



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, June 13, 2019
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, Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Chen

Staff: Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director / Interim Assistant City Manager Amy Wooldridge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Limoges moved to accept the minutes of May 9, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.
M/S Commissioner Robbins / Vice Chair Alexander. All in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

Chair Limoges requested to reverse the order of items under Regular items and hear 7-B first. All were in agreement.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- o Written Communication: Letter from Lucy Gigli, Bike Walk Alameda regarding Item 7-B. (See Exhibit 1)
- o Oral Communication: none

REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. (See Exhibit 2)

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chair Limoges: Conducted research on names from last meeting. Attended Tiny Tots graduations - wonderful events that are important to the children and their parents. Also visited Jackson Park and the pathways twice. Grandson is taking part in a summer ARPD soccer activity.
- Vice Chair Alexander: Judge at Sandcastle & Sculpture Contest, attended dinner for Alameda Friends of the Parks Foundation Play for the Parks. They fund \$20,000 each year for playgrounds. Also went to Jackson Park and feels that a playground there would be a great addition.
- Commissioner Barnes: Attended the public input meeting on the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan.
- Commissioner Chen: Attended two school picnics and commends ARPD for well-maintained parks. Also attended Sandcastle & Sculpture Contest and enjoyed it.

NEW BUSINESS

7-A Provide Comment on the Draft Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, (CARP), Update
(heard after 7-B) Presentation by Liam Garland, Public Works Director, which included information about sea level rise and lowering green house gas emissions.

Commissioner Discussion

- Chair Limoges:
 - o Are other cities our size doing this level of study? Answer: Ours stands out in its level of details and the number of project detail which makes them ready to be funded.
 - o Where is the electricity coming from to achieve the goal? Answer: Alameda Municipal Power in the near term can handle it. If the need exceeds, we would need to look for alternatives for energy efficiency.
 - o Was impressed with amount of sea level rise already considered in Alameda Point planning.
- Vice Chair Alexander:
 - o Are there sites on Bay Farm Island that currently need to be raised. Answer: Lagoon structure and Veteran's Court both need to be raised, as well as Towata Park on the Main island.
- Commissioner Barnes:
 - o Supports moving carbon neutrality goal to 2030, basically by sequestering as much carbon as we're emitting.
 - o Consider Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) converting Green Energy program with additional small payments by residents to fund improvements rather than phasing it out in 2020 when AMP goes to 100% renewable energy.
 - o Consider providing information that is easily digestible, regarding flood risks, to homebuyers at the time of title transfer.
 - o Improve access on the west end with the flood risk of the tubes as incentive to do so.
 - o Recommend Sustainability Manager position at a Director level.
 - o Moving up the natural gas ban and electrification is important.
 - o Replenishing AMP rebate funds for solar and personal residential EV charging.
 - o Reiterate importance of developers to include chargers, carbon neutral, awareness of sea level rise in development and design.
 - o Awareness of emissions from manufacturing and therefore purchase of new clothes, etc., as well as encouraging plant based diets. Consider adding days of school lunches that are plant based only.
 - o Work with new business on the emissions from the products they are bringing in and consider models from other cities.
 - o Excited about the opportunity to use parks for absorbing emissions and adapting to sea level rise.
- Commissioner Robbins:
 - o What is potential date of a second BART station? Answer: Considered in CARP and the earliest we have heard is 2030.
 - o Are wetlands considered for Northwest Territories? Answer: The City is working to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding with the East Bay Regional Park District for Northwest Territories for design, construction and operation. The Alameda Point Master

Infrastructure Plan already considers wetlands and inundation over time at Northwest Territories.

7-B Review and Make a Recommendation on Public Pathways on Fernside and Eastshore (Heard before 7-A). ARPD Director Wooldrige gave report which included the background, feasibility study and community input meetings of the 6 access pathways and gave recommendations from the findings. Lisa Maxwell gave information about the individual pathway titles.

Commissioner Discussion

- Chair Limoges:
 - o Agrees that the City vacating the easement at Pathway C for safety reasons is best as he spoke to the neighbors there who said there are multiple residents who park on the driveway to the left and it is difficult to manipulate entering and exiting. Would like to see the majority of the money going into Pathway D and E.
- Vice Chair Alexander:
 - o Would the neighbors have input of the design of the fence. Answer: The City will be making the decision but will keep in mind the aesthetic input of the neighbors.
- Commissioner Barnes:
 - o Will there be any gating that closes them off? Answer: Alameda Police felt a gate would not be that effective and there are challenges problems with egress and keeping gate closed at night. Lighting and cameras are more effective.
- Commissioner Robbins:
 - o Would like to have a picnic table at the easements. Is the lighting going to be on 24 hours a day. Answer: The lights would be on at night on a solar sensor. Loves Towata Park and thinks it would be great to develop it for the non-motorized watercraft launch.

Speakers

- Jeff and Robin Delaney, sole owners of Parcel D: Their attorney will contact the City Attorney as there are some concerns with the characterization of the entire easement. Concerned about flooding and the design and both support changes to the recommendation.
- Kevin Padway, homeowner in Alameda, advocated for his mother who has passed on and who wanted to see the public easements open to the public as she loved the Alameda Parks and these pathways. The family would like to donate benches to be placed at the pathways.
- Kevin Peterson, lives on Fernside Blvd. and is part of the Waterfront Home Owners Association and encourages the Commission to move forward with the recommendation.
- Jeff Wasserman: lives on the waterside on Fernside and East shore side and is advocating for his neighbors that don't live on the waterside. If they don't have access to the public points, they can't enjoy the same benefits as the neighbors that live by the water. He encouraged the Commission to enhance and improve the public access for all Alamedans to enjoy.
- Rob Barric, resident of 3267 Fernside, north resident on parcel B. He disagrees that the easements are all the same and safe. He has seen negative activity regularly. He would like to see a butterfly garden put in at Pathway B and encouraged the Commission to support the recommendation.

