



## ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, April 12, 2018  
**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 Tilos, Commissioners Delaney, Chen and Carter.  
Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation and Park Director  
Assistant City Attorney: Michael Roush

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 8, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as presented. Vice Chair Tilos requested to have on the record his reservation about approving the Cityview Skate Park mural because he feels it is controversial to honor someone with a memorial in the park due to the underage drinking and mixture of drugs that were involved.

M/S Commissioner Delaney/ Vice Chair Tilos

4 in favor. One abstention: Commissioner Carter was not present at the March 8, 2018 meeting.

### WRITTEN COMUNICATIONS

- The Commission received two written communications, included as Exhibit 1. One is a letter from Bohol Circle requesting that the new park development at Alameda Landing be named after their organization. The second is a letter from Rasheed Shabazz requesting the Commission consider renaming Jackson Park to Justice Park.
  - Commissioners agreed to have an agenda item to review the City's Naming Policy and address a procedure for renaming a park.
- Commissioner Carter inquired if the written communications from October about the Gym Allocation Policy were included. Since staff was not included on those emails, Director Wooldridge asked any to be forwarded to her and agreed to include in the minutes for the April 2018 meeting under Item 7-A. See Exhibit 2.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Speaker Jennifer Roloff from the Commission of Disability introduced herself as the liaison between the Recreation and Park Commission and Commission on Disability and said two issues that affect both Commissions are mental disabilities and homelessness.

### REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. See Exhibit 3.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 6-A Discuss Conflict of Interest in Regards to Recreation and Park Commission

After brief discussion, Assistant City Attorney Michael Roush clarified each situation may be unique

and there has to be an examination with respect to the agenda item and a Commissioners' role on other boards to determine any conflict of Interest. Not all items require recusal, however; item 7A does require recusal. Attorney Roush also clarified the City Attorney's office ultimately gives the recommendation for the recusal and will be providing training this summer for all the Boards and Commissions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **7-A Review and Approve the Athletic Facility Allocation Policy**

Commissioner Chen recused herself along with Commissioner Carter who recused herself with protest. Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report which included input and drafting the policy, fair play, priority criteria, scheduling and consequences. ARPD Recreation Supervisor Dennis Mc Daniels assisted with clarifying the information and answering questions.

- Speaker Mayor Trish Spencer clarified that Charter Schools are Public Schools.
- Speaker Kevin Connolly, Coach of the Buena Vista Church Basketball applauded the ARPD staff for doing a terrific job balancing the teams and reaching out to the various groups to find out their needs.
- Speaker Chris Pondok, Athletic Director of Saint Joseph Notre Dame, commented that all Alameda schools have roots in Alameda so the schools remain constant with their programs, the other private recreational teams come and go and their needs change accordingly.

Vice Chair Tilos made a Motion to Approve the Athletic Facility Allocation Policy as presented.

M/S Vice Chair Tilos/Commissioner Delaney

All present in favor with 3 - 0 vote. Recused 2: Commissioners Chen and Carter

## **REPORTS**

### **8-A RECREATION COMMISSION REPORTS**

- Chair Limoges: Noticed more banners of different sizes along Central Avenue and Otis which is not in keeping with the Banner Policy.
- Commissioner Chen: Visited Godfrey Park and liked the new shade structure that was made possible through the funding of Friends of the Park.
- Mayor Trish Spencer shared she enjoyed the Egg Scramble went well with over 1,000 children participating.

### **8-B FRIENDS OF THE PARK (FOTP) REPORT**

- Commissioner Delaney gave the report:
  - FOTP donated to the Egg Scramble and Starlight Movies in the Park
  - A new board member was added to FOTP, making a total of 9 members.
  - FOTP is looking at being a sponsor for Challenger Program
  - Play for the Parks is Monday, May 21 at the Corica Park.
  - Bike for the Parks will be Saturday, September 29 at Washington Park.

