



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

DATE: Thursday, January 8, 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, Commissioner Ann Cooke

Absent: Commissioners Mario Mariani, and Ruben Tilos

Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation & Parks Director

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 13, 2014, regular Recreation & Park Commission meeting were tabled until there is a quorum.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA: Mr. Jon Pecson, Alameda Soccer Club, spoke on fields for youth soccer, but is representing all youth sports. He reported that the season went well although there were some scheduling conflicts. He discussed the importance of building the Estuary Park fields and is concerned that there may not be enough funding.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on Mastick Senior Center, by Jackie Krause – Information item

This item has been rescheduled to May.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Update on Park Projects

Director Wooldridge provided an update on Estuary Park. It is moving forward and in construction document development. It has taken longer than anticipated due to challenges with the lack of infrastructure in the area. Phase 1 (athletic fields) is estimated to cost \$3.5million and does not include restrooms or parking lots. The available funding is currently \$1million short at this time, however there are developer fees that are anticipated within the next two years based on housing projects that are already in progress. These developer fees will provide the remaining fund so that at most, Phase 1 could begin construction within two years.

Chair Delaney asked about the streets being blocked off and the housing there. Wooldridge reported the streets are blocked by the Coast Guard to avoid copper theft in the abandoned housing. She will be working with the Coast Guard to open up access.

Director Wooldridge reported on Jean Sweeney Open Space Park (Sweeney Park). The Del Monte project is moving forward and that will provide \$300,000 for design of the whole park and \$1.7million for construction of the most eastern side. She is using this \$2million as matching funds for an additional \$2million through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The City has contracted with a firm to help with the clean-up plan, which will be an in place remediation instead

of hauling the soil away.

Chair Delaney asked about bike trails in the area. Wooldridge responded that the Cross Alameda Trail through Sweeney Park, which is grant funded, is on a fast timeline. The RFP for design of the trail will be issued soon and the whole park design RFP will be issued later this spring.

Encinal Swim Center – This is an AUSD project and they are finalizing plans for submittal to the CA Division of the State Architect, which is required for all school projects. The project is on track for being completed by August 2016.

Encinal Boat Ramp – The Department of Boating and Waterways Commission is reviewing and making the final determination on the \$300,000 for design of the renovation.

Krusi Park – The civil engineer from the original plans is now under contract to revise the site plans. The City will then issue an RFP later this spring for the pre-fabricated building and a separate RFP for the site work. This is funded by Measure WW and all funds need to be expended by December 2018.

Woodstock Park – The exterior doors are being replaced, funded by a Community Development Block Grant. A contractor has been selected and work will begin soon.

Harrison Recreation Center – Staff is working to obtain estimates for flooring, kitchen and the outdoor BBQ area.

7. REPORTS

A. Recreation Commission Reports: Vice-Chair Brown reported that Mastick has been extremely busy, and they are reviewing staff policies. Commissioner Tilos reported visiting MSC and was impressed with the pristine condition of the center.

B. Friends of the Park Report (FOTP): Chair Delaney reported on a donation of \$20,000 toward the renovation of playground equipment at Longfellow Park. He is excited about this being the largest donation for improving playgrounds and programs. January 26 is the next Board meeting, and they will discuss a nomination for a new member. They are partnering with Team Alameda for a bicycle ride event in early October, which will be a 20 mile ride around outer Alameda.

He commented on FOTP looking at other events they see as fundraising opportunities.

C. Recreation and Parks Director Report:

- Mastick Senior Center (MSC) has developed a comprehensive facility maintenance plan and improvements thanks to George Tarr, a dedicated volunteer.
- Tax Assistance Program starts in February at MSC. Rents have been increased at the ABC Preschool and the two apartments on site.
- ARPD is hiring for summer positions. Summer program registrations begins in March.
- Santa visited 44 households, Winter camp was full week one and almost full week two.
- Hoop shoot is underway with over 500 participants.
- Youth Commission has been dissolved per Council action. There was redundancy with the Alameda Youth Committee (AYC). An AYC executive board was created to ensure that youth have a voice with City government and this group will make reports to Council and serve as a

leadership body. Applications are now being accepted.

- Park maintenance division is experiencing a severe staffing shortage, and John McDonald, Park Manager is doing a great job. The last wind storm took down a lot of trees, especially at the golf course. Godfrey Park had a huge tree fall. Franklin park had an alarm pole fall onto the pool building. Even with a tree pruning program in place, the drought and those particular storm conditions caused trees to fall.
- She commended park staff for a 30% water savings in the parks this past year.
- Parks received project funding from the City's budget surplus from last fiscal year. This includes \$400,000 for asphalt repairs; \$400,000 for irrigation repairs and switching passive parks to drought-resistant plans and drip irrigation; and \$100,000 for ADA improvements.
- All Recreation Managers are now on Mon – Thurs schedules.
- Evacuation maps will soon be in place for all sites.

Chair Delaney asked about cracks on the Leydecker basketball court. Wooldridge reported that the contractor had come out in November to seal cracks. Originally we had asked for a membrane to be placed under the court, but that didn't happen. Without it, cracks will naturally due to the park being on bay mud and natural movement of the soil.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL: None

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Alameda Point Site A, Capital Improvement Projects budget, and Alameda Point Gym Renovation.

10. SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015

11. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Delaney adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.