Motions

- Chair Limoges: Motion to approve pathway A. Second by Vice Chair Alexander. Chair Limoges withdrew motion.
 - o Commissioner Robbins: Feels Commission should approve all pathways together.
 - o Commissioner Barnes: Would like to consider accept A, E and F.
- Commissioner Robbins motion to approve all six pathways as recommended. Second by Commissioner Chen.
 - o Commissioner Barnes: Recommend including note of design at Pathway B and legal concerns at Pathway D.
- Vote carries with 3 yes votes, Vice Chair Alexander, Commissioners Chen and Robbins, and 2 no votes, Chair Limoges and Commissioner Barnes.
- Commissioner Barnes: Motion to support a formal launch site at Towata Park. Second by Commissioner Robbins. All in favor with a 5-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 11, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Limoges adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.



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RE: Item 7-B Pathways Along Fernside Boulevard and Eastshore Drive

Commissioners,

Bike Walk Alameda is pleased that the project to assess the six eastern shoreline access pathways is continuing. We have reviewed the documentation, data and recommendations and agree with most, but not all of the staff recommendations.

1. We agree that using most of the given easement for public access is extremely important for all of the sites that have the easement.
2. We agree that each of the pathways with easement should be fixed and opened for public access quickly.
3. We agree with the full recommendations for pathways A, B, E and F.
4. For pathway C: (@Fairview), we disagree that this pathway easement should be sold. Keep this pathway open and maintain the easement in the same configuration as B. Add a shorter, nicer gate to the end.
With this pathway, the public will maintain five view/access points to the water.
We also, adamantly, oppose the statement that closing the pathway aligns with Vision Zero policy.
5. For pathway D: Maintain original (2018) staff recommendation for Water access/dock at this location. Use funds from Fernside project to provide local access as originally envisioned (Towata is a drive and park location, not consistent with CARP)
6. Preserve the underwater easements to align with the public easements and work out renewable 10 year leases. If new private docks are built, they should not encroach into the easements.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucy Gigli", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lucy Gigli, Bike Walk Alameda

**06/13/19 ARPD Director's Report – Presented by Interim Assistant City Manager
Amy Wooldridge**

Mastick Senior Center

- Staff brought back a new overnight trip program with a two-night/three-day trip to Mendocino. Thirty-eight members participated in the trip and had a great time though it rained the entire time!
- The Golden Gate Audubon Society has 14 panels displayed in the Mastick Lobby. The panels are self-standing and 8' feet tall and exhibit represent "100 Years of Protecting Bay Area Birds". The panels will be on display through July 22.
- Membership renewal begins on July 1, 2019! We look forward to seeing folks on Monday, July 1.
- Facility projects that will be completed by the end of this month include:
 - o Painting the Lobby wing.
 - o Computer lab painted and new carpet installation
 - o New large screen TV monitors in two rooms used for classes, the computer lab and skill center. These will be extremely helpful for instruction.
 - o Replacing the carpet in the Media and Game Rooms.

Parks Maintenance

- Replaced fence at Harrington Park
- Longfellow Park pathway removal for tripping hazard and tree health
- Resurfaced bathroom floors at Lincoln Park, Grand Street Boat Launch, and two Shoreline Park restrooms
- Drinking fountain at lower Washington
- Planning a new drinking fountain at skate park
- Tillman irrigation repair
- Starting design of the Bayport Park playground. Will host neighborhood meetings soon.

Recreation Services

- Play Ball Oakland A's Day – Saturday, July 7 at Washington Park from 12pm – 2pm with a variety of baseball and softball skill stations and activities plus a visit from Stomper.
- Very successful Sand Castle and Sand Sculpture Contest 53rd. There were 114 entries and over 475 participating in the building and probably about 2000 people celebrating all of the creations!
- WOW and Parks and Playgrounds began on June 12; Day Camp, TEENS, Aquatics and Tiny tots all begin on June 17.

- Alameda WALKS has been extremely busy this season with recent walks of 40 and 100 participants
- Veteran's Building is reopening just in time for summer programs to begin!
- FREE Starlight Movie Night in the Park is on June 21 at Multi-purpose Field-sponsored by FOTP Foundation, Public Works and Alameda Community Fund

Administration

- Staff have working with ActiveNet and ARPD to set-up the Reservation module for picnic rentals. This will allow the public to check facility availability online and potentially free staff time to focus on other tasks.
- Emma Hood Swim Center update
 - o Repair funding was authorized by both the council and AUSD Board.
 - o Finalizing an MOU between both agencies by end of June that provides guidelines for a partnership with a City Aquatic Center located on district property.
 - Ex: AHS aquatic teams would receive scheduling priority, equivalent at least to the time they have currently.
 - AHS aquatic team fees are waived for District games, practices and one tournament per team per season.
 - Locations for Aquatic Center could include either AHS or a location adjacent to the O' Club.
- The Veteran's Building is now open and the mold has been remediated.
 - o Other projects there include: fixing the water intrusion (most likely internal pipes), fixing the elevator and addressing other safety issues.
- Encinal Boat Launch Facility improvement project is currently out to bid for construction. On schedule to start construction in September
- Krusi Park Recreation Center replacement is out to bid for electrical work and soon out to bid for site work. The pre-fabricated building is being built off-site right now. Plan check took longer than anticipated so currently scheduled for building opening in February 2020.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, June 21 at 6:30pm: Starlight Movies in the Park, showing "Trolls" at Alameda Point Multi-Purpose Field. Sponsored by the Alameda Friends of the Parks Foundation.