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- New Business: Alameda Landing Waterfront Park design review, Mastick Senior Center Annual Report, Naming Policy, Updates on Alameda Point gym restroom project, Active net system, and fundraising for Washington Park basketball court benches.
- Vice Chair suggested lockers instead of benches for safety of belongings.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, May 10, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Limoges made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M/S Chair Limoges / Commissioner Delaney

All present in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

Chair Limoges adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

# Exhibit 1

**From:** Rasheed Shabazz [mailto:hopein510@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 1:02 PM

**To:** Amy Wooldridge <AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov>

**Subject:** Rename Jackson Park: Justice Park

Peace Commissioners,

I write you to ask for your support in removing racist memorials from Alameda public space by renaming Jackson Park.

Over the past three years, a renewed effort to eliminate and remove monuments to white supremacists in public space has taken place throughout these United States and the world. In addition to memorials to the Confederacy, other symbols of colonialism, slavery, and genocide have been removed or come under increased scrutiny.

This past January, parents at Haight Elementary School petitioned to rename their school after learning the school's namesake, Henry H. Haight held bigoted, racist, and xenophobic views. Haight was considered a "strict Jacksonian Democrat" in the 1860s. The first [School Renaming Committee meeting](#) takes place on April 9.

Jackson Park should be renamed due to his treatment of African and Indigenous or Native American peoples. The particular actions of Jackson that have led to his monuments and name being removed include:

- Jackson held hundreds of African people in captivity at the Hermitage.
- In addition to being a slaveholder/owner, he earned the nickname "Indian Killer" for his participation in the murder of indigenous people.
- As President, he advocated for the forced resettlement of indigenous people in the Southeast, commonly called the "Trail of Tears."

As mentioned, there is recent precedent for renaming spaces named after Jackson.

- A Salt Lake City School Board recently [renamed](#) Jackson School. Democrats in Virginia recently [renamed](#) their annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner.
- Before Trump came into power, abolitionist Harriet Tubman was set to [replace](#) Jackson on the \$20.

Alameda should not memorialized President Andrew Jackson with a park. On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev Martin Luther King Jr, during this "Season of Nonviolence", it is unconscionable that Alameda would have a park named after a man who earned the nickname, "Indian Killer."

As Commissioners responsible for the naming of our public parks, I urge you: **Rename Jackson Park to Justice Park.**

Additionally, please consider a developing a process for a project that memorializes the communities Jackson oppressed. This would be an effort towards Justice and creating public spaces for all.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and hope to be engaged in this conversation and action with you all soon.

Sincerely,

Rasheed Shabazz



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To: The Alameda Recreation and Park Commission and Alameda City Council April 11, 2018

We are writing on behalf of Bohol Circle, one of the oldest surviving civic organizations in Alameda bringing together the Filipino community for over 80 years. It is also the longest surviving Filipino-American civic organization in America. We have been especially grateful for the Planning Department's recent attention to visible representation of all parts of the Alameda community, especially historically underrepresented people and groups. It is exciting to see Alameda opening up to its past and at long last recognizing key pieces of the island's heritage.

With this in mind, we understand that a new waterfront park is being planned at the foot of Fifth Street in the Alameda Landing project. As we understand the process, the park's plans will be coming forward to the Planning Board and Recreation and Park Commission in May of 2018. We would like to request that the Recreation and Park Commission, and the City Council be asked to take action in the honoring of Alameda's long-time Filipino community by choosing Bohol Circle as the name for this new park. Bohol Circle is already on the City's list of approved names and represents a decades-long presence in the city of Alameda. We feel the naming of an important new recreational area after Bohol Circle will honor the legacy not just of the Filipino-American community in Alameda and the Bay Area, but also appropriately recognize the many Alamedan Filipino-American leaders who have brought together people from our city and the region to ensure that our community members were supported and our voices heard.

In writing to you, we hope that you will bring forth a recommendation for naming this space after Bohol Circle, helping to give visibility a longtime community in Alameda that went unseen for many, many years. If there is anything that we can provide to help support this request, please feel free to let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Gary Cagaanan  
Board Member, Bohol Circle Inc.  
[GICAGAAANAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GICAGAAANAN@GMAIL.COM)  
510-368-6367

## Exhibit 2

Written communication received in October 2017 and included as requested by Commissioners

**From:** Vanessa Yingling <[yingling.vanessa@gmail.com](mailto:yingling.vanessa@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Alameda Point Basketball Court Time Allocation

