallow pools. Did not think that the revenue stream of a 50-meter pool was addressed adequately. Pleased that a pool is being built in Alameda but stressed the opportunity to think into the future and build something that will last and grow with the community. In favor of Concept B.
- Speaker Darrah Jones: Lifeguard and swim instructor for Encinal and Emma Hood Swim Centers. Taught lessons with swim platforms in the competition pool and stated that they are cumbersome but that is part of the job. Expressed that one pool is easier to guard than two pools. Did not think that public was appropriately educated or informed about the possibilities and opportunities of a 50-meter pool. Advocated for Concept B.

- Speaker Ann McCormick: Served as Chair on Public Utilities Board for City of Alameda for most of 18 years. Thanked the Recreation and Park Commission, Director Long and ARPD Staff for hard work. Shared that either pool design could be good, but a 50-meter pool would be great. Commented on the opportunity to serve the competitive community, aspiring children, and multiuse pool. As a competitive swimmer, she prefers Concept B. Pleased to hear Director Long's commitment to electrification and costs.
- Speaker Theresa Rude: Thanked Director Long and ARPD Staff for this important and wonderful project. Took a stance on having a 50-meter pool and activity pool. Believed we should build what we want and make it environmentally and economically sound. Stated to start the project with \$30M with the idea to build it out to what we want it to be and figure out how to get the funds as we go.
- Speaker Alex Spehr (online): Stated that she filled out one of the surveys. Did not realize people were traveling long distances to use competition pools; advocated for Concept B, 50-meter pool. Commented on the size of the parking lot.
- Speaker Clifton Linton (online): Alameda resident, member of Alameda Aquatic Masters and serves on their Board of Directors. Expressed gratitude to ARPD Staff and the Recreation and Park Commission. Advocated for Concept B: 50-meter pool. Reiterated that it would be nice to have something new as the City already has two of the smaller competition pool options. Reemphasized the possibilities of different types of aquatic programming in the 50-meter pool. Asked the commissioners for support and thanked them for considering his comments.

Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Burney: Asked what happens if Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) does not participate. Director Long stated that we would seek funding sources from the general fund reserves or other alternatives such as returning to being a gas-powered facility. This is not the goal but depends on financing and resources. Commissioner Burney asked how many people did the survey go to and how long were they available. Director Long responded that the surveys were distributed to 30,000 on the ARPD email mailing list, through banners and QR codes posted around town, social media channels, the City of Alameda website, and Nextdoor, and the majority of the surveys were available for 3-4 weeks. Commissioner Burney asked if the budget accounted for overruns. Director Long said that there is a 10% construction contingency and 3% design contingency. Commissioner Burney stated that he assumed competitions can take place in a 30-meter pool but asked if competition swimmers prefer it. Director Long responded that he could not speak to the enjoyment of most swimmers, but a 30-meter pool is a competition pool. Commissioner Burney asked about stone columns. Director Long explained that stone columns are compacted to support the base and are a commonly used technique for providing stability in areas where there is liquefaction. They can greatly reduce the potential for any type of differential settlement that could happen during an earthquake or after construction. Commissioner Burney thanked Vice Chair Swartz for sharing his insight and understanding of aquatics. He expressed that although he would prefer access to a 50-meter pool and activity pool, he recommends Option A based on the information presented to him.

