



## ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, June 13, 2024  
**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: Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Swartz, Commissioner Burney, Commissioner Radez and Commissioner Robbins

Absent: None

Staff: Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Justin Long, ARPD Office Assistant Donna Conde

Chair Alexander read the following statement: The City welcomes speakers providing public comment but please be advised this is a limited public forum. As such, speakers must stay on topic speaking to particular agenda item and if speaking during non-agenda public speaking comments, they must address the matters within the subject matter within the jurisdiction of the City. If speakers fail to follow these rules, they will be warned and if they continue to disregard the rules, their opportunity to speak will be ended.

### 2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Written comment by Alameda resident, Randell Sharpe. See Exhibit 1.
- Speaker Darrah Jones: Stated that she is an ARPD Aquatic Safety Instructor and full-time clinical social worker. Advocated for the 50-meter pool option for the Aquatic Center and said that it would be a lucrative and valuable asset to the community because the pool could be divided for simultaneous activities such as swim practice, water aerobics class, and “Mommy and Me” class. Thanked the Recreation and Park Commission for their time.

### 3. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation and Park Director Justin Long gave the Director Report. See Exhibit 2.

### 4. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

- Commissioner Burney: Asked what types of vehicles are needed for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Director Long explained that all vehicles (vintage, modern, convertibles) are welcome, and we are looking for drivers to provide rides for VIPs in the parade. Commissioner Burney observed that, while running and cycling through Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, there was activity and people on one side compared with empty land on the other side. He expressed his support of the Aquatic Center and any other facility filling in the empty area to maximize the use of the park.
- Commissioner Radez: Attended the two outreach meetings for the Aquatic Center, was pleased to see community engagement and interest, and looks forward to continued discussion of the project. Thanked ARPD Staff for organizing the sessions, consultants for their presentations,

and community members for input, feedback and completion of the online survey.

- Commissioner Robbins: Attended one of the Aquatic Center outreach meetings, the Mastick Thrift Shop, and the City of Alameda Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception. Conveyed that the reception was a fantastic event and opportunity to network and learn from other commissioners. Met with Lincoln Park pickleballers and Washington Park tennis players, and shared that both groups were pleased with ARPD's expansion and maintenance of the courts at Leydecker and Krusi Parks. Relayed that the tennis players said it would be beneficial to have shade structures at each tennis facility. Shared that he is on the Laney Tennis Association Board of Directors which is investing in resurfacing the Encinal High School tennis courts with the understanding that the courts be open to the public on weekends. Asked anyone interested in the tennis instructor position at Alameda High School to contact him for information. Chair Alexander, as a former Encinal Jet, thanked Commissioner Robbins for giving attention to the courts and in turn, providing an equitable playing space. Commissioner Robbins noted that both Alameda high school bands are not playing in this year's July Fourth Parade and he will advocate for local representation and participation in the future.
- Vice Chair Swartz: Asked if Krusi Tennis Courts resurfacing project is behind schedule. Director Long responded that it is on track to be completed by the end of this month. The walkways are being repaved to meet ADA-compliance with the 3" tennis court overlay. Vice Chair Swartz walked through Chochenyo Park and appreciated the incredible landscaping. He attended both Aquatic Center community outreach meetings and clarified that 50-meter pools are not solely for aquatic sports teams' trainings and competitions. Emphasized that many communities run diverse and parallel swim programs out of a 50-meter pool and explained that the deep end is for activities such as swimming and water polo, and the shallower end accommodates water walking, low impact aquatic classes, swim lessons, and recreational swim. Thanked ARPD Staff and consultants, and said he looks forward to reviewing the pool design. Also, thanked Stacy Thomas, Recreation Supervisor I, for providing Aquatic Masters swimmers pooltime despite the busy summer schedule and closure of Emma Hood Swim Center.
- Chair Alexander: Acknowledged and thanked City Manager Jennifer Ott and Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft for an enjoyable time at the City of Alameda Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception at the O' Club. Commented that the O' Club is in great condition. Attended the Aquatic Center joint meeting with City Council at Jean Sweeney Open Space Park and both Aquatic Center community outreach meetings. Participated in the process by walking around, observing, taking notes, and listening to input from swimmers and community members. She appreciated the community, including Encinal High School alumni, for sharing various ideas on the Aquatic Center design. Attended the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Castle and Sculpture Contest and the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the Park Golf Tournament. Said both were good times with great weather. Noticed there are more pickleball players at night utilizing the lights at Leydecker Courts. Enjoyed seeing end of the school year festivities and graduation celebrations at the parks. Personally thanked the ARPD Staff for their hard work.

