



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2017
TIME: 7:05 p.m. Called to Order
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ruben Tilos, Vice Chair Delaney, Commissioners Ron Limoges and Mindi Chen. Commissioner Marianne Carter was present via teleconference from 261 W. Berry Street, Upland, IN 46980.

Absent: none

Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 13, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved by all who attended the meeting.

M/S/C Vice-Chair Delaney / Commissioner Limoges

All present and who attended the July 13, 2017 Regular Meeting in favor with 5 – 0 vote

Commissioner Discussion:

- o **Commissioner Carter:** When are agendas and minutes required to be posted?
- o **Director Amy Wooldridge:** The draft minutes from the previous meeting and staff reports are included with the packet when the agenda is posted. The Sunshine Ordinance requires the Boards and Commissions to post the agendas 7 days prior to the meeting. City Council is required to post 12 days prior to their meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker Dorothy Freeman of the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, (JSOSP), reported they now have 24 benches donated for the JSOSP and will be taking orders up until September 26, 2017. Final orders are due September 26, 2017. Presently collecting volunteer names for work parties. You can sign up using Sign-up Genius on the JSOSP website. This Saturday, September 16, 2017 the cleanup work party already has 90 volunteers. Pagano's donated 25 trash grabbers, food is being funded by McGuire and Hester Construction and Starbucks on Park Street is donating coffee, water is from a gift card at Lucky's Marina Village and ARPD has been helping with planning. Also drone videos are posted on website for public viewing at www.sweenyopenspace.org.

Commissioner Discussion:

- o **Vice Chair Delaney:** How many benches will the park need? **Response:** 25 bench locations have been identified on plans available; however more can be added once the park is completed.
- o **Commissioner Chen:** How much are the benches? **Response:** The concrete bench is \$850.00 and the DuMor 142 Ironwood bench with a metal frame and rail is \$1750.00.

NEW BUSINESS

4-A Recommendation to Authorize the Warriors, Good Tidings Foundation, Aquafina, and Alameda Theatre and Cineplex Logos on the Washington Park Outdoor Basketball Courts.

Highlights:

- Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report on the 2 outdoor basketball courts at Washington Park that were chosen for a renovation project through the Warriors Community Foundation.
- The project was initiated by the Alameda Theatre and Cinema Grill who collected donations for the Warriors Community Foundation and raised a total of \$60,000. They requested the Warriors Community Foundation spend the funds in Alameda which was agreed upon.
- The project is fully funded by a collaboration of the Warriors Community Foundation, Aquafina and Good Tidings Foundation. The value is \$90,000 with no cost to the City of Alameda. The only request was that we add their logos to the courts.

Commissioner Discussion:

- o **Vice-chair Delaney:** When will the courts be completed? **Response:** Planning to complete the stripping by September 22; hopefully September 29 will be the unveiling when the logos are complete, but at the latest mid-October, pending approval by this Board and Commission and the City Council.
- o **Commissioner Chen:** Are there any plans to put lighting on courts? **Response:** Funding needs to be identified.
- o **Commissioner Limoges:** Clarified that the motion would include the Alameda Theatre logo on the Resolution. **Response:** Yes, Alameda Theatre logo would be included.
- o **Commissioner Carter:** What is the annual budget for maintenance and can the old basketball back boards and rims be donated to other agencies in need? **Response:** The budget is covered in the overall maintenance budget for all ARPD parks and facilities. Yes, suggestions welcome for agencies to donate to.
- o **Chair Tilos:** Would we have to redo the logos as part of the maintenance? **Response:** The stripping and logos will last longer due to type of acrylic used. Lines will be touched up as needed. The logos are to remain for the life of the logo.

Commissioner Limoges made a motion that the Recreation and Parks Commission recommend to authorize the Warriors, Good Tidings Foundation, Aquafina, and Alameda Theatre and Cineplex Logos on the Washington Park Outdoor Basketball Courts and that the resolution include the Alameda Theatre and Cineplex.

M/S/C Commissioner Limoges / Vice-chair Delaney
All present in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

4-B Nominate and Vote on Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

Vice-Chair Delaney nominated Commissioner Ron Limoges for Chair.

M/S/C Commissioner Limoges / Commissioner Chen
All present in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Limoges nominated for Chair Ruben Tilos for Vice-Chair.

