



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2017
TIME: 7:03 p.m. Called to Order
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ruben Tilos, Vice Chair Delaney, and Commissioners Ron Limoges, Marianne Carter and Mindi Chen

Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting were approved by all who attended the meeting.

M/S/C Vice Chair Delaney / Commissioner Carter

All present and who attended the March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting in favor with 4 – 0 vote

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Dorothy Freeman of Jean Sweeney Open Space Park (JSOSP) Fund reported that the 14 benches for the park, which include 6 concrete and 8 ironwood benches, have been paid for and there is now a 3rd design option available. They are also working on interpretive signage donations for the park. There were 350 students from the Argosy University that volunteered to come out on Earth Day and help with the planting for the park but since the park is not ready yet she hopes the offer will stand for next year. JSOSP will have a booth on Earth Day. Commissioner Delaney applauded her efforts of supporting the Alameda Trail project and going beyond the call of duty by going to the March 16, 2017 California Transportation Commission meeting in Los Angeles. Chair Tilos thanked her for all her efforts.

John Pecson from Alameda Soccer Club gave an update on the repurposed tennis courts for soccer. The clean-up is now finished. The resurfacing is next and they have contacted San Jose Earthquakes for help with the funding through donations. The rain has caused a delay in the resurfacing. Chair Tilos was concerned as it is attached to the Hornet Field 5 year lease and there is only 1.5 years left. Commissioner Limoges said he feels like there is a lot going on with the project that was not part of the initial agreement such as storage containers and planting of trees. Chair Tilos agreed that the original agreement has changed and is concerned it has turned into a project for a privatization of Alameda land. Director Amy Wooldridge recommended that the issue is put on the agenda for another meeting. All the Commissioners were in agreement.

Commissioner Mindi Chen introduced herself and was welcomed by all the Recreation and Park Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

4-A Review Banner Hanging Policy

Amy Wooldridge, Recreation and Park Director, gave a report on the Hanging of Banners in Parks Policy which included the current policy and a revised policy. The revised policy included incentivizing organizations to better manage their banners and charging a late fee of \$25.00 if the banner is not removed after the 60-day due date. Also a location at Tillman Park was added, making the total of six locations where banners can be placed.

Vice Chair Delaney said it is good that the responsibility is put on the teams hanging banners and thinks the new policy is completely on target. Commissioner Limoges expressed concern that there is no definition of size. He said it would be good to give a maximum dimension. Commissioner Carter agreed about the dimensions and also said that if there are multiple use sports that have the same registration period that could make it more than the limit of 3 banners. Chair Tilos agreed on a maximum and we should offer up a grace period before we throw away their signs. Dennis McDaniels, Recreation Services Specialist clarified the registration of the sports teams and recommended that 3 x 6 feet as that is what fits on all of the fences.

Vice Chair Delaney made a motion that the Recreation and Parks Commission approve the revised policy with no more than 3 banners that will be posted at any time at the parks with maximum size of 3 x 6 feet.

M/S/C Commissioner Limoges / Vice Chair Delaney

All present in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

4-B Review Facility Allocation Policy

Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge and Dennis McDaniels, Recreation Services Specialist gave the report on the Facility and Field Allocation Policies, which were developed to provide guidelines and equitable access for organizations requesting athletic facility use.

Vice Chair Delaney likes the current structure and feels it is successful. He asked for clarification of what defines a sanctioned team and asked Dennis McDaniels if the present system works for him. Director Amy Wooldridge said it is a sanctioned league such as Little League that defines how many teams are in the league versus one single team. Recreation Services Specialist Dennis Mc Daniels said it would be good to simplify the policies and clean it up grammatically, but that the present allocation works. Commissioner Carter agreed about simplifying and updating language and terms and said that the \$3.00 an hour fee for the fields seems low. Commissioner Carter requested to table the issue and obtain additional information from other City's Recreation and Parks allocation policies to do a comparison and requested a list sorted by category for the gym and fields to show who is in each category. Chair Tilos said Alameda Recreation and Parks (ARPD) is here to offer services to public, not to make money and he is ok to see some empty fields so the public can also enjoy using them.