## 5. MINUTES

Commissioner Robbins moved to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented.

M/S Commissioner Robbins / Commissioner Radez. All who were present at the May 9, 2024 meeting were in favor with five ayes via roll call vote.

## **6. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**6-A** Recommendation to Approve the Conceptual Design Plan for Estuary Park Phase 2 as Modified by the Alameda Recreation and Parks Department. (Recreation 10051400)

ARPD Director Justin Long presented Phase 2 of Estuary Park located near Alameda Point. The presentation included an overview and background of Estuary Park, location, schematic plan, Athletic Fields – Phase 1, Community Park - Phase 2 (2014), Community Park – Phase 2 (2024), community park – playground, additional infrastructure, maintenance and operations.

### **Public Comments**

- Speaker Rod Harris: Impressed by the overall planning of Estuary Park. Commented that the surveys were well done, attendance at public meetings was excellent, and the public was given plenty of time to provide input. The design reflects a good balance of park use that will benefit the entire Alameda community. Complimented staff on a job well done.

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Burney: Asked for clarification regarding a full-time employee maintaining the park. Director Long explained that the park maintenance workers travel from park to park and the maintenance schedule is equivalent to one full-time employee. Commissioner Burney asked if two EV chargers and seven bike racks will be enough. Director Long responded that two EV chargers meet current code relative to the number of parking spaces and there are enough spaces for up to 30 bicycles. Commissioner Burney commended Director Long for listening and implementing the community's ideas.
- Commissioner Radez: Asked what were the primary reasons between 2014 and 2024 that changed the park design. Director Long replied that, when applying for the grant, there were certain requirements and park components necessary in order to receive the funding. Based on public feedback, features were added such as a dog park and pickleball courts to meet the requests of the community. Commissioner Radez asked Director Long if he is satisfied with the Estuary Park maintenance plan, taking into consideration the ongoing upkeep and management of all the city parks. Director Long thanked him for the question and stated that, whatever is built needs to be durable, green, and taken care of, and emphasized the importance of being great stewards of public money. Commissioner Radez was pleased with the thoughtful, environmentally-friendly park design which will encourage residents to mix and visit different community parks outside of their own neighborhood. He supported, from an equity standpoint, the investment on the west side of the island and its residents.
- Commissioner Robbins: Asked if the playground has a theme. Director Long responded that ARPD is subject to playground manufacturers, the community's ranking on types of playground equipment, and if the equipment is configurable. The community selected styles around climbing, interactive components, and different levels. Commissioner Robbins commended Director Long on moving towards carbon neutral, solar energy, and ADA-compliancy and stated that shade structures would be beneficial. He communicated that if Alameda residents want well-built parks and facilities, then the community needs to understand that there are costs and taxes to pay for it.
- Vice Chair Swartz: Pleased with the addition of pickleball courts, a basketball court and a dog

park based on community feedback. Appreciated the thoughtful planning including EV charging stations and placement of bike racks and supported the wonderful design plan of Estuary Park.

- Chair Alexander: Attended both community meetings regarding Estuary Park and was pleased that there will be a full basketball court and solar lights for the pickleball courts. Expressed the importance of relaying to the public that Estuary Park is all inclusive. Thanked Park Manager Matt Nowlen and Staff for the park design. Commented that when a recommendation is made, she hopes someone includes that the City Council fully fund the maintenance for this park in the recommendation.

## **MOTION**

Commissioner Robbins motioned to pass approval for Estuary Park with the caveat that the City Council make sure that we have proper funding for ongoing maintenance of this park.

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

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

**7-A** Next Regular Meeting is July 11, 2024

**7-B** Possible Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

- Appoint a new Chair and Vice Chair.
- Alameda Aquatic Center design concepts presented to Recreation and Park Commission, provide updates on engagement and responses.
  - Commissioner Radez made a few requests in anticipation of public interest in the Aquatic Center agenda item next month. He would like to see a projected operating budget for both the 50-meter and 30-meter scenarios, information about the windscreen and the materials that might go into that construction, any information or analysis that is available on the water table and its impact on the feasibility of either design option, and any public usage forecasts that might be available for either scenario.
  - Commissioner Robbins requested information about the Aquatic Center parking. He also stated that he will not be at the next meeting.
- Chair Alexander asked about the cost of the community garden.
- Vice Swartz requested a schematic of the pool at Alameda High School.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Swartz motioned to adjourn the meeting.