M/S/C Commissioner Limoges / Vice-chair Delaney

All present in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

Commissioner Discussion:

- o **Vice-chair Delaney:** Gave high praise, appreciation, and gratitude to Chair Tilos for serving so successfully with great dedication. He spoke with Mayor Spencer who sent her regards to the next elected Chair and a thank you to Chair Tilos for his service. Also gave praise to Commissioner Limoges for serving with great distinction and with the excellent skill of listening and therefore nominated him for Chair. Vice-chair Delaney said he feels the current chair would be the best choice to move on to vice chair as it gives the new Chair a support mechanism.
- o **Director Wooldridge:** Thanked and gave appreciation to Chair Tilos for all his work and said his commitment and dedication for the City of Alameda always shines through.
- o **Chair Tilos:** Commissioner Limoges has been dedicated in showing up to every meeting, listening and bringing his experience and knowledge and would be the perfect Chair. Thanked Chair Delaney and Director Wooldridge for making his transition from Commissioner to Chair so smooth.
- o **Commissioner Carter:** Added that she feels Commissioner Limoges is fair and unbiased.
- o **Commissioner Limoges:** Thanked everyone for their kind comments. Also agreed the present Chair should move into the Vice-chair

Director Amy Wooldridge said the new positions would commence at the next meeting on October 12, 2107.

REPORTS

A. Recreation Commission Reports

- o **Vice Chair Delaney:** Visited the new Woodstock playground and said it looks great and commented on the heavy use of the playground. He will be at the JSOSP clean-up. Also stopped by the skate classes at the Skate Park and observed the kids not just learning to skate but also learning how to support each other. The parents at the park had positive praise for the ARPD staff. Encouraged all to attend the Krusi Park Monument opening on Monday evening.
- o **Commissioner Limoges:** Attended the C-Bone Skate Tournament and was moved by the work of Patty Harding, mother of Clay Harding, who broke into tears that the support from the City is still ongoing for the Tournament. Raised \$6,000 this year as compared to \$2,500 from previous years which goes back into the Skate Park. He visited the new Woodstock Park playground and was impressed by the zip line, the multi person swings and other playground equipment. Also brought information on the Arcata Marsh, which is an innovative marsh that is for helpful for water treatment by using nature to fight the toxins.
- o **Commissioner Carter:** Attended C-Bone Skate Tournament and was there for the dedication on the sculpture which gave the message on not giving up and was moved by the event. Attended the "Finding Dory" Starlight Movie. Gave information about the National group Swing of Faith that puts in swings in for children who are physically disabled or wheelchair bound.
- o **Chair Tilos:** Commented on how well kept the ARPD parks are and how fortunate we are to have the dedication of the Parks Maintenance to do the daily clean-up and maintenance in our Parks. Woodstock's flower beds are all blooming. Visited Encinal Boat ramp and commented on the issue about parking and suggested more no parking signage be put up.

B. Friends of the Park Report (FOTP)

Two main fundraising events coming up. Play for the Parks golf tournament, auction and dinner is on Monday, Oct. 2, 2017 and Bike for the Parks on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

C. Recreation and Parks Director Report

Mastick Senior Center

- Exterior was fully painted and looks good.
- Successful open house. Resource, Health and Fitness fair held on May 31 with a ribbon cutting.

Paratransit Report

- Alameda Paratransit Business is Booming! Stay tuned for more progress.
- Thanks to Measures B & BB Alameda Paratransit Program provides two discounted taxi programs (Premium Taxi and MRTIP), a free shuttle service and an Easy Pass scholarship program for qualified Alameda Point Collaborative (APC) residents. All programs are accessible.
- **Medical Return Trip Improvement Program (MRTIP)** - Qualified riders may return home from any medical appointment within Alameda County for one \$2.50 voucher. From July – December 2016 - an average of 6 MRTIP rides were provided per month. From January – June 2017 – an average of 25 MRTIP rides per month were provided.
- **Premium Taxi Program** – As of July 1, 2017, riders receive a 70% discount on taxi trips within Alameda County. For \$1.50 an enrolled rider can buy a \$5.00 Premium Taxi Voucher to go anywhere within Alameda County. From July – December 2016 - an average of 93 Premium Taxi rides were provided per month. From January – June 2017 – an average of 104 Premium Taxi rides per month were provided.
- **Alameda Loop Shuttle Program** - Two new accessible shuttle buses with bike racks will be on the road this fall. These free shuttles run on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays and are open to the public. From July – December 2016 - an average of 458 shuttle rides were provided per month. From January – June 2017 – an average of 542 shuttle rides per month were provided.
- **APC Easy Pass Program** - 115 Alameda Point Collaborative Residents have enrolled with this new free transportation program since it began in February 2017, averaging almost 3,000 boarding per month.