REPORTS

A. Recreation Commission Reports

Commissioner Limoges went to the League of Women Voters event and said was interesting to be there. He attended the April 1st ARPD summer registration at the library which was well run and people got the information they needed. Commissioner Limoges also had a tour at Alameda Point with Jennifer Ott, Chief Operating Officer for Alameda Point, which focused on the details of the plan including new

parks. He was very pleased and said it's a remarkable, complex project. He had dinner at Mastic Senior Center to celebrate their volunteers. Commissioner Limoges also attended the Piece and Kindness event and said it was a pleasant youth event in which there was close to 1000 puzzle pieces.

Vice Chair Delaney attended the City Council meeting where Commissioner Mindi Chen was nominated for the Recreation Commission. He also attended the Alameda Rotary luncheon with Amy Wooldridge and Dennis McDaniels who gave the update on the Woodstock Park Playground.

Chair Tilos also attended the Piece and Kindness and was impressed by the event as it was a recreation activity that brought the community together and said it was a reflection that the Park system is essential in building a good youth. He has been interacting with tennis community at Washington Park about the LED lights and said we don't really need to install LED lights, just to replace the burnt out bulbs. There were concerns from Alameda residents brought to his attention about the Tennis Leagues' court use for several hours.

Commissioner Carter attended the Jr. Warrior's basketball Camp during spring break and talked to parents about it who thought it was well done. Also went to the Saturday night 6 PM to 10 adult gym volleyball and basketball. She is planning on going to the rescheduled the Egg Scramble on April 15.

B. Friends of the Park Report (FOTP)

Vice Chair Delaney shared that the Friends of the Parks has a new brand that includes a new logo and webpage which will launch mid-May. The Bike for the Park event will be Saturday, September 30, 2017 and they are currently recruiting sponsors and have 2 in place so far. The Play for the Park Golf Tournament dinner and auction will take place either the end of September or beginning of October 2017. FOTP attended the April 11 Rotary Club Meeting regarding the donation to Woodstock Park.

C. Recreation and Parks Director Report

- Administrative
 - The 2-year budget will be presented at the next Commission meeting on May 11, 2017.
- Parks
 - The last storm knocked 8 trees down in various parks last Friday.
 - Multiple eucalyptus trees also went down at the Golf Course after the storm.
- Recreation Services
 - The Egg Scramble was rescheduled, due to rain to this Saturday, April 15th at Crab Cove.
 - The Earth Day Celebration event is next weekend, April 22nd at Washington Park where there will be planting of crepe myrtle trees to replace the trees that went down.
 - Summer registrations are going well and programs are filling up.
 - There were more private swim lessons added as they are really popular.
 - Discounted private swim lessons have been initiated for special needs customers and the classes have filled up already.
 - Teen Job Skills Workshop was today in which there were 24 teens who asked great questions and basic interview skills were taught to them.
- Mastick Senior Center
 - Mastick Volunteer Luncheon was fantastic with over 250 volunteers who have together put in a total of 25,000 volunteer hours in a year.
- Projects
 - Estuary Park construction
 - The construction is going well with plans to complete set for late July/August.

- Jean Sweeney Open Space Park
 - The Cross Alameda Trail (CAT) has gone out to bid and closes next Thursday. It should go to the City Council early June and be under construction in late June.
 - Phase A, the eastern portion of park, is going out to bid in a couple months and will be under construction in September at the latest.
 - A developed action plan with Operation Dignity, Alameda Point Collaborative (APC), Alameda Police Department (APD), Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) and Director Amy Wooldridge on eviction process of the homeless in the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park prior to construction.
 - The Alameda Rotary MOU passed for naming the picnic pavilion the Alameda Rotary Pavilion.
 - Kiwanis has raised \$25,000 and is now actively campaigning to raise another \$25,000 for the park.
- Krusi Park
 - Krusi Park recreation center will go to the Planning Board meeting on May 8. There are concerns from some neighbors regarding size of the building. The size increased due to the ADA restroom size, added interior restroom for preschoolers and facility users, and added kitchen.

Vice Chair Delaney commended Director Amy Wooldridge for a great job seeing the swimming pools renovation through as it was quite an accomplishment. Commissioner Carter commended Director Amy Wooldridge on the work she has done with the homeless in Alameda.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: ARPD Budget and Mastick Senior Center Annual Report and presentation.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 11, 2017

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Tilos adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.