M/S Vice Chair Swartz / Commissioner Burney  
All present in favor with five ayes via roll call vote.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Written comment by Alameda resident, Randell Sharpe.

-----Original Message-----

From: Randell Sharpe <[rsharpe57@comcast.net](mailto:rsharpe57@comcast.net)>

Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 4:33 PM

To: Justin Long <[jlong@alamedaca.gov](mailto:jlong@alamedaca.gov)>; ARPD <[ARPD@alamedaca.gov](mailto:ARPD@alamedaca.gov)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Recreation and Park Commission Meeting June 13, 2024

I would like to submit a public comment to the commission. I cannot make the meeting so I am submitting my comments here.

I am a 29 year resident of Alameda and a life long swimmer. I swam competitively in high school and college and continue to swim with masters swim teams. My daughter learned to swim here in Alameda and joined the local Alameda Islanders swim team as an 8 year old. I was the president of the Alameda Islanders age group swim team for several years where our team ran the age group swim meets. Swimming was and is a great sport for life and an excellent youth activity building lifetime lessons. My daughter also continues to swim with a masters team as a 30 something adult. The organized swimming community has always been starving for water time and there is not enough to go around. We need a new facility.

I have attended the two workshops that ARPD held regarding the plans for a new city swimming pool facility at Sweeny Park. I filled out the two surveys that were made available to the public. I feel that ARPD had already made up its mind on what facility they wanted to build and that the two workshop meetings were just window dressing. The entire discussion was skewed to get support for the two pool concept. No mention was made at the first meeting of the existing and soon to built facilities until they asked for the comments my table had regarding the preferred 50 meter or two pool concepts. Comments from ARPD representatives gave the impression that they did not want to hear my comments. Small comments in the survey clearly wanted the survey taker to vote for a two pool concept. "50 meter pool with no fun pool" and the appearance that the 50 meter pool would only be useful for competition swimming. There was no mention of the other two high school facilities in the survey. It is my understanding that ARPD staff met with the coaches of the various Alameda age group swim teams, water polo teams, and masters swim teams and that all of the coaches supported the 50 meter pool concept. This information apparently was not relayed to the pool contractor. I discussed this with the Olympian member of the pool contractor staff during workshop 2, and Dana told me that ARPD staff had told her that the coaches are happy with the two pool concept. This is simply not the case. The contractor interviewed folks in Alameda and asked what they wanted. However, these meetings ignored the big picture of what facilities are available in Alameda and what Alameda needs going forward.

The commission needs to look at the big picture. Not little kids that vote for a fun pool.

We have a relatively new facility at Encinal high school with a 25 yard pool that has deep and shallow lanes and steps to walk into the pool. It is used for water polo and swim team training as well as various other community pool activities. The Encinal facility also has a substantial shallow pool for beginner swimmer training.

The city and school district are starting construction at the Alameda high school on a similar two pool concept.

So we have or will soon have two facilities that support the two pool concept. We don't need a third identical facility. We have a large competitive swimming community in Alameda. We need a 50 meter pool to give our swimming community the ability to gain experience in an Olympic 50 meter pool facility in order to compete equally with the surrounding area swim teams and hopefully progress to national competition in this arena. The 50 meter pool can be and should be used for various community swimming activities in addition to competitive swimming. This can and should be done. The water polo teams want a pool larger than 30 meters so when they hold competitive events the swimmers have a deep water area to warm up.

Don't squander this once in 50 year opportunity to build a proper 50 meter swimming facility in our island community. The swimming community deserves to be heard.

