



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

DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2023
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 Alexander, Commissioner Burney, Commissioner Radez and Commissioner Robbins

Excused Absence: Commissioner Swartz

Staff: Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Justin Long and Recreation Services Manager David Leimsieder

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Speaker Gary Tillman, resident: Against Pickleball Courts at Krusi Park. Regarding the noise: 18 cities since 2022 have either banned or removed Pickleball courts due to significant controversy regarding the noise. A real estate investor wrote an article about the value of a home could be reduced by 10 to 20 percent if Pickleball courts are even across the street from your home. Asked if anyone in this room would want Pickleball courts near their home.
- Speaker Drew Higginson, resident: During the last four months he has already heard the Pickleball noise from his office, his backyard and while putting his children down to sleep. Last week was the first meeting with ARPD within those 4 months where there was discussion regarding measurable objectives or noise thresholds and no additional information about how neighbor complaints would be handled; yet the neighbors are going to be subjected to the noise for another two months and will hold the City of Alameda accountable.
- Speaker Teri Rose, Alameda Pickleball: Yes to Pickleball Courts at Krusi Park. Last week at the meeting with ARPD there were no complaints from the neighbors. The Pickleball Community is working with the Tennis Community to make the transition smooth between the court usage when they start the trial and Recreation Services Manager David Leimsieder for measurable objectives. Acknowledges that the data is important and we need to keep the focus on what the noise is at Krusi Park which may be different than other areas with Pickleball courts. The goal is not to make it disruptive for any neighbors and are willing to work together with them for a solution.

3. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

4. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

- Commissioner Burney: Introduced himself and was welcomed by all. Encouraged the Pickleball test period to be as transparent as possible. Has been practicing tennis and would like to see online reservations for tennis.

- Commissioner Radez: Introduced himself and was welcomed by all.
- Commissioner Robbins: Looking forward to helping out ARPD with the 4th of July Parade. Thanked the staff for their effort and time going to the Alameda Schools' Open House sharing what ARPD does. Signed up for Bike for the Parks and looking forward to the event. Played Pickleball at courts outside of Alameda and enjoyed. Heard good feedback about the WOW summer camps. Working with Assistant City Manager Amy Wooldridge to get student feedback regarding DePave Park. Signed up for the volunteer Coastal Clean-up. Co-chairing a booth at Alameda Pride.
- Vice Chair Alexander: Congratulated Stacy Thomas, Recreation Supervisor who oversees Aquatics for her division being the winner of the Lifeguard games for Northern California. Went to movie night at Encinal High School and said it was well organized and a great event. Attended the Leisure Club June talent show and highly recommends to make the time to see the Leisure Club perform. Tillman Park is busy with volleyball, children's soccer and Lacrosse games. Krusi has girl's softball, tennis courts are full, senior baseball 2 days a week, and Ritler Park is full with soccer games. Washington full on weekends with picnics. It is nice to see our parks well used. Met with the three new Recreation and Park Commissioners and Recreation Services Manager David Leimsieder. Also met with Director Long for input and Commission goals and looks forward to working with all. The Pickleball meeting regarding Krusi Park courts was recorded for transparency purposes.

5. MINUTES

Commissioner Vice Chair Alexander moved to accept the minutes of May 25, 2023 Special Meeting as presented.

M/S Vice Chair Alexander/Commissioner Robbins. The two Commissioners who were present at the May 25, 2023 meeting and who have remained on the Commission were in favor with 2 ayes via roll call vote.

6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

6-A Nominate and Vote on Recreation and Park Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Burney: Wants to wait until the next meeting to vote when all 5 Commissioners are present.
- Commissioner Robbins: Expressed interest in the Chair position but also agrees Vice Chair Alexander would be a good choice.
- Vice Chair Alexander: Has been on the Commission for 4 years. Several community members have asked her to be Chair again. Expressed interest in being Chair for 1 year for continuity purposes as she has experience with the Chair position with Commissioner Robbins being Vice-Chair.

6-A Motion

Commissioner Burney motioned to carry the vote to the next meeting when all Commissioners are present.

M/S Commissioner Burney / Commissioner Radez
All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

7. NEXT MEETING

7-A Next Regular meeting is October 12, 2023

7-B Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting: Park Tour, Invite members of the Leisure Club to share what they do, Process of 4th of July Parade

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Radez motioned to adjourn the meeting.

M/S Commissioner Radez / Commissioner Burney
All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

ARPD Director’s Report 9/14/2022

Presented by Recreation and Park Director Justin Long

Summer 2023 ARPD Summary Numbers (Memorial Day – Labor Day)

- WOW Summer Camp Participation:
- Other Camp Participation:
- Swim Lesson Numbers
- Number of Picnic Rentals:
- Number of Other Facility Rentals:

Program	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Aquatic Swim Lessons	7,996	1,580	9,576
WOW Summer Camps	1,321	42	1,363
Other Summer Camp Participation	2,537	86	2,623
Picnic Rentals			717
Other Facility Rentals			34

- a. Fourth of July parade,
 - i. Reduced Horse Participation
 - ii. School Bands

- b. Project updates
 - i. DePave
 - 1. Community Engagement Meeting 9/30 @1pm
1751 Monarch Street, Alameda CA 94501
 - ii. McKinley Recreation Center Roof Replacement
 - iii. Sweeny Park Slide Repair – (3) Weeks
 - iv. Estuary Phase II - Community will be coming in late Oct/Nov.
 - v. Shoreline pathway repaving from Veterans court to Sheffield Rd
 - vi. Aquatic center

1. Design Build RFP coming in late October/November 2023
 - vii. Leydecker- Irrigation improvements and field renovation
 - viii. Seal coated Airfield
 - ix. Bocce and Lincoln Basketball Court Completed
 - x. Krusi and Franklin – Court resurfacing proposals are in development for bidding
- c. Events – Upcoming events
- i. 9/17 - Blues Brews and BBQ – Washington Park 12-6pm
 - ii. 9/23 – PAL Hispanic Heritage festival Chochenyo Park @ 12pm
 - iii. 9/23 – California Coastal Cleanup Day 9am-12pm
<https://www.ebparks.org/get-involved/volunteer/coastal-cleanup>
(2) Events in Alameda Park and Shoreline and at the Bath house Crown Beach at Otis and 8th
 - iv. 9/30 – Friends of the Parks Family Fun Ride- Lincoln Park @ 9am
 - v. 10/13 -Starlight Movie Top Gun Alameda Point Multipurpose field @ 6:30pm
 - vi. 10/14 – Alameda Pride at Chochenyo Park