



## ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, August 13, 2020  
**TIME:** 7:01 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 Limoges  
Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Navarro  
Staff: (Teleconference via Zoom) Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Amy Wooldridge

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alexander moved to accept the minutes of July 9, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.  
M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commissioner Navarro. All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Written Communication: None
- Oral Communication: None

### REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Barnes: Worked with ARPD Director Wooldridge on the process of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion subcommittee and has talked to potential groups who are interested in facilitating a public meeting for input and will work on a strategy to implement the City of Alameda's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy with ARPD's policy. Will probably be a 4 to 6 month process.
- Commissioner Navarro: Discussed the process the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion subcommittee will take and is working in tandem with the city. Surprised at the amount of people using the parks. Concerned that some of the public bathrooms are closed as people are using the bushes instead. The tree selection at Jean Sweeney looks good and provides nice shade.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Visited parks and was amazed at the amount of people using the parks and is impressed by the maintenance team who keeps the parks so clean. Many people have asked for more Pickle Ball courts. Asked if the Encinal tennis courts could be used for something as they are not being used. Attended weekly meetings with Chair and staff for Jackson Park renaming committee.
- Chair Alexander: Thanked public for following the COVID-19 protocols in the parks. Good to see groups having picnics and playing games within their social bubbles on the grassy areas. Park Ambassadors are taking good care of the parks and are keeping playground and picnic areas taped off. Heard from residents that they are excited about the opening of the Krusi Park Recreation Center. Also asked if the public schools tennis courts could be used or shared with ARPD for public use. The Jackson Park renaming process is in place and hopes to have the new name by December.

## **REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **6-A Review and Recommend a Final Conceptual Design for the City Aquatic Center**

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge and Clarence Mamuya, ELS Design, gave the presentation which included the background, concept development process, workshops, discussion, evaluation, costs and design concepts.

Motion to Approve the Final Conceptual Design Preferred B including the Natatorium and without the lazy river for the City Aquatic Center.

M/S Vice Chair Robbins / Commission Navarro. All in favor with 4 ayes, 1 noes - Commissioner Limoges via roll call vote.

#### **6-B Review and Recommend De-Pave Park Vision Plan**

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report on De-Pave Park Vision Plan history, financial impact and grant funding with Measure AA grant that is due in October 2020. Kevin Conger from CMG Landscape Architecture gave the nature based and climate positive vision plan presentation which included the existing conditions, use of re-purposed materials, increased tidal and aquatic habitat, proposed plan with building 25 removed and not removed, an ecology overlook, hike and bike path, and a sea level rise resilience and climate positive design.

Speaker Linda Carloni, Alameda resident, member of the board of directors of Golden Gate Audubon and co-chair of Friends of the Alameda Wildlife Preserve Conservation committee: Supports the De-Pave Park project and said it will give a peaceful area for people to learn about nature. Supports removal of building 25 with relocation of the tenants.

Speaker Ruth Abbe, Community Action for Alameda Casa: Embraces the project and is thrilled with the outcome of the plans. Supports removal of building 21 and 25 with relocation of the tenants. Encouraged the Recreation and Park Commission to start the process as soon as possible.

Speaker Marjorie Powell, Alameda resident, member of Golden Gate Audubon and Friends of the Alameda Wildlife Preserve Conservation committee: Fantastic plan for the naval base. Removal of buildings is important for success of the overall plan. Concerned about the picnic area placed so close to the Marshlands as it is difficult to clean up the marsh area if garbage is dropped in there.

Speaker Cole Burchiel, Field investigator and science associate at San Francisco Bay Keeper: On behalf of the organization, they support the De-Pave Park project as it is a rare opportunity. Encouraged the Recreation and Park Commission to support it going forward.

Motion to Recommend the De-Pave Park Vision Plan proposal to City Council with removal of all buildings with the request to relocate the tenants as feasible.

M/S Commissioner Barnes / Vice Chair Robbins. All in favor with 5 ayes via roll call vote.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** Bayport Park Playground Design Review, possibly the naming of Alameda Point Neighborhood Park and Alameda Marina Park

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 10, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Limoges

Motion carried by the following voice vote: All in favor with a 5 ayes via roll call vote.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM

**9/13/2020 ARPD Director's Report**  
**Presented by Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge**

**Recreation Services**

Sent a survey to families with children ages elementary to high school. 220 responses with strong interest in fall after school programs. Programs will start following Alameda County Health guidelines. Monday through Friday 2:30pm to 5:30pm at multiple sites on a monthly registration schedule rather than by season.

Wrapping up summer season with great response from participants and parents. Parents grateful that their children got to be with other kids and felt it was well run. Shout out to the staff for the great job running the programs.

Starting Tiny Tots at two sites following the guidelines of 12 children per group.

September Starlight Movies in the Park and the October Teen Haunted House have been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Outdoor based fitness classes are available through ARPD contractors. And adding a virtual sports program.

**Mastick Senior Center**

Adding more virtual classes and outdoor fitness classes plus looking at ways to do outreach with the seniors as it is unknown when the Center will be safe to reopen. Paratransit programs and lunch services are still available.

**Park Maintenance**

Park Ambassadors are out on the weekends reminding people to wear masks and handing them out to people without masks and monitoring and informing the public about spaces that are not available due to COVID-19.

There has been a surge of large groups playing sports on the grassy areas which is not allowed in the present Alameda County Health guidelines. Organized sports are being issued permits if following County Health safety guidelines.

Additional security for amenities that are off limits include orange fences around 4 playgrounds; basketball courts have been either removed or boarded up; handball court was fenced off. Strongly encourage people to do their part. It is up to all of us to keep ourselves and others safe.

Krusi Park Recreation Center is almost complete. Plan to open in fall for afterschool programs following the Alameda County Health guidelines.

Bayport park playground neighborhood input meetings will be online for community to review and give input.

Moving forward with lighting for Shoreline Park pathways around Bay Farm. Will be putting in new asphalt on the pathways after the lighting project is completed.

East Bay Regional Park will be starting Encinal Beach renovation later this month.

Naming committee for re-naming Jackson Park coming together and will meet an hour weekly with the goal of a short list.