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**06/13/2024 ARPD Director's Report**  
**Presented by Recreation and Park Director Justin Long**

**Upcoming Citywide Community Events:**

- **Alameda 2024 Summer Reading Program** runs **Saturday, June 1 – Wednesday, July 31**. All community members are invited to participate! Earn prizes after reading and/or completing activities over the course of the program. View the city website for details!
- **Radium Runway at Alameda Point**, 2151 Ferry Point, presents a Summer Concert Series, on **Saturdays, June 15, July 20, August 17, and September 21. Seating is at 2:00 PM, Shows begin at 3:00 PM.** FREE for ages 13 and under. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.radiumpresents.org](http://www.radiumpresents.org)
- **West Alameda Business Association** launches "West is Best", a Summer Series highlighting community spirit and culture of West Alameda. Local band, "Pop Rocks", will headline on **Sunday, June 16, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM** at The Healing Garden, **1435 Webster St.** FREE event. All ages!
- **West End Arts District** presents the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fiesta Alameda at Radium Runway, Alameda Point, 2151 Ferry Point, Sunday, July 21 at 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM.** FREE. All ages. A celebration of Latin music, dance, crafts, food & more!
- **Downtown Alameda** presents the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rock & Roll Beer Stroll, Saturday, June 22, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM.** Enjoy an afternoon of locally crafted food, drink and live music!
- **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Alameda Art & Wine Faire, Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Park Street** between Central Ave. and Clement Ave. Enjoy the summer sun and island breeze at Alameda's biggest street festival of the year, featuring over 200 artisans, festival foods, local wine, and beer. There will be live music on three stages, and a fun kids' area!

**Recreation Highlights:**

- The **56<sup>th</sup> Sandcastle & Sand Sculpture Contest** held on Saturday, **June 1, at Crown Memorial State Beach** had a fantastic turnout with close to **100 entries, 450 participants, and over 2,000 spectators!** The two "Best in Show" sand creations were "Dragon Encircling the Castle" and "A Grave Situation".
- **Aqua Days**, held the weekend of **June 1 and 2**, were a great success and provided **FREE swim evaluations** to over **200** participants at Encinal Swim Center!

**Upcoming Recreation Events:**

- **Rhythmix in the Parks** is a series of family-friendly concerts, scheduled at **12:00 PM** on the **third Saturday of each month**, through October (except August), at various Alameda parks. The next concert is this **Saturday, June 15 at Littlejohn Park**. Grab your chairs and blankets, pack a picnic lunch and head outdoors to celebrate the diverse cultural traditions of our community with live music and dance from around the globe! Visit our website for more information.
- **Starlight Movies in the Park** continue at **Alameda Point Multi-Purpose Field** through September. Bring your chairs and blankets to watch "**The Super Mario Bros Movie**" on **Friday, June 21**. This FREE family event starts at 6:30 PM with kids' games and crafts. Movie starts between 8:15 PM – 8:45 PM, depending on darkness. Snacks are available for purchase and proceeds support the Alameda Youth Committee and Teen Programs. Visit our website for more information.

- **Alameda Walks Series**, designated Saturday mornings through October. All walks begin at **9:00 AM** and last approximately one hour. The **next walk is Saturday, June 22**, meeting location is Lincoln Park, 1450 High St. Explore the **East End and Lincoln Park** history featuring the Thompson family, namesake of Thompson Avenue a.k.a. Christmas Tree Lane. Dennis Evanosky will lead this walk. On **Saturday, July 6**, meet at Park St. and Shoreline Dr. (across from Bowlero Bowling Alley). Observe beautiful views and discuss the rich history of Alameda's shoreline. No registration required. See our website for more details.
- **47<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Alameda July 4th Parade, Thursday, July 4, 10:00 AM!** Parade starts on the corner of Park St. and Lincoln Ave. See equestrians, dance troops, floats, antique cars, community groups, local school bands, and more! You don't want to miss this SPECIAL EVENT! Visit our website for more information.
  - **Volunteers Needed!** If you'd like to help with the parade, email us at: [alamedajuly4thparade@alamedaca.gov](mailto:alamedajuly4thparade@alamedaca.gov)
  - **Classic & Convertible Cars & Drivers Needed!** We are looking for drivers to provide rides for Parade VIPs! You will drive your own vehicle along the entire parade route. Visit our website to register, provide a driver's license, and proof of insurance. Deadline is **Monday, June 17, 2024**.
- **Annual Dive-In Movie at Encinal Swim Center, Friday, July 19**, featuring Disney's "**Lilo & Stitch**". Doors open and family swim starts at **6:30 PM**. Movie starts between 8:15 PM - 8:45 PM, depending on darkness. Bring your chairs, blankets, floats, rafts, and rings! Lifeguards and life jackets will be on site. Snacks will be available for purchase. \$15 registration fee. Visit our website to sign up for this fun event!

