



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

**DATE:** Thursday, July 14, 2022  
**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: (Teleconference via Zoom), Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioner Navarro and Commissioner Jones

Absent: Commissioner Nguyen

Staff: (Teleconference via Zoom) Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Amy Wooldridge

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Robbins moved to accept the minutes of May 16, 2022 Special Meeting as presented.  
M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Jones. All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### **WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** (For topics not on the agenda)

- Written Communication – none
- Oral Communication - none

**REPORT FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR** - ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. See Exhibit 1.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Navarro: Has been busy with family activities; children are enjoying the ARPD All Sports Camp. Attended and enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and complimented the ARPD staff on a job well done. Visited the new Waterfront Park near Seaplane Lagoon and was sad to see the new park has damage done already from skateboards. Judged the Sand Castle event and had a lot of fun.
- Commissioner Jones: Great job on the parade; would like to see an ARPD float in next years parade. Visited the Main Street Dog Park with her dog as there is great parking and space. Would like to see a separation between the large dogs and the small dogs at the park. Asked how the Estuary Park construction would affect the dog park. Answer from Director Wooldridge: Main Street Dog park was always intended to be a temporary dog park since the area is State Tidelands which has very strict laws for what is allowed. Main Street Dog Park will close when a new dog park at Estuary Park is open to the public.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Was a judge for the sand castle contest with Commissioner Navarro and said it was a fun and phenomenal event and hopes to be a judge again next year. Attended and enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Thanked ARPD staff for an amazing job as it was a big undertaking and was concerned if ARPD has enough staff to execute the parade yearly.

- Chair Alexander: Was a judge for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Appreciated how well organized it was. Thanked ARPD staff, especially ARPD Manager Patrick Russi and Recreation Supervisor Christina Bailey for doing an amazing job executing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Attended the Leisure Club talent show and said it was so much fun as the participants really put their heart in to it. Thanked Morace McKay, Jennifer Cobb and Lori Bustos for a job well done. Has been out in the parks and noticed how many birthday party celebrations with jumpers were going on at the picnic sites. Saw the portable Gaga pit at Franklin and said the kids looked like they were enjoying it. Noticed how full Chochenyo park new play area is with kids and parents.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6-A Recommend to City Council a Name for Alameda Point Neighborhood Park**

Director Wooldridge gave the presentation which included the history, park location and design and the community survey final results of the top10 park names. The top 3 names are Little Whale Park, Whale Park and Midway Park.

**Public Comments** – none

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Navarro: Prefers to incorporate the name whale in the name of the park. Top choice is Whale Park.
- Commissioner Jones: Top choice is Whale Park.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Top choice is Little Whale Park because it is a small park.
- Chair Alexander: Agrees it should have the name whale in the park name.

### **6-A Motion**

Commissioner Navarro motioned to recommend to City Council the name Whale Park for the Alameda Point Neighborhood Park.

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Jones

All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### **6-B Recommend to City Council a Name for Alameda Point Waterfront Park**

Director Wooldridge gave the presentation which included the history, park location and design and the community survey final results of the top 10 park names. The top 3 names are Seaplane Lagoon Promenade, Bessie Coleman Promenade and Alameda Point Promenade.

**Public Comments** – none

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Jones: Favorites are Seaplane Lagoon Promenade, Bessie Coleman Promenade and Navy Veteran's Waterfront Park at Alameda Point.

- Commissioner Navarro: Favorites are Seaplane Lagoon Promenade and Bessie Coleman Promenade. Top choice is Seaplane Lagoon Promenade as it is part of the Seaplane Lagoon.
- Vice Chair Robbins: No comments
- Chair Alexander: Favorites are Seaplane Lagoon Promenade and Bessie Coleman Promenade

### **6-B Motion**

Vice Chair Robbins motioned to recommend to City Council the name Seaplane Lagoon Promenade for the Alameda Point Waterfront Park.

M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Navarro  
All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### **6-C Recommend to City Council a Name for Alameda Landing Waterfront Park**

Director Wooldridge gave the presentation which included the history, park location and design and the community survey final results of the top 10 park names. The top 3 names are Waterfront Pier Park, Island City Park and Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park.

### **Public Comments**

- Speaker Dr. Crystal Cajilog Espinoza: Encouraged the Commission to name the park Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park to increase the diversity, awareness and cultural significance in Alameda.
- Speaker Eunice Sale: Longtime member of Bohol Circle, seconds the sentiments of Dr. Crystal Cajilog Espinoza and name this park Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park.
- Speaker Cynthia Bonta: Recommends the name Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park to recognize not just the Filipino Community but also all other immigrants in the City that have contributed to the city to reflect the diversity. Bohol translates to tight knot of thread which is symbolic to immigrants.
- Speaker Yshmael Espinosa: Longtime member of Bohol Circle: Recommends naming the park Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park which would be a celebration of all Filipinos.
- Speaker Elizabeth Jacob: Longtime member of Bohol Circle. In honor of her parents and ancestors recommends naming the park Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park.
- Speaker Virginia Harper: Speaking on behalf of her 5 generation family in Alameda recommends naming the park Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park which will impact the many Filipino Communities throughout California.