- Commissioner Radez: Expressed that he is happy to see the Community Garden remain in the budget. Thanked Commissioner Robbins for asking about the electrification plan. Asked how the inclusion or removal of the multipurpose room from the project affects the facilities rental income. Director Long replied that it will affect its seasonality, and without it being fully enclosed, we will not be able to provide as much rental space that we would year round with an indoor space. Asked if the full request to City Council for the uncommitted general fund is \$4M and would include all options: construction contingency under Concept A at \$1.5M, electrification at \$1.5M and various smaller project components at \$1M. Director Long confirmed \$4M with all options built in. Commissioner Radez asked about the \$1.1M in interest being to date or through the anticipated start of construction and about the \$1.5M electrification. Director Long replied that it is a guaranteed investment fund for a period of time and what was projected until start of construction. The electrification was not included in the original \$30M allocation, it was developed after working with the designers and the community, in support of the Climate Resiliency Plan in Alameda and reducing the carbon footprint. Commissioner Radez stated that what we may want to build is constrained by the resources available to us and made the distinction that the practical reality is that the facility will be the City's first truly owned and operated pool. Shared his trust in the programming, rental and financial information made in the presentation. Referred to surveys showing 75% of respondents overwhelmingly preferred Option A. Ultimately, this is a civic facility and the goals ought to be to serve the broadest possible subsection with the widest variety of programs at the lowest possible cost. Concluded by joining Commissioners Robbins and Burney in supporting Option A.
- Commissioner Robbins: Asked if the outdoor pavilion is covered and has shade areas. Director Long replied that the pavilion is open air above with a design parapet around it to provide shade. Also, there will be built-in industrial strength umbrellas. Commissioner Robbins asked Director Long if he is concerned about equipment safety and if there will be cameras in the fenced storage building. Director Long responded that there will be exterior facing cameras, and the storage will be within the perimeter fence for added security. Commissioner Robbins commented that he liked the aesthetic and design of the building. He asked about the longterm cost of electrification versus gas. Director Long responded that a gas-heated facility would cost approximately \$80,000 - \$85,000 yearly and projected electrical cost would be approximately \$54,000 yearly and stated that AMP's energy is all green. Commissioner Robbins commented on and suggested getting community feedback on utilizing the area around the outside of the pavilion for picnics. Director Long responded that Jean Sweeney Park is designed as an open space park and that type of activity is developed on either end of the park, but there is potential to explore the addition of some picnic tables. Commissioner Robbins commented that the three different public forums were opportunities for people to mobilize and be heard, and the idea that youth was not heard was the responsibility of the adults. He stated that swimmers are not the only athletes that have to travel for tournaments, and he has had to drive up to two hours to participate in tennis and pickleball tournaments. Based on the survey results and feedback, he recommended Option A.
- Vice Chair Swartz: Asked for the pros and cons of the east versus west building and placement and cost of windshields. Director Long replied that it was not just survey driven, there is synergy by having the entrance adjacent to the parking lot and ARPD is working with property owners to the north through a joint use agreement to have shared parking. There are complexities with having the entrance on the west side, trying to develop a drop-off on the corner and the traffic complications that may create. The maximum height of the building currently being proposed is

24 feet and the wind primarily comes from the west side. Building on the west side would provide some windbreak, but studies have not yet been done to determine how much or if they would have to be taller in order to block the wind and carry it over the facility. Studies will occur as the design is further refined. He stated that a windscreen is not cost prohibitive of the project, the primary drivers of the project are the building itself and the foundations of the pool. Vice Chair Swartz requested that additive programming be defined. Director Long stated that ARPD will continue to operate all current facilities which include the two AUSD pools and maximize access at those facilities in addition to the new facility. He explained that additive programming is the activities expected to happen at the new facility and not take away from the other two facilities. The new facility will allow ARPD to offer more to user groups that are currently denied access. Vice Chair Swartz asked if the Aquatic Supervisor and Aquatic Coordinator positions will be new hires for ARPD Staff. Director Long stated that they would be additive to our current complement of one full-time staff member. Additionally, there will be one full-time maintenance individual who will be a certified pool operator to help take care of the facility. The staff distribution is intended to support the entire aquatics program and coordinate use in all the facilities. Vice Chair Swartz requested clarification on swim platforms and asked if they could be used for swim lessons in the shallow end of a 50-meter pool. Director Long replied yes, and it affects the number of participants in our ARPD group swim lessons, reducing the number from 4-6 to 1-3 children. Director Long stated that swim platforms are bulky and cumbersome, they are not ideal but can be done. Vice Chair Swartz asked for a run through of non-ARPD swim programs that are or were using ARPD lane space. Director Long responded Alameda Masters, Masters of Oakland, AUSD Water Polo, Alameda Gators, kayak groups, and other periodic requests that are beyond capacity. Vice Chair asked how the Alameda High School renovations are being funded. Director Long answered that the Emma Hood Swim Center is a shared construction cost with ARPD as part of a shared use agreement, and ARPD is funding \$7.5M of the \$15M construction as agreed to by City Council in order to improve the facility since the Alameda County Department of Health was going to shut it down. Vice Chair Swartz shared that no matter what the Aquatic Center final design looks like, it will be a tremendous asset to the community. He shared his background in swimming and spoke of the value of a 50-meter pool and having access to a long course training facility, the standard for national and international competitions including the Olympics. He expressed his commitment to the future of aquatics in our community and stated that a 50-meter pool is vital for young swimmers and water polo players to reach their full potential. He continued that building a 50-meter pool would complement the existing pools we have, allow more programming and the ability to host regional swim meets and tournaments bringing economic benefits. Vice Chair Swartz did not recommend the 30-meter and activity pool design. He recommended that ARPD move forward with Concept B.