### **ARPD Programs and Camps Updates:**

- **Summer Aquatic Camps started this week on Tuesday, June 11, but it is not too late to sign up! There are still openings in all aquatic programs!** All levels of "Learn to Swim" lessons are available for all age groups and abilities. Register online to familiarize your child and/or yourself with water fun and pool safety! There are spots available in Aqua Camps such as Triathlon Camp, Intro to Swim Team, Aqua Drama, and Aqua Sports. Programs take place at **Encinal Swim Center, Encinal High School**. Please visit our website to view the Aquatics Catalog and register online!
- **Most Summer ARPD Programs will begin next Monday, June 17. There are a variety of programs still available!** Youth STEM and STEAM camps with fun themes such as Jurassic World, LEGOS, Pokémon, and Star Wars will take place at Leydecker Park and Harrison Center. Adult classes and programs such as Beginning Guitar, Pickleball, and Introduction to Kayaking will also start next week. Check our website for details and to view the Activity Guide.

### **Youth:**

- There are openings in our **Tiny Tots Programs (for kids ages 3 – 5)**, particularly **Summer Tots Preschool at Woodstock Park** and **Sporty Tots Camp at Alameda Point Gym**. Both programs begin **June 17, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. **Tenderfoot Camp** sessions begin **June 24 at Lower Washington Park, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**. Visit our website to register!

- There are openings in our **Summer Field Trips** for kids who have **completed Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**. Field trips **begin June 26, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**, and include Aqua Adventures Waterpark, Adventure Playground, an Oakland vs. Houston Baseball Game, and Swimming at Cull Canyon and Don Castro Swim Lagoon! Visit our website to sign up for these exciting adventures!
- **Trails End Day Camp / Trailblazers Camp** is filling up quickly! **Held at Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park in the Oakland Hills, July 22 – August 2**. This day camp experience is for **kids who have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** and includes two dates of overnight camping on July 30 and 31! Campers will enjoy outdoor fun, hiking, camp skills, nature crafts, and cooking. Visit our website to register!

### **Teen/Tween:**

- **Tween Summer Adventure Camp:** Engaging, educational, and recreational camps, **June 17 through August 9 at Longfellow Park**, 520 Lincoln Ave. Each week offers an affordable and well-supervised program and includes an AWESOME field trip to locations such as Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, iFly (Indoor Skydiving), Quarry Park Adventure, Lake Del Valle Camping, and the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk! Plus, local walking excursions, arts, crafts, sports, outdoor games, special events and more! Your tween will have fun, make new friends, and create memories to last a lifetime. Spots are filling up, visit our website to register!
- **Operation Green Sweep Summer Program for Teens (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades), Mondays and Fridays, July 1 – August 2, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM.** Help maintain and beautify our city parks and community centers! Duties include (but are not limited to) park clean-up, light trash removal, weeding, and planting. Transportation is provided to and from park sites. Teens meet in front of the Veteran Building (2203 Central Ave.) by 9:30 AM. For more information, contact Ashley Cendejas at [acendejas@alamedaca.gov](mailto:acendejas@alamedaca.gov).
- **Alameda Youth Committee (AYC)** is currently recruiting members (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) for this summer. The committee provides a great opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills, make new friends and have fun! AYC encourages young individuals to take initiative and use their creative spirit to make a difference in Alameda. AYC hours count towards school community service requirements. Visit our website for more information.

### **Sports:**

- **Alameda Junior Golf Club** runs year-round and provides organized recreational golf basics and playing opportunities for junior golfers ages 7 – 18 on Wednesdays, June – August during the summer season. For more information and to register for this program, visit our website.
- **Adult Softball COED**, Women's and Men's spring/summer leagues will be finishing up in early July.
- **Adult Group Tennis Lessons** are starting at the end of July.
- **There are still openings available for "Not Just Sports Camp"!** Sessions take place throughout the summer for campers ages 6 – 12, **beginning Monday, June 17, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**. Themes include: Not Just Soccer Camp, Not Just Tennis Camp, and Not Just Outdoor Volleyball Camp. Each day focuses on the designated sport, as well as exciting arts and crafts, sports activities, and more! Visit our website to register before this camp fills up!