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Jones: Likes Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park but also feels it is a long name and would like to see it shortened to Bohol Circle Park.
- Commissioner Navarro: Likes Waterfront Pier Park and also Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park however thinks it's a long name.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Top choice is Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park. Likes that the circle in the park would tie into the name and would be a great way to honor the Filipino community.

Thinks it is important to keep the full name to keep the recognition, but Bohol Circle Immigrant Park would be a good compromise.

- Chair Alexander: Agrees that Bohol Circle Immigrant Waterfront Park is a long name and would like to see it shortened to Bohol Circle Immigrant Park and would like to see plaque to explain the name.

### **6-C Motion**

Vice Chair Robbins motioned to recommend to City Council the name Bohol Circle Immigrant Park for the Alameda Landing Waterfront Park and to include educational signage to provide background and the rich history of the Filipino Bohol Circle groups.

M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Navarro  
All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### **6-D Recommend to City Council a Name for Alameda Marina Park**

Director Wooldridge gave the presentation which included the history, park location and design and the community survey final results of the top 10 park names. The top 3 names are Riveter's Waterfront Park, Alameda Boat works Park and Waterfront Park.

### **Public Comments**

- Speaker Brock de Lappe, resident of Alameda and Harbor Master: Encouraged the Commission to consider the name Svendsen Maritime Park as Sven Svendsen was a Danish immigrant who established Svendsen's Boatworks in 1963 and was the primary tenant at the marina from 1966 to 2019.
- Speaker Sean Murphy: Excited to connect the park to Alameda island. Recommends to name the park Svendsen Maritime Park.
- Speaker Sabrina Svendsen: Resident, born and raised in Alameda and is the daughter of Sven Svendsen who built and ran Svendsen's Boatworks. Anyone in the boating community knows of her father's maritime and environmental impact. Proposed consideration of Svendsen's Maritime Park to honor her father's legacy and the maritime heritage.

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Jones: Clarified names.
- Commissioner Navarro: This park did not have a strong public favorite. Inclined to put forth 2 names as the Commission did not hear of the Svendsen Boatworks history prior to the meeting. Likes Svendsen Waterfront Park but thinks Svendsen Maritime Park is a good choice.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Enjoyed hearing the history Svendsen's Boatworks and merits further consideration and likes the name Svendsen Waterfront Park with educational signage.
- Chair Alexander: Grew up in Alameda, remembers Svendsen's Boatworks and is open to add Svendsen Maritime Parks the name.

### **6-D Motion**

Vice Chair Robbins motioned to recommend to City Council the name Svendsen Maritime Park for the Alameda Marina Park.

M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Jones  
All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### **6-D Second Motion**

Commissioner Navarro moved that the Commission also recommend to City Council the name Riveter's Waterfront Park for the Alameda Marina Park with the caveat that we didn't know about the Svendsen history when this was proposed.

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

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

City Aquatic Center, Dog Park, Nominate Chair and Vice-Chair and Review and Comment on the Active Transportation Plan

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** ARPD Director Wooldridge proposed a Special meeting on August 4, 2022 at 5pm to take the Commissioners on a Park Tour. All Commissioners were in agreement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Jones

Motion carried by the following voice vote: All in favor with a 4 ayes via roll call vote.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

**07/14/2022 ARPD Director's Report**

**Presented by Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge**

**Recreation Services**

- Registration is open for the Fall Adult Softball season starting at end of July.
- Day Camp is finishing its last week of Hidden Cove and will transition to older youth in Trails End starting next week. The 69<sup>th</sup> year has been full of excitement and energy. New this year is a 2 week experience in the Oakland Hills that includes a 2 night camp out overnight.
- WOW has 5 sites that have been full most of this summer. Sites include Godfrey, Krusi, Franklin, Washington and Bayport. Youth have special themes each week and do activities based upon the theme. Next week is Disney followed by Space Week. Sites are planning their own special events for later this summer.
- Teen Adventure Program: Camp is in its 4<sup>th</sup> week and the group just left for a two-night camping trip at Portola Redwoods State Park. Other fun field trips this summer include Great America, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Hurricane Harbor, Rockin' Jump and Boomers.
- Teen Volunteer: There are 117, 3 hour volunteer shifts being worked by Teen Volunteers in the WOW program this summer at Krusi, Franklin, Godfrey and Washington Park, for a total of 351 total hours. Teen Volunteers are doing a great job assisting ARPD Program Leaders in the WOW program! They are learning how to work with children while also learning important job skills and work ethic.
- STEM Camp is enjoying the Force this week with a Star Wars theme. All activities are centered around learning science & math and may the force be with you.
- Hiring at this time for the SCHOOL YEAR programs.