Parks

- Hired two new full time Gardeners with a 3rd new position to be filled soon. These replace 3 Park Maintenance Workers that retired at the end of last FY. Two new positions (Park Maintenance II and Park Supervisor) are in the works.
- Woodstock Park playground was replaced and is now open. Thanks to Alameda Friends of the Park Foundation and Alameda Rotary for their generous donations. Due to the high volume of children at that site (3 schools – up to 1,200 students with additional classes added this year at Academy of Alameda) and this being their only playground and grass area for all lunch/recess/PE, this playground is experiencing an extremely high volume of use. We are having sound problems with the adjacent neighbors. ARPD paid an additional \$12,000 to install a new fence to reduce the

sound and visual problems with these neighbors. Director Wooldridge has met with the school district and is advocating for these charter schools to build their own playgrounds.

- o Also now opening the restroom next to the playground.

- Hand dryers are almost installed in all park restrooms. This will reduce costs by eliminating paper towel usage and helps reduce trash.
- Encinal Boat Ramp – Two new docks now in place. We added a second dock so that it extends all the way out as was originally designed. For the improvement project, we are at 90% design and have submitted for regulatory agency permits. This process can take 6-12 months. In the meantime, Director Amy Wooldridge, will be applying for construction funding in February 2018.
- Washington Park – Significant copper wire theft occurred, (approximately \$20,000 to replace), following theft at Shoreline Park. We have designed a new cover system for these lights to deter this from happening again.
- Installed and relocated two new picnic tables at Franklin Park to relieve pressure to the tree roots by rotating the tables. Installed solar lights at Towata Park, which helps with night time misbehavior, plus there was a cleanup with help from residents and Kiwanis Club.
- Renovation and repairs for soccer fields at Atlantic, AP Multi-Purpose and Bayport.
- New BBQ was installed at Littlejohn's large picnic area.
- Replaced slides at Washington and McKinley Parks.
- Repaired high fence at Washington Park to prevent softballs from going through to residential side.

Recreation Services

- Tennis Tournament last weekend was a big success with over 100 people registered. ARPD received numerous accolades about the management of the event.
- Starlight Movies in the Park (sponsored by FOTP) was huge earlier this month with almost 500 people in attendance.
- Adult Flag football starts this Saturday.
- All women's softball league starts tonight.
- Staff is working hard to implement Active Net software, which is cloud based and anticipated to go live in December.
- Play for the Parks is Monday, October 2nd, tee time is at noon.
- Bike for the Parks is Saturday, October 7, 22-mile ride with an 8-mile family ride. Starts at Washington Park. Both can register at alamedaparks.org (FOTP)
- Upcoming events up to put on your calendars:
 - o 10/17 free Alameda Community Band Concert at Vet's Bldg., 7:30pm
 - o 10/27-29 Teen Haunted House at South Shore

Projects/Admin

- San Francisco Bay Water Trail designation for Encinal Boat Launch Facility and Encinal Beach as a trailhead on the water trail. Coastal Conservancy meeting is September 15, 2017. This provides opportunities for grant funding.
- Estuary Park will be completed September 28th and will have a two month landscape maintenance period. Grand opening will be in early December.

- Krusi Park – Recreation Center design was approved by Planning Board on September 11 and is currently in plan check with various departments. Grand Opening for Krusi Park Stage and Gathering Space is on Monday, September 18.
- Cross Alameda Trail
 - o The biggest challenge has been the amount of debris: concrete, asphalt and rail ties that is significantly more than anticipated and will have a cost impact.
- Sweeney Park
 - o Volunteer clean up this Saturday, September 16 at 9am. There are two shifts and still space available. Go to Sweeneyopenspacepark.org to sign up. Must be 18+ only, no exceptions. Must wear sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeves.
 - o Heavily valued engineered from CAT bid numbers which worked great. Bids came within expected budget. Awarding construction contract at the October 17 City Council meeting as well as appropriating funding.
- Golf Course
 - o South Course still growing in. Greenway Golf is planning to do a soft opening this winter with limited amount of people.

California Parks and Recreation Society, (CPRS), quarterly magazine had insightful articles about homelessness in the parks. Vice-chair Delaney emailed CPRS to share what ARPD is doing for the homeless issue which resulted in an invitation to Director Wooldridge to attend and do a presentation about the homeless at the CPRS summit.

Vice chair Delaney announced congratulations to ARPD Recreation Supervisor Sean Smith and his wife for their new baby boy.

Chair Tilos requested to agendaize the issue of cannabis and the policy in parks in regards to smoking and drinking to refresh everyone on the guidelines. Response: smoking is not allowed in the parks or trails and yes the topic can be agendaized.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Review and Recommend 2018 ARPD User Fee Schedule
- Policies in Parks
- Update on Woodstock Park's progress.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 12, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Tilos adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.