### **FALL REGISTRATION for All ARPD Programs:**

- **Summer Programs have just started but be ready for Fall Registration 2024! Mark the following dates on your calendar!**
- **Registration for Fall 2024 ARPD Programs begins on Tuesday, June 18 at 9:00 AM** (unless otherwise specified). The Fall 2024 Activity Guide will be available online, at the ARPD Main Office, Mastick Senior Center and libraries. Alameda residents will receive the Activity Guide in the mail. To register for programs and classes, visit our website!
- **Registration for the 2024-25 School Year Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP) begins on Wednesday, June 26 at 10:00 AM.**
  - The RAP Program will start on Monday, August 26 and is for students in all-day Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Love, Maya Lin, Otis, Paden, and Ruby Bridges schools. RAP sites include Bayport, Franklin, Krusi, Leydecker, Lincoln, Tillman, and Washington Parks.
- **Registration for Fall Tiny Tots Classes begins Thursday, July 11.** Kids must be **ages 3 to Pre-K** to participate in all Tiny Tots Programs. Visit our website for more information.

### **Mastick Upcoming Events:**

- Berkeley OLLI will give a presentation on **“Conspiracy Theory: What It Is and Why It Matters”**, **Friday, June 21, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, in the Media Room.** Explore this cultural and historical phenomenon. Register online or call (510) 747-7500.
- **Mastick Speaker Series: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor, City of Alameda**, will present on a range of topics designed to benefit the citizens of Alameda on **Wednesday, June 26, 1:00 PM in the Media Room.** Register online or call (510) 747-7500.
- **Mastick Day Trip:** Members will visit the **Asian Art Museum in San Francisco** to see the exhibit “Phoenix Kingdoms, The Last Splendor of China’s Bronze Age” then, have lunch at Scott’s Seafood Grill & Bar in Jack London Square on **Monday, July 15, 8:45 AM – 3:30 PM.** Register online, spots are filling up!

### **Mastick Senior Center:**

- Starting this month (June), **Helping Hands East Bay**, located in Downtown Alameda, is partnering with Mastick Senior Center to provide volunteer opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities in our community by assisting the Mastick team with various tasks around the Center. We are grateful to have them as part of the team!
- **New Saturday classes** started this month of June! Programs include Stained Glass, Beginning Mosaic, and Frame Weaving. Visit our website for more information.
- **“Music Appreciation”** will take place on **June 27, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM in Dining Room 2.** Join Volunteer Bill Sturm for a discussion and piano performance of various composers on the **fourth Thursday of each month.** FREE. Stop by and enjoy!
- The **Mastick Movie Matinee** is held on the **first and third Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM in Dining Room 2** and features a variety of movies that include current blockbusters as well as the classics. No registration required. Join us!
- The **New Member Orientation** is held the **second Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Media Room** and offers a guided tour to introduce you to the Center and a coupon for a complimentary lunch! To register, call 510-747-7500
- The **Mastick Thrift Shop** is open **Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.** Donations are welcome. Please check our website for criteria on what items are accepted.

### **Staff Highlights/Recognition:**

- The Mastick Senior Center Team has shown amazing dedication and commitment to the community. Throughout staffing changes and transitions, the Team hasn't missed a beat! We'd like to acknowledge **Daria, Lillian, Sylvie, Neil, Bob, Golden, Shawn, Roderick,** and **Jennifer** for ensuring that Mastick continues to thrive and be a supportive destination for adults age 50+ to socialize, learn, and create positive memories. Thank you, Team!

### **Parks:**

- Completed Projects:
  - Shoreline Pathway project is complete. The trail has been widened and repaved, creating a smooth walking and riding surface.
- Current Projects:
  - Krusi Park Tennis Courts are under renovation while surface overlay cures. Expected opening date is June 21, 2024.
  - Renovating sports fields and applying +/- 1,000 yards of compost.
  - Applied for CalFire grant to plant and maintain 200 trees, including watering, for three years at Main Street Linear Park.
- Upcoming Projects:
  - Bike racks will be added to Chocheny Park this month (June).
  - Washington Park restrooms are in the planning stages to make improvements, bringing stalls to code and ADA accessible.
  - Tillman Park Playground replacement expected delivery and installation by the end of this calendar year.