- Chair Alexander: Director Long read a letter from Chair Alexander which gave her regrets for not attending in person. She thanked the community for their participation in all meetings, online surveys, emails with concerns, and public conversation. Also, thanked Director Long and ARPD Staff and all their efforts to reach out to all areas of the community. She attended the meetings, listened to concerns, suggestions, questions and wants of the community, and took pages of notes as to how this Aquatic Center could meet the needs of Alameda. Met with Director Long and Aquatics Supervisor Stacy Thomas with her questions and concerns and Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to discuss her issues with the recommendation. Stated that the job of Recreation and Park Commission is to recommend to the City Council a proposal that will be the best for the

City of Alameda which meets the needs of the majority of the community while staying fiscally responsible. Chair Alexander recommended asking for funds to complete the community room and other items cut from the budget, as well as, the commitment from City Council for substantial funds towards the Community Garden that was promised in the original proposal with the former ARPD Director, Amy Wooldridge.

MOTION

Commissioner Radez motioned to move that in making a two-part decision that we make the first part of the decision which is to recommend to move forward with Option A among the two presented.

M/S Commissioner Radez / Commissioner Robbins

Three ayes: Commissioners Radez, Burney, and Robbins. One noes: Vice Chair Swartz via roll call vote.

MOTION – PART TWO

Commissioner Radez motioned to make an incremental recommended budgetary ask of the Council amounting to \$2.1M representing \$1.5M for the construction contingency, \$1.5M for electrification, and \$200,000 for building storage offset by the \$1.1M in building interest.

M/S Commissioner Radez / Commissioner Burney

All present in favor with four ayes via roll call vote.

7. NEXT MEETING

7-A Next Regular Meeting is October 10, 2024

7-B Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

- Appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair.
- Tennis and Pickleball Policies and Multi-Sport Use Facilities Policies.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Swartz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M/S Commissioner Robbins / Commissioner Burney

All present in favor with four ayes via roll call vote.

Vice Chair Swartz adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

**09/12/2024 ARPD Director's Report
Presented by Recreation and Park Director Justin Long**

Upcoming Citywide Community Events:

- **Family Fun Ride Around Alameda, Saturday, September 14, 9:00 AM.** Build community through fitness and fun on this 8-mile bike ride which starts and ends at **Washington Park**. For event details, visit www.alamedaparks.org
- **Crown Beach Coastal Cleanup, Saturday, September 21, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM,** Meet at 8th St. and Otis Dr., near the Bath House. Disposable gloves and trash bags will be provided. For details, visit www.ebparks.org/volunteer
- **Radium Runway at Alameda Point, 2151 Ferry Point,** presents the last concert of its Summer Series featuring the classic soul band, *True Loves*, on **Saturday, September 21**. Seating is at 2:00 PM, **Show begins at 3:00 PM**. FREE for ages 13 and under. For information and to purchase tickets, visit www.radiumpresents.org
- **West End Arts District** presents the **7th Annual Blues, Brews & BBQ**, a celebration of world-class Blues musicians, local craft breweries, and BBQ vendors on **Sunday, September 22, Washington Park, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM**. FREE event. All ages. For information, visit www.westendartsdistrict.org
- **West End Arts District** presents vertical dance pioneers **BANDALOOP** and the premiere of “Somewhere to Land” an anchor project of Rising Tides, the City of Alameda’s climate arts initiative. The dance company will perform on the facade of **Hangar 25, 1951 Monarch St., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 26, 27, and 28, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**. FREE event. All ages. Bring a chair. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.westendartsdistrict.org
- **West Alameda Business Association** closes out its Summer Concert Series with the classic rock cover band, *The Four Stooges*, on **Sunday, September 29, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** at The Healing Garden, **1435 Webster St**. FREE event. All ages. For more information, visit www.westalamedabusiness.com
- **3rd Annual Alameda Pride, Saturday, October 5,** events throughout the day include:
 - **Pride 5K Fun Run/Walk for All Ages, 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM,** starts and ends at **The Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave**. Creative outfits encouraged! This is not a timed event, it is about having fun and supporting a great organization.
 - **Pride in the Park, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Chochenyo Park.** Entertainment, vendors, food trucks, games, a Kidz Zone and more! Have tons of fun at this FREE family-friendly, pet-friendly event.
 - **Pride Block Party, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Alameda Ave. between Park St. & Oak St.,** Music by DJ Dave Stebbins, dancing, surprise performances, a guaranteed good time! FREE. All ages.
 - **For events information, visit www.alamedapride.com**

Upcoming Recreation Events:

- **Starlight Movies in the Park** will feature **“Barbie”** at **Leydecker Field, Bay Farm Island, Friday, September 20**. This FREE family event starts at **6:30 PM** with kids’ games and crafts. Movie starts between **8:15 PM – 8:45 PM**, depending on darkness. Bring your chairs and blankets. Snacks available for purchase and proceeds support the Alameda Youth Committee and Teen Programs. Visit our website for more information.
- **Rhythmix Cultural Works** in partnership with **ARPD** present **‘Round the World: Music, Dance & Art Festival, Saturday, September 21, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM,**

- Chochenyo Park.** FREE. All ages. Visit <https://www.rhythmix.org/events> for more information.
- **Alameda Walks Series**, designated Saturday mornings through October. Walks begin at **9:00 AM**. No registration required. Visit our website for more details.
 - On **Saturday, September 21**, meet at **Bohol Circle Immigrant Park**, 2901 Fifth St. and explore one of the newest parks in Alameda. Enjoy the views along the Oakland Estuary, Cardinal Point area, and Floating Homes District. Pat Russi will lead this walk.
 - On **Saturday, September 28**, meet at the **Bay Eagle Community Garden** (Eagle Ave. & Bay St.). Learn about the neighborhood's Victorian-era and Queen Anne Style homes. Dennis Evanosky will lead this walk.
 - **Leisure Club Field Trip** to the Oakland Coliseum, **Wednesday, September 25, 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM**. Leisure Club members will attend the **Oakland A's vs. Texas Rangers** game, the very last regular season home game in Oakland.
 - **The 4th Annual Pumpkin Patch Pool Party** is just around the corner! **Registration begins Tuesday, October 1, event is Sunday, October 27**. Cost: \$15 per person and includes one pumpkin, crafts, games and 1 ½ hours of swim time. Space is limited and fill up quickly, so sign up online on October 1 to take a dip in our floating pumpkin patch!

Aquatic Programs:

- **Registration is now open for September and October Sunday Swim Lessons.** These sessions start the official Starfish Swim School curriculum. Private and Group Lessons for all age groups and swim abilities are available. Familiarize your child and/or yourself with water fun and pool safety! Visit our website to register. Lessons take place at **Encinal Swim Center, Encinal High School**.
- **Lap Swim** is available during the day, visit our website to view the schedule.
- **Water Walking** is available Monday – Thursday mornings, visit our website to view the schedule.

Youth:

- The Fall **Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP)** is going strong, providing supervised recreational activities on weekday afternoons to over **200** participants in Grades **Kindergarten – 5th**. Currently, there are still spaces available at RAP Sites: **Leydecker Park, Lincoln Park/Harrison Center, Washington Park, and Bayport Park**. Visit our website to register!
- The Fall **Tiny Tots Program** is underway with over **60** participants, **ages 3 – 5**. There are still spaces available at **Godfrey, McKinley, and Woodstock Centers**. Program activities include arts, crafts, storytelling games, cooking, music, motor fitness and outside play. Visit our website to register!

Teen/Tween:

- We are looking for **Teen/Tween groups/clubs and individuals (6th – 12th Grades)** to assist with this year's, **19th Annual Teen Haunted House!** Participants will have the opportunity to collaborate, plan and create an awesome Haunted House for the community! Volunteers must complete a minimum of 30 hours which can be applied towards community service hours. For details and to register, visit our website. Haunted House dates are **Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 25, 26, 27**.
- **Alameda Youth Committee (AYC)** is recruiting members (**6th – 12th Grades**) for the 2024-2025 school year. AYC meets twice a month and provides a great opportunity for

teens to gain valuable leadership skills, make new friends and have fun! AYC hours count towards school community service requirements. For more details and to register, visit our website.

All Ages:

- **New! Mobile Recreation Program – Sunset QiYo Fusion with Mel, Thursday, September 26, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, FREE.** Meet along the waterfront on the east of **Seaplane Lagoon Park**. Practice simple Qigong and Yoga flows to promote healing, calm the mind, and improve overall well-being. No experience needed, class adaptable to all fitness levels. Bring a mat or towel, water, and dress comfortably for the weather. To register, visit our website.

Sports:

- **Fall All Sports Day Camps** will be offered on select dates corresponding with the Alameda Unified School District holiday schedule (**October 14, November 25 – 27**). Campers (ages 5 – 14) will have nonstop, fast-paced fun playing a variety of sports (soccer, basketball, flag football) and recreational games (dodgeball, capture the flag, kickball). To register, visit our website.
- **Indoor Drop-in Pickleball** is offered at **Alameda Point Gym**, 1101 West Redline Ave. on **Friday mornings**.
- **Adult Softball** (coed, men and women) is underway through the fall.
- **Group Tennis Lessons for Youth** is ongoing through **September and October** at **Krusi Courts** on **Saturday mornings**.