**Mastick Senior Center**

- On Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Alameda distributed free nonperishable food to all Mastick Center visitors. Pasta, canned soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna, chicken, and an assortment of other items were distributed. 35 people attended. The next food distribution will be on July 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Free presentation on Eye Health with local Dr. Lui from Alameda Eye Center took place June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Dr. Liu is a general ophthalmologist that treats medical diseases of the eye, she's mostly focused on eye health for seniors and came by to talk about the importance of eye care. The presentation was very successful and 15 people attended.
- The Mastick Organic Garden had its first harvest of the month on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with a variety of fresh herbs and fruits that were distributed to the Mastick community. 145 bags were harvested by Michi and her crew of volunteers this month. Harvests happen twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays mornings.
- **Protecting Older Adults from Telephone Scams** debuted this month with helpful information from William Smith, retired FBI Agent, to learn how to better protect yourself from financial crimes against older adults. The focus will be on phone scams disguised as Social Security, IRS, billing, and personal tragedy matters.
- Mastick Trips presents Jim Henson at The Contemporary Jewish Museum on July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Enjoy a docent tour of the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco which includes The Jim Henson Exhibit.
- Senior Connections & Resources topic: **The Importance of Hydration** presented by Kindred Hospice and Mercy Retirement from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Join us for this special presentation on 'The Importance of Hydration and receive community information. The Senior Connections Case Manager will facilitate, and provide resources, referrals, and practical and constructive information to assist with working through life's tough and complex issues.

- Hop on the Bus with Us! to Farmer's Market Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Participants will enjoy learning how to navigate using public transportation to the Alameda Farmers Market.

### **Park Maintenance**

- Woodstock Recreation Center windows have been replaced and the exterior painted. Next project at Woodstock Park is to paint the interior and exterior of the restroom.
- The ARPD office lawn is being converted to drought tolerant landscape. This project is starting next week.
- The Littlejohn Recreation Center rebuild project is now out to bid for construction. The completion date is estimated to be in February 2023.

### **Administration / Projects**

- **Grant received to construct Estuary Park – Phase 2** - ARPD received a \$2.5 million grant to complete Phase 2 of Estuary Park. The grant is from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is federal funding administered by the CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation. There is a required 50% City match from Development Impact Fees for Parks for a total project budget of \$5 million. This 4-acre phase of the park builds upon the first phase which includes a baseball/soccer field specifically designed for children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities. This project expands amenities for these populations with a fully inclusive playground for children of all abilities to play together that also creates intergenerational opportunities for parents/guardians and seniors who are disabled or have limited mobility to interact with their children. The park also includes a half basketball court and [Bankshot](#), a unique basketball hoop system designed for all ages and people with disabilities. Players shoot hoops alongside each other, not against each other, with stations that have individually challenging configurations of hoop backboards and heights. This park phase will include a new parking lot, restrooms, large and small group picnic areas, open grass turf play area, small and large dog park plus four pickleball courts, a sport that has grown quickly with many local players. This grant requires final federal approval from the National Park Service after completion of federal forms and review of compliance with state historic preservation laws to “avoid or minimize adverse effects to heritage resources.” This approval is granted as long as compliance is confirmed. The schedule issued by the CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation anticipates that projects will begin in Fall 2023 after final anticipated federal acceptance. This is a similar process that was conducted for the LWCF grant received for Sweeney Park.
- Community Events:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Award Ceremony is July 21 at 6:30pm at Sweeney Park.
  - Starlight Movies in the Park is July 22 at Alameda Point Multipurpose Field, showing *Soul*. Pre-show festivities start at 6:30pm with games and music. Movies start by 8:30pm.
  - Dive-In Movie – July 30, starting at 6:30pm. Registration required. Showing *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* with crafts, playing in the pool and watching the movie from your own pool float!
  - 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Swim Championships – July 29-31 at Encinal Swim Center.
- **Ask about Park Tour scheduling**
- Update on Recreation Facilities approved project list:
  - Completed resurfacing of Lincoln Park Pickleball Courts
  - Krusi Park tennis court LED lighting upgrade is being started and completed on July 15
  - Starting design work for shade structures, such as at the Sweeney Park sand area, with a goal toward developing a standard that can easily be permitted and adapted to different park areas.

- Following direction from the City Manager, staff is coordinating a City Council special meeting in September or October with local Indigenous Tribes and all will be invited to participate. It is anticipated that each will do a brief presentation with questions and discussion with City Council. Staff will propose general concepts on ways the City could support and collaborate with local Indigenous people as part of the discussion. The overall concept is education to build a shared understanding and potentially move forward with collaborations.
- Along with Public Works and led by the Sustainability Manager, ARPD is participating in the selection of a consultant to develop the Urban Forest Plan following issuance of a Request for Proposals. Staff anticipates bringing a contract to City Council for consideration. Development of the Urban Forest Plan includes a significant community input process with broad outreach efforts. The Plan development includes updating the existing tree plan to include park trees and develop recommendations to increase the overall tree canopy, review and recommendations to improve existing policies and procedures, review the structure and funding of urban forest management. This includes an equity-centered approach throughout all aspects of the development and implementation of the Urban Forest Plan.