



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

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

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Bill Delaney, Vice-Chair Lola Brown, Commissioners Ann Cooke, Mario Mariani, and Ruben Tilos

Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation & Parks Director

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 8, 2015, regular meeting were approved M/S Brown, Cooke, and all were in favor.

Minutes of February 12, 2015, regular meeting were M/S Cooke, Mariani, and all in favor, as Vice-Chair Brown abstained.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA: None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to Approve Cross Alameda Trail Preliminary Design for the Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway (RAMP) Section

Gail Payne, Transportation Coordinator, Public Works provided an update to the Cross Alameda Trail, and asked for an approval to the preliminary design. She provided a presentation (Attachment A), and explained there are sewer, storm water, tree and contamination issues that need to be coordinated with the project. Ms. Payne further explained the details of funding and those timelines. She reported on the vision of the project.

Commissioner Cooke asked when does the funding deadline expires Ms. Payne replied on December 31, 2015

Vice Chair Brown commended everyone for the hard work that has been involved. She supported the design.

Commissioner Cooke commented on well-designed aspects such as the gate and the emergency vehicle access, and supported the design.

Commissioner Tilos asked about the gate into Summer House. He asked about speed limits on the trail. Ms. Payne stated this will be a pedestrian gate, and the exact location will be determined later. She reported that the AUSD property would be an exit-only location beside Woodstock school as there will be no access on RAMP. She would look into the speed limit signage within the trail.

Commissioner Mariani commented the speed should be posted as this is anticipated to be a heavily traveled trail.

Chair Delaney asked about the illegal cars parking on AUSD property in the beltline. Ms. Payne reported they are working with AUSD and Housing Authority staff to determine an area for parking.

Vice Chair Brown, asked if the design will come back to this Commission and Ms. Payne stated they do not expect this coming back.

Approval of the preliminary design of the Cross Trail as presented, M/S Vice-Chair Brown, Commissioner Cooke and all in favor.

B. Approve the Measure B Paratransit Application in the Amount of \$521,000 for FY15-16.

Gail Payne, Transportation Coordinator, Public Works reported on this annual review for funding the Paratransit program. She explained that funding has increased due to the passage of Measure BB. The application includes adding a new service, the Volunteer Driver Program, which is a collaboration with another agency who will provide the drivers. The application also includes requesting a new shuttle van to replace the inoperable bus that is used for the Leisure Club, a program for adults with disabilities. She also explained the other ongoing programs and funding requests.

Chair Delaney asked where funding is in the city's budget. He asked about Measure B & BB funding and where it comes from. Ms. Payne reported this is part of the Public Works budget. She stated Measure B & BB funding comes from Alameda County.

Vice Chair Brown commented on the positive impact with the paratransit programs. She asked if something can be done with calling for taxi service and response times. She asked about which BART station will now be included in the Paratransit service. Ms. Payne stated that the shuttle will go to Fruitvale BART.

Commissioner Cooke asked about the 30 minute shuttle and logistics. She asked about the size of the van being replaced. Ms. Payne explained that by adding the new van, then two shuttles would be in service, which allows for the 30 minute timeframe. She commented the new van being approx. 20 passenger, but Jackie Krause is working on the purchase.

Commissioner Tilos asked for clarification on the one-hour shuttle loop. Ms. Payne stated it is a fixed route on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays and specific locations on those days.

Commissioner Cooke asked where the schedules are posted. Ms. Payne responded that schedules are available at Mastick Senior Center and in addition, new schedule signs are being purchased and will be installed at each stop.

Chair Delaney asked if there has been requests to expand to more days. Ms. Payne responded no.

Approval of the Measure B Paratransit Application in the Amount of \$521,000 for FY 15/16. M/S Vice Chair Brown, Commissioner Cooke and all in favor

C. Review the Clement Avenue Complete Street Concept Proposal

Presentation by Gail Payne, Transportation Coordinator, Public Works.

Ms. Payne provided a presentation on Clement Street between Grand Street and Broadway, and the Northern Waterfront area. She provided comments that were expressed from community meetings.

Commissioner Mariani asked if this was a truck route, and what about the impact of developing Alameda Point and Del Monte. Ms. Payne stated this is a truck route, and the timing would follow the Del Monte project. She explained that trucks going to Alameda Point typically go through the tubes but other trucks come across the bridges.

Commissioner Tilos asked how the double parking issue will be resolved. Ms. Payne explained that there will be a designated loading zones away from the bike lanes.

Vice Brown asked if this is part of the Cross Alameda Trail. Ms. Payne stated, yes.

Speaker:

Ms. Dorothy Freeman spoke on the two way bike trail and there is concern with bikes exiting from the businesses on the north side of the street. She suggested a signal of some kind.

D. Approve Mural Design and Location for the Alameda Skate Park

Ms. Amy Wooldridge requested this item be taken out of order due to technical difficulties. Items 7A and 7B were heard before this item.

Ms. Wooldridge introduced Ms. Patty Harding, whose son, Clay Harding, recently passed away. Ms. Harding requested to memorialize her son at the Skate Park with a mural. Wooldridge provided an overview of repairs and upgrades to the skate park that were funding in combination by ARPD and Ms. Harding's fundraising efforts. The mural was designed by a local youth and will be painted with donated materials. She reported the size will be approx. 6-8' long, x 3' high and provided the design of the mural as shown in the staff report. The mural will be sealed with anti-graffiti coating.

Ms. Patty Harding addressed the Commission and asked for approval of the concept and design. She provided a brief background on her son.

Motion to approve mural design and location at the Alameda Skate Park. M/S Commissioner Cooke, Commissioner Tilos, all in favor.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

7. REPORTS

A. Recreation Commission Reports: Commissioner Tilos reported attending the ribbon cutting of bike path on Shoreline and was a good turnout.

B. Friends of the Park Report (FOTP): Chair Delaney reported that September 14th will be the Annual Golf Tournament, fund raiser.

C. Recreation and Parks Director Report: Director Wooldridge reported on:

Projects:

- Jean Sweeney Open Space Park interviews for the Cross Alameda Trail design team. The surveyor company will begin soon. Wetlands determination is underway. RFP's for the entire park will be issued this spring.
- ARPD was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Division of Boating & Waterways to design a renovation of the Encinal Boat Ramp facility. The completion of the construction will take several years to complete due to securing funding sources and timeframes for that.
- Micro-Filament (fishing line) recycling boxes are being placed at popular fishing spots around the island.
- With the new development and new park projects, the Parks Dept. is working on developing Park Standard Design Specifications.

Mastick Senior Center

- Several rehab projects to their buildings and garden are underway.
- Leisure Club policy and application process has been revised.
- Four-Part Financial workshop is forthcoming.
- Alameda Family Services is now providing individual case management for Seniors.
- Mastick Advisory Board is evaluating on whether to keep Bingo.

Recreation Services

- Father-Daughter Dance was the biggest ever with 164 couples.
- Egg Scramble is March 28th.
- Elks have committed to a long-term sponsorship to the T-Shirt Baseball League in the amount of \$10,000 annually for the next five years.
- Spring classes are underway, and Summer Activity guide will be in mailboxes in the next couple weeks.

Parks

- New compost/recycle bins are in place at Washington and Lincoln parks with more coming at several other parks.
- Staffing for park maintenance is still short, but we are working on it.
- Restrooms at Krusi Park are reopened, thanks to work done by our parks staff.
- Parks are faced with irrigation challenges with the drought.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL: Chair Delaney - thank you for business cards, and he reminded April 18th is the Wilver Stargell event at Alameda Landing.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: FY 2015-16 Budget

10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2015

11. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Delaney adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.