**Date:** September 30, 2017 at 1:47:46 PM PDT

**To:** Ron <[relimoges@gmail.com](mailto:relimoges@gmail.com)>, Bill Delaney <[bdelaneyca@yahoo.com](mailto:bdelaneyca@yahoo.com)>, Ruben <[rtilos@yahoo.com](mailto:rtilos@yahoo.com)>, <[mchenpersonal@gmail.com](mailto:mchenpersonal@gmail.com)>, [tspencer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tspencer@alamedaca.gov), [mvella@alamedaca.gov](mailto:mvella@alamedaca.gov), [mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov](mailto:mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov), [fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov](mailto:fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov), [joddie@alamedaca.gov](mailto:joddie@alamedaca.gov), [lwarmerdam@alamedaca.gov](mailto:lwarmerdam@alamedaca.gov)

**Cc:** Vanessa Yingling <[yingling.vanessa@gmail.com](mailto:yingling.vanessa@gmail.com)>

Dear ARPD Commissioners, City Council Members, and other interested parties,

I am very concerned about the process and actual allocation of basketball court time at the Alameda Point Gym. My son participates in both AYB basketball and Vipers basketball and I volunteer as a Board Member for AYB. I recently learned that AYB's court time at the Point Gym has been reduced for the coming period of November 2017 to May 2018, and is virtually non-existent for Vipers, because of the out-dated process of prioritizing private religious schools before our local 501.3.c non-profit youth sports programs. Due to such a flawed policy, the continued health of these Alameda programs has been threatened, and our Alameda families will have to pay fee increases as our "non-profit" teams will have to seek court time at much more expensive private facilities the surrounding areas, IF such options are found.

In addition, my son is unable to practice in the local public Point Gym that my tax dollars fund. I moved to Alameda due to the access to many physical activity opportunities for my family and the ease of transportation for young kids (bikes and walking). I support all physical activity opportunities for kids on the Island but the distribution of court time must be more equitable. As a concerned tax paying Alameda citizen I am writing to support the revision of the the Point Gym Public Facility rental policy so that it is more equitable to all Alameda families.

Vanessa Yingling, Concerned Alameda Resident

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rob Gabriel <[robgabriel59@gmail.com](mailto:robgabriel59@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Alameda Point Gym Access  
**Date:** October 10, 2017 at 9:51:37 AM PDT  
**To:** Ron <[relimoges@gmail.com](mailto:relimoges@gmail.com)>, Bill Delaney <[bdelaneyca@yahoo.com](mailto:bdelaneyca@yahoo.com)>, Ruben <[rtilos@yahoo.com](mailto:rtilos@yahoo.com)>, <[mchenpersonal@gmail.com](mailto:mchenpersonal@gmail.com)>, [tspencer@alamedaca.gov](mailto:tspencer@alamedaca.gov), [mvella@alamedaca.gov](mailto:mvella@alamedaca.gov), [mezzzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov](mailto:mezzzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov), [fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov](mailto:fmatarrese@alamedaca.gov), [joddie@alamedaca.gov](mailto:joddie@alamedaca.gov), [lwarmerdam@alamedaca.gov](mailto:lwarmerdam@alamedaca.gov)

Dear ARPD Commissioners, City Council Members, and other interested parties,

We are writing to call for an immediate change to ARPD's allocation policy of the Alameda Point gym. We are participants of AYB basketball and/or Vipers basketball and volleyball teams and just learned that AYB's court time at the Point Gym has been reduced for the coming period of November 2017 to May 2018, and is virtually non-existent for Vipers, because of the out-dated process of prioritizing private religious schools before our local 501.3.c non-profit youth sports programs. Due to such a flawed policy, the continued health of these Alameda programs has been threatened, and our Alameda families will have to pay fee increases as our "non-profit" teams will have to seek court time at much more expensive private facilities the surrounding areas, IF such options are found. In addition, we are unable to practice in the local public Point Gym that our tax dollars fund. As concerned tax paying Alameda citizens we are writing to support the revision of the the Point Gym Public Facility rental policy so that it is more equitable to all Alameda families.

We eagerly await your response to this pressing fair access issue as we would like an IMMEDIATE remedy of the situation so that our teams can have access to the Point Gym this season.

