



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

DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m. Called to Order
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ruben Tilos, Vice Chair Delaney, and Commissioner Ron Limoges

Absent: Commissioners Mario Mariani and Adam Trujillo

Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation and Park Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 8, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved by all who attended the meeting with one correction noted by Chair Tilos under Director's Report Projects "Grand Opening" change to "Ground breaking".

M/C/S Vice Chair Delaney / Commissioner Limoges

All present and who attended the September 8, 2016 Regular Meeting in favor with 3 – 0 vote

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Dorothy Freeman, Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Fund, gave bench donation update. Ten Memorial benches have been ordered for the park.

NEW BUSINESS

4-A Recommendation to Approve Naming the Group Pavilion at Jean Sweeney Open Space Park the Rotary Pavilion

Item 4-A was RETRACTED FROM AGENDA

4-B Review and Recommend Adoption of the 2017 Recreation and Park User Fee Schedule

Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge gave a report on the Recreation and Park User Fee Schedule and explained the fees.

Commissioner Limoges was delighted to see an outside Contractor Park Use fee added due to the numerous private contractors making money and using public space, specifically at the East Bay Regional Park Beach areas and inquired if the Regional Park District also had this fee. Commissioner Limoges asked if the Alameda Girls Softball agreed with the athletic field usage increase since they were in disagreement last year. Director Amy Wooldridge said that the proposed fee schedule was explained to all youth sports leagues, including AGSA and they did not express any concerns. Commissioner Limoges is also interested in obtaining an actual head count for how many people register for the programs and the rentals. Director Wooldridge responded that this

information is normally provided in the ARPD Annual Report.

Chair Tilos asked if there would be designated areas for the outside contractors as he is concerned that the groups do not take over the parks. Director Amy Wooldridge said yes it would be made clear to the outside contractors which areas are available to ensure that public use areas are still open, such as a basketball court.

Chair Tilos inquired if the people using the fields are mostly Alameda residents or if many are traveling teams as he supports the majority to be Alameda residents. Director Wooldridge said yes the majority of people using the fields are residents with a few partnerships with non-residents agencies.

Chair Tilos said he would like to hear from the individual recreation staff for an update on their programs and Director Wooldridge said she would have division managers provide reports, possibly quarterly.

Vice Chair Delaney said the cost recovery strategy was a good one and inquired what the percentage difference between residents and non-residents is. He would like to see the percentages next year as part of the User Fee report. Vice Chair Delaney said that Alameda always has and should continue to maintain having the most reasonable fees no matter what the other cities do.

Director Wooldridge said that the comparison shows the good cost value Alameda provides. She offered to provide a comparison to other organizations within Alameda in addition to other cities next year. She also said the percentage between resident and non-residents is not consistent across programs, however we are trying to increase that difference to ensure the low costs for residents.

Vice Chair Delaney made a motion that the Recreation and Parks Commission approves the 2017 Recreation and Park User Fee Schedule that were presented this evening.

M/C/S Vice Chair Delaney / Commissioner Limoges

All present in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

REPORTS

A. Recreation Commission Reports

Chair Tilos acknowledged that the Commissioners present at the meeting along with Director Amy Wooldridge attended the Golf Tournament event and that it was a fun and successful event.

Commissioner Limoges expressed that he would like to see a historical tour of all the parks. Vice Chair Delaney said there is a book titled Alameda at Play by Woodruff Minor that he will bring for the Commissioners next meeting. Chair Tilos mentioned he also has a DVD about the history of the Alameda baseball teams.

B. Friends of the Park Report (FOTP)

Vice Chair Delaney thanked the Commissioners and Director Amy Wooldridge for attending the Golf Tournament, auction and dinner. He gave a special thanks to Commissioner Limoges for volunteering and also thanked the Alameda Recreation and Park Department staff for all their help. Mayor Trish Spencer attended and gave a nice speech. There were approximately 130 people who attended the dinner which made for an enjoyable evening. The revenue will be donated back to the Park for various projects and activities. The Bike for the Parks event is Saturday, October 15, 2016 and will start and finish at Washington Park including an after party. There

are presently approximately 400 riders registered.

C. Recreation and Parks Director Report given by Director Amy Wooldridge.

Parks: The City View Skate Park has a new 8 foot high medallion art piece that Patty Harding donated. There have been irrigation breaks at several parks including Lincoln Park, Krusi Park and Neptune Park. Jean Sweeney Open Space Park is in plan check for the final building permits. All construction documents will be done by next month and will be going out to bid for the first phase. Early 2017 phase two will start construction. The Krusi Park Gathering Space Memorial construction will start soon. The Krusi Recreation Center design is restarting with Group4 architectural firm to plan for a pre-fabricated building. The redesign will take about 6 to 8 weeks. The project is funded by measure WW. Estuary Park construction continues. There were problems with the soil, which is now managed. There was a \$75,000.00 donation confirmed from Alameda Little League for the Challenger Field.

Commissioner Limoges expressed concern about whether we have enough funding for the upkeep of the many growing parks. Vice Chair Delaney said Director Amy Wooldridge brings up maintenance with every project and how to maintain the parks is a part of the strategic planning. Chair Tilos commented that the new parks also bring a lot of opportunities and revenue from rentals with the growth. Director Amy Wooldridge said it is a critical role of the Recreation and Park Commission to be a part of the input of the maintenance of the parks and explained that the parks are funded by the City of Alameda's General Fund. She agreed to bring back park maintenance as a future agenda item.

Recreation: The Elks Annual hoop shoot starts on Monday, October 17, 2016. The Teen Haunted House will take place from Friday, October 28th to Sunday, October 30th at South Shore Center. Director Wooldridge commended Shawn Smith, Recreation Services Specialist, for his second year in doing an incredible job with Haunted House. This year there are eighty-five teens participating. The theme is the Haunted Carnival. The Aquatic program opened for the fall and was sold out. There is a new, per public request, women's only softball league starting in November. The Encinal High School Swim Center ribbon cutting next October 20, 2016 at 3:30 PM.

Mastick Senior Center is undergoing a dry rot repair and an exterior paint renovation. The outdoor fitness equipment is installed and the seniors are enjoying it. The Alameda Family Senior Services have been providing a variety of services in home and at Mastick Senior Center. The recruitment for a new custodian at Mastick Senior Center is now closed and interviews will begin.

Commissioner Limoges said George Tarr who is retired contractor, volunteered and organized a database of Mastick facilities which will assist Mastick staff with planning Capital improvements. He would like to see recognition given to volunteers like Mr. Tarr who put in an amazing contribution with his time and efforts. Chair Tilos and Vice Chair Delaney agreed the volunteers deserve special recognition.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Report from Alameda Swimming Pool Association
- Operation Dignity Report Update
- Alameda Point Neighborhood Park Design
- Alameda Point Main Street Specific Plan
- Rotary Picnic Pavilion

Ongoing Estuary Park Update

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2016

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Tilos adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.