



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 10, 2018
TIME: 7:03 p.m. Called to Order
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers

An audio recording of the meeting may be heard 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 Alexander and Commissioner Robbins
Absent: Commissioners Pondok and Chen.
Staff: Amy Wooldridge, Recreation and Park Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 13, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.
M/S Commissioner Robbins / Vice Chair Alexander / All in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker: Dorothy Freeman of Jean Sweeney Open Space Park (JSOSP) Fund showed a video of the new JSOSP that included many positive comments from the public.

REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave report. See Exhibit 1.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chair Limoges:
 - Attended and enjoyed the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Grand Opening. Gave feedback on the entrance as it is on a curve and is an abrupt turn. Public has requested more Pickleball courts in the parks.
 - An Alameda resident expressed interest in developing a small playground at Jackson Park. How do they go about it? Answer: The subject can be agendized or brought up when the 2 year budget for Capitol Improvement Projects is discussed.
- Vice Chair Alexander:
 - Attended JSOSP Grand Opening and said the park is beautiful.
 - Attended Hoop Shoot and was pleased to see so many girls participate.
 - Asked about clocks at Washington and Leydecker tennis courts that show when the next person's turn is.
- Commissioner Robbins:
 - Attended Sweeney Park Grand Opening. Received feedback on the need for dog waste bags and additional water fountains. ARPD does not stock the dog waste bags due to the expense and as the park grows, there will be more drinking fountains.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6-A Review and Make Recommendations on the Encinal Terminals Waterfront Open Space

Development Plan. Mike O' Hara was available to clarify and answer questions. Mr. O' Hara presented the design to the Bay Conservation Development Commission Design Review Board and overall they were very positive.

Commissioner Discussion

- Commissioner Robbins:
 - Need seating with shade such as a more permanent shade sail or canopies as we don't have enough shade in our parks, especially when there's not mature trees.
 - Asked about what the large deck is for as he is concerned about the safety of the public and suggested railings around it. Answer: It is a kayak launch.
 - Does the plan address sea water rise? Answer: Yes, it has to provide a detailed sea level rise adoption plan.
 - Encouraged having two Volleyball Courts instead of one.
- Vice Chair Alexander:
 - Liked the beach area and sand volleyball area.
 - Suggested adding a water feature like the "mud puddle" at JSOSP.
- Chair Limoges:
 - Liked the sloped grass area and the beach area.
 - Agrees there needs to be more shade structures.

Vice Chair Alexander made Motion to approve the Encinal Terminals Waterfront Open Space Development Plan with the comments made.

M/S Vice Chair Alexander / Commissioner Robbins / All in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

7-A Review and Make Recommendations on the Alameda Marina Open Space Design

Presentation by Sean Murphy, Bay West Project Lead, included information about:

- Interpretive playable components such as rocks, logs, climbable art, rebuilt dinghy, etc. would provide play options since a playground isn't allowed in Tidelands. Playgrounds will be included in the interior private open space areas.
- Pavilion by the Water Life Park will have public restroom, outdoor shower, kayak and stand-up paddle board rentals.
- The entire site will have connectivity of Open Space areas.

Commissioner Discussion

- Chair Limoges:
 - The site historical/interpretive signage could be digital with a pole/panel that has an enclosed iPad type feature that can be interactive and changing.
 - Include more shade structures.
 - Slope the lawn or put steps in the middle of the Harbor View Park to improve view and usage.
 - Would like to see all developers include small community garden plots. Could be small 6' x 6' areas for the community, even if it's in the private area not the public area. Could include fruit trees in the public area scattered throughout in place of some of the decorative trees.

Commissioner Robbins made Motion to approve the Alameda Marina Open Space Design with the comments made.

M/S Commissioner Robbins / Vice Chair Alexander / All in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

None discussed

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, February 14, 2019

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

All in favor with a 3 – 0 vote.

Chair Limoges adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM

ARPD Director's Report – Presented by ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge
01/10/19

Mastick Senior Center

- This month Mastick is hosting the Senior Services Action Team. This is a quarterly meeting of community based organizations providing services to the senior community in Alameda. It provides networking, education and problem solving opportunities.

Parks Maintenance

- At Littlejohn Park, the asphalt pathways were resurfaced and the baseball field is now fully renovated. The new playground replacement will be completed within a couple weeks.
- The Longfellow Park restroom was revamped by Public Works.
- The magnolia tree at Longfellow Park is not doing well. It has been assessed by two independent arborists and while it's not a safety concern, it needs to be removed. This tree has a long history with the community and we are working to be respectful of that. We are exploring opportunities to mill the wood for benches placed in the park and create some type of memento from the wood that ARPD will give out to the community. We will replace it with a new magnolia tree and have already made many changes to ensure it can be healthy and grow quickly.
- Sweeney Park is a huge success and it's also taking a significant amount of resources for maintenance. We expect this to level out in time.

Recreation Services

- The "Out of this World" Dance Party for February 8 at the O' Club is almost sold out. Commissioners are encouraged to stop by.
- Six local winners of the Hoop Shoot are now going to San Mateo for the regional finals.

Projects

- **Krusi Park Recreation Center**
 - Completing plan check review and going out to bid soon for the site work.
 - Still on track to complete construction by the end of 2019.
- **Encinal Boat Launch Facility**
 - Received a \$1,450,000 grant from the Division of Boating and Waterways for construction.
 - Completing plan check review and anticipate construction to be in the fall in order to avoid disrupting summer programs and activities.
- **Golf Course Parking Lot and Event Center**
 - Working on a resurface and restriping of the parking lot including moving utilities.
 - The Event Center building permit was issued in December. Other permits are pending.
- **Public Pathways on Fernside and Eastshore**
 - Attorneys are completing a title report and reviewing some final issues to ensure a complete and thorough analysis.
 - Staff is working to bring a recommendation to the Commission in February or March.