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**Robert Gabriel, PT, PhD, MBA**

**From:** Alyssa Shum <[alyssaemi.shum@gmail.com](mailto:alyssaemi.shum@gmail.com)>  
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**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2017 10:34 PM  
**Subject:** Vipers - Alameda Point Gym - Please help me understand - Why?

Dear ARPD Comissioners, City Council Members,

I am 14 years old and I am a player for the Alameda Vipers. I have recently heard that we may not be able to play at our local gym, Alameda Point. I am disappointed that my fellow teammates and I do not have the opportunity to use this gym space. Both my parents work, so we have limited choices when it comes to picking teams to play a sport that I enjoy. The Viper's program is amazing; They have great coaches, friendly players, and a very open environment, almost like a family. I have built many long lasting friendships through this program and would love to spend more time with them. Please, I ask for your support of non-profits like Vipers that run a great program for those with fewer choices. Help allow me and other kids to keep playing the sport that we love.

Thank you.  
Alyssa Shum



**Mastick Senior Center**

- The Senior Services Action Team (SSAT) had its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, April 10, and received presentations from the following:
  - Victoria Williams, Paratransit
  - Rosemary Weimer, Alameda Family Services Case Manager/Senior Connections Program
  - Doug Biggs, Alameda Center Senior Housing & Medical Respite
- On Sunday, February 25, USA Pickleball offered a clinic to 46 participants at Lincoln Park... Go Pickleball!
- Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held Thursday, April 12.
- The Alameda Loop Shuttle will be at the Earth Day Festival... please come and visit!
- Continued partnership with Water's Edge Lodge in an effort to provide programs to seniors residing on Bay Farm Island and Harbor Bay Isle.

**Parks Maintenance**

- A tree fell down in Washington Park on Fri, March 23 and injured a man watching the softball game. This was a tragic incident and is being taken very seriously. The tree was removed immediately and other trees on that slope were assessed. Within one week, ARPD removed 4 trees along the slope. The tree had appeared to be healthy but wet soils from recent rains combined with being on a sloped area most likely contributed to the tree that fell.
- ARPD's Tree Maintenance Program
  - A tree inventory of all park trees was completed in 2017
  - Park trees are visually assessed ongoing – both by the tree contractor and by Park Maintenance staff.
    - If any visual signs of stress, such as bore holes, then an arborist does an in-depth assessment of that tree.
  - There is a regular tree trimming schedule in addition to when dead branches are found.
  - 7 trees removed in Washington Park in late 2017 after seeing the wood bores.
  - Already in queue for removal were 3 trees at Littlejohn Park and 3-4 trees at Shoreline Park.
  - Trees are visually assessed during storms for any weak branches or other signs.
- Moving forward
  - Doing additional onsite training with Park Maintenance staff and implementing a written log for assessment of all trees in their parks.

**Admin**

- Jean Sweeney Open Space Park – Construction is moving along well and is currently on track to be completed in October 2018.
- Public pathways to the water along Fernside and Eastshore Dr. Public Works and ARPD are working with a consultant team that is conducting surveys and research of all six pathways. They will issue a Feasibility Report by the end of May that will identify the recreational opportunities that are possible at each point as well as the opportunities, challenges and cost estimates. ARPD staff will then conduct a community input process. A recommendation is estimated to come before the Recreation and Parks Commission in September or October.

### **Recreation Services**

- Working with Patty Harding and Greg DeHaan to add a Parks & Playgrounds at the skate park with a trial program this summer. It will be a few hours per week. I asked them to provide ARPD with Recreation Leader applicants who are skaters that are mature and able to mentor other skaters at the park.

### **Golf Course – Corica Park**

- South Course is opening in mid-June with a ribbon cutting event (date TBD), a charity tournament and other activities.
- The Linksoul pro shop is now open.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Alameda Youth Committee Teen Talent Show is on April 14 at 6:30pm at Veteran's Building
- Earth Day Celebration is April 21 at Washington Park from 10am – 3pm
- Get a Job Workshop in collaboration with Alameda Free Library on April 17 from 4 -5:30 pm at Alameda Free Library-Stafford Room