Recreation Highlights:

- On Tuesday, August 20, the **Multimedia Art Exhibit Reception** was held in the Mastick Lobby. It was a great celebration with over 70 attendees admiring the stunning ceramic, drawing, painting and stained-glass artworks created by Mastick students and local artists.
- On Thursday, August 29, Mastick Senior Center hosted “**This Little Light of Mine**”, a **FREE musical performance** by local artist and internationally known bass/baritone singer, **Roosevelt Andre Credit** accompanied by pianist, **Margaret Katherine Jellison**. Over 60 attendees enjoyed light refreshments and a special selection of songs. A wonderful time was had by all!

Mastick Upcoming Events:

- **Mastick Tea Party & Hat Show, Saturday, September 21, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Social Hall.** Don your favorite hat and win raffle prizes from local businesses. Indulge in tea sandwiches, desserts, lively music, and plenty of fun! Visit our website for more details.
- **Mastick Speaker Series: Dennis Evanosky, local historian and author** will lead a discussion on the history of Alameda, **Wednesday, September 25, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, in the Media Room.** Register online or call 510-747-7500.
- **Spooktacular Halloween Line Dance, Saturday, October 26, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.** Get into the spirit and dress in costume! Light refreshments provided. Cost: \$10 at the door.

Mastick Senior Center:

- **New Class! Chinese Mandarin Learning, Tuesdays, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, Room E.** For individuals who would like to learn the Mandarin language and Chinese culture. For class schedule and to register, visit our website.
- **“Today’s World”** returns to Mastick. This popular seminar in international, national, and local current affairs is facilitated by Volunteer Roger Baer. **Tuesdays, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Dining Room 2.** No registration required.
- **“Music Appreciation”** will take place on **September 26, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM in Dining Room 2.** Join Volunteer Bill Sturm for a discussion and piano performance of various composers on the **fourth Thursday of each month.** Stop by and enjoy!
- **Saturday classes** are going strong. Programs include Stained Glass, Beginning Mosaic, Frame Weaving, and Introduction to Qigong. Visit our website for more information.
- The **Mastick Movie Matinee** is held on the **first and third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM in Dining Room 2** and features a variety of movies that include current blockbusters as well as the classics. No registration required. Join us!
- The **New Member Orientation** is held the **second Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Media Room** and offers a guided tour to introduce you to the Center and a coupon for a complimentary lunch! To register, call 510-747-7500.
- The **Mastick Thrift Shop** is open **Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.** Donations are welcome on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Please check our website for criteria on what items are accepted.

Staff Updates:

- Two ARPD Recreation Assistant positions have been filled. We are pleased to welcome Richard Castrillon, who will assist at Mastick Senior Center, and Daria Nyberg, who will assist at our main office. We’re excited to have them as part of our team!
- The posting for the ARPD Assistant Director position was listed on August 13, 2024, and closes on September 15, 2024. For details and to apply, visit “Career Opportunities” on the city website.

Parks:

- Completed Projects:
 - New acrylic coating has been applied to two tennis courts at Franklin Park. Cracks and playability issues have been resolved.
 - We removed and replaced 10’ of chain link fence and installed 10’ of security netting above, to create a 20’ tall barrier between the softball field and tennis courts at lower Washington Park. The installation addresses safety concerns by helping to prevent softballs from entering the tennis courts. In addition, approximately 360’ of windscreen has been replaced along the tennis court chain link fence facing the softball field.
 - Bike racks have been added to Chochenyo Park.
 - A digital timer has been installed at Leydecker Courts automatically adjusting the lights to Daylight Savings Time. We are aware of and working on some technical difficulties with the program that are affecting the lights from working properly.
 - LED lights have been installed at the upper Washington Park softball field.
- Current Projects:
 - Renovating sports fields and applying +/- 1,000 yards of compost.

- Upcoming Projects:
 - The Washington Park restrooms are set to undergo a comprehensive upgrade. Planned improvements will bring the facility up to code, enhance accessibility and ensure ADA compliance.
 - Tillman Park Playground replacement expected delivery and installation by the end of this calendar year.
 - Installation of two scoreboards at Estuary Park.

Golf Course Construction:

- Three Week Look Forward on North Course
 - Sprigging greens and fescue areas on Holes 16 and 17
 - Finishing installation of lateral lines on Hole 13 and 18
 - Sodding of Holes 13 and 14
 - Shaping on Hole 12
 - Sprigging greens and fescue area on Holes 12,13,14, and 18
 - Initial preparatory work on Hole 15