



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 9, 2020
TIME: 7:02 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 Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioner Limoges, and Commissioner Navarro
Absent: Commissioner Barnes
Staff: Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Amy Wooldridge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alexander moved to accept the minutes of December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.
M/S Commissioner Limoges / Vice Chair Robbins. All present in favor with 4 ayes.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Written Communication - none
- Oral Communication - none

REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. (See Exhibit 1)

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Limoges: Received strong public input for shade structures in Bayport Park.
Chair Alexander: Parks were full with families throughout the vacation. Backstop at Franklin on San Jose side has graffiti that needs to be painted.
Commissioner Navarro: Enjoyed seeing the parks and the progress made.

NEW BUSINESS

6-A Approve the City of Alameda Transportation Program Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Victoria Williams, Paratransit Coordinator, gave the presentation which included information about the service, alameda loop shuttle, taxi service, free AC transit bus passes, customer service and outreach, budget and the planning process.

MOTION

Motion by Vice Commissioner Navarro to approve the Alameda Transit Program Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities for Fiscal Year 2020-21 as presented.

M/S / Commissioner Navarro / Vice Chair Robbins
Motion carried by a 4 – 0 voice vote: All present in favor.

6-B Review and Recommend the Layout Design for the Alameda Point Gymnasium Restroom
ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave presentation which included background information and 2 layout options with the primary difference being all 8 stalls in option 2 are gender neutral.

MOTION

Motion by Vice Chair Robbins to approve option 2 layout design for the Alameda Point Gymnasium Restroom as recommended by the Recreation and Park Director.

M/S / Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Navarro

Motion carried by a 4 – 0 voice vote: All present in favor.

6-C Review and Recommend a Staffing Plan for Alameda Park and Recreation Department Project Management.

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave presentation.

MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Limoges to recommend the staffing plan for ARPD Project Management that supports hiring of a Senior Management Analyst as described. Furthermore, in order to ensure the effective and efficient operation of these tasks we further recommend that an Executive Assistant be added to the Recreation and Parks Department if funding is available.

M/S / Commissioner Limoges / Vice Chair Robbins

Motion carried by a 4 – 0 voice vote: All present in favor.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Presentation by Transportation Staff on bike/ped safety plans and projects
- Review and Recommend on General Plan – Open Space, Recreation & Parks Element

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Vice Chair Robbins

Motion carried by the following voice vote: All in favor with a 4 – 0.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

EXHIBIT 1

1/9/2020 ARPD Director's Report – Presented by Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge

Mastick Senior Center

- The Center is hopping with many proactive seniors meeting New Year resolutions and goals!
- PayPal account active on MSC website and has generated \$505 in December alone without any outreach.
- Areas of the lobby carpet to be replaced on Jan. 17.
- Tree maintenance is being scheduled.
- Pickleball Tournament on Sunday, Jan. 12 at Lincoln Park and Pickleball instruction started at the Alameda Point Gym today.

Parks Maintenance

- A 48" box Magnolia tree was planted at Longfellow Park. The sand under the tree will not be replaced so staff is working on creating a new gravel play area behind the backboard and near the picnic area.
- Removed the sand play area at Lincoln Park and will be replacing with a new gravel play area as well.
- At Sweeney Park, we opened the 8th Street entrance eighth street up at 8th street and Sweeney park giving walking access to park at approximately the half way point
- Woodstock Park Playground will re-open at the end of January, contingent on weather. The playground construction is complete and the remaining work is the poured-in-place surfacing which requires dry weather to cure.
- The Longfellow tennis court was resurfaced with new striping, new poles & tightening mechanism.
- Increasing vandalism over last several months
 - o Swing and zip line ropes at Woodstock
 - o Tennis court at Franklin
 - o Water feature and bike repair station at Sweeney
 - o Restroom fixtures at Longfellow

Recreation Services

- Elks/ARPD Hoop Shoot Contest finals take place at Alameda Point Gymnasium on Friday evening, January 10 at 6:00pm.
- ARPD is offering an all-women's flag football League this winter at Estuary Park, starting at the end of January.
- ARPD is part of a coalition of partners including AFL, AUSD and AFS who received a \$135,000 grant for early child education from First 5 of Alameda County. Stay tuned for the Year of the Young Child!
- 19th Annual "Roaring 20's" Dance Party will take place on Friday, February 7 at the O 'Club. This event is almost sold out.
- Teens Teaching Technology is on Thursday, January 16 at Mastick Senior Center

- ARPD is starting summer hiring and programming.
- The City Council approved the budget and Recreation Assistant position for the 4th of July Parade event coordination. The Recreation Manager is quickly starting coordination and the position is expected to be advertised later this month.

Administration/Projects

- **City Aquatic Center** – ARPD is hosting three community input meetings for the conceptual design. These are Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the O 'Club on Jan. 15th (Initial input), Jan. 29th (Comment on multiple designs), and Feb. 12th (Final design review & input). Each meeting agenda will be built on information gathered from the previous meeting. Once the final draft design is complete, it will then be reviewed by the Recreation and Parks Commission and then brought to City Council for final approval.
- **Emma Hood Swim Center Repair Update** –The County Health Department inspected the repairs in late December and required additional work be completed. The School District is scheduling that work and will open the pool as soon as it is permitted by the County Health Department.
- **Bayport Park Playground Project** – Staff is developing concept designs from three playground suppliers and will host a neighborhood meeting to review and comment on these designs in early 2020. ARPD strives to make each playground unique with its own style and theme so that our parks become destinations for all of our residents with the goal that they visit all of our parks rather than just their neighborhood park. The Alameda Youth Committee chose an outer space theme for Bayport Park since the adjacent Ruby Bridges Elementary School mascot is the Stars. Other playground themes have included trains (Longfellow), tree fort (Godfrey), ocean (Woodstock Seals), and fully inclusive (Littlejohn). The new Bayport Park playground will include a rubberized surface and inclusive components for children of all abilities. ARPD is also adding a picnic area with shade. Shade is now one of the most highly requested amenity for our parks.
- **Krusi Park Recreation Center** – The building will be demolished starting the week of January 13th and construction will commence on the new building. The demolition may be delayed due to the forecast of rain for most of next week. Full build out, including furnishings and equipment is expected to be completed by June 2020 – in time for summer programs at the park!
- **Encinal Boat Launch Facility** - construction is going well although some component parts have had a significantly longer lead time than anticipated. An opening date is not yet confirmed but will be within the next 1-2 months.
- **Fernside/Eastshore Public Pathways** – The Director and an Assistant City Attorney are meeting with neighbors regarding boundaries, easement, and legal issues. The Attorney's office will then be working on drafting the easements.
- **Climate Action & Resiliency Plan – Carbon Sequestration**
 - o Discussing tree planting efforts and other strategies such as improved health of existing trees for larger canopy, more bushes, less lawn.
 - o Working with a couple local groups to do tree plantings in parks this spring including as part of the Earth Day community event.
- Follow up on community comment last month regarding posting public comment on website before meeting. Staff confirmed that this is a requirement per the City's Sunshine Ordinance and will coordinate with the City Clerk's office to post any written public comment received on an item to the website prior to a Recreation and Parks Commission meeting.