



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, December 13, 2018
TIME: 7:00 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 Limoges, Commissioners Pondok, Chen, Robbins and Alexander
Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 25, 2018 Regular Meeting were approved as presented.
M/S / Chair Limoges / Commissioner Robbins / all who attended meeting – 5 in favor.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No written or oral communication

REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

Recreation Manager Patrick Russi gave report. See Exhibit 1.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chair Limoges: Saw in the Alameda Sun that Haight School made a decision to rename the school to Love School. Shared the history of the Carnegie Library Building and said the City of Alameda is presently seeking statements of qualifications from parties interested in restoring and leasing the historic Carnegie Building.
- Commissioner Pondok: Attended the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival and had fun handing out glow sticks. Watched a soccer game at Estuary field and said the field is awesome but needs some benches for the teams. He might have access to some benches for donation.
- Commissioner Alexander: Went to the Christmas Tree Lighting and enjoyed the event. Received feedback from the public that the Harrison Recreation Center needs freshening on both the inside and outside, including the patio. Would like to send invitations to former Hoop Shoot winners to the upcoming Hoop Shoot event on January 24, 2019.
- Commissioner Chen: Participated and enjoyed the tour of the City of Alameda parks that Director Wooldridge gave. Looking forward to attending the grand opening at Jean Sweeney Open Space Park on Saturday.
- Commissioner Robbins: Reported feedback from public request to increase the number of Pickleball courts. Laney tennis club from the College of Alameda will be having a meeting with Director Amy Wooldridge in January to go over ideas to improve the tennis courts at Washington

Park. A few groups, including the Kiwanis Club reported an odor in the Officers' Club. Had a meeting at the Kiwanis Club to educate them about the purpose of the Commission which they enjoyed, and plans to give the same presentation to the Rotary Club. The Kiwanis Club also mentioned that they would like to connect with the teen program for various clean up events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

7-A Presentation on Tween/Teen and Special Interest Programs

Presentation by Shawn Smith, Recreation Supervisor I, included information about the Underground Teen Center, the teen "Get a Job" workshop, Alameda Youth Committee, volunteer programs, community service, Friends Connect, Tween Summer Adventure Camp and special interest programs and events. The Commissioners and Recreation and Park Manager all commended Shawn for doing an outstanding job.

7-B Review and Make Recommendations on the Encinal Terminals Waterfront Open Space Development Plan

Mike O' Hara, from Tim Lewis Communities, gave a presentation and answered questions about the revised version of the Encinal Terminals project, a new mixed use for the waterfront community, which includes connecting to the Cross Alameda Trail, public paths and bike paths, small craft launch, replacement of piers and rebuilding the wharf. Changes from original plan from 2017 included making a central boulevard going through the area and setting aside the tidelands property for the City of Alameda to plan.

Commissioner Discussion

- Chair Limoges: In the original plans there was a strip of park that blended in with the four buildings that was going to have a community garden which is no longer there. Were the park amenities also reduced? Answer: The area in question is now part of the tidelands that the City owns and will plan, so much of the original plan changed but the public access will remain.
 - Commissioner Robbins: Liked that the beach area is connected with the mid south wharf area.
 - Commissioner Pondok: What is the parking in the area? Answer: About 300 public parking spaces throughout and will reflect on the ratio of tenants in each building.
 - Commissioner Alexander: Will there also be some street parking? Answer: Yes.
- Overall the Commissioners were happy with the information presented but would like to look closer at details.
 - Chair Limoges requested to table making recommendations on the Encinal Terminals Waterfront Open Space Development Plan as presented until the next meeting to give the new Commissioners more time to go over presented information. All Commissioners were in agreement.

7-C Nominate and Vote on Vice-Chair Positions

Chair Limoges nominated Commissioner Adrienne Alexander for Vice Chair.

M/S Commissioner Limoges / Commissioner Robbins

Commissioner Adrienne Alexander accepted the Vice Chair position.

All present in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

- Chair Limoges would like to have Roberts Rule and the Brown Act training for the Recreation and Park Commission.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: Follow up on the Encinal Water Terminals and the Officers Club.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 10, 2019

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

M/S Chair Limoges / Commissioner Robbins

Chair Limoges adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM.

**ARPD Director's Report – Presented by ARPD Manager Patrick Russi
12/13/18**

Mastick Senior Center

- On Tuesday, December 11, Home Care Assistance sponsored and hosted a “pop up” hot chocolate bar in the Mastick Lobby which served over 100 members. Very festive and fun for all!
- Beginning December 17, Rooms A & E and the women's bathroom will be painted.
- Santa's workshop is underway and computer lab volunteers are responding to the letters received in the Santa's mailbox on Thompson Avenue. Mastick volunteers have been providing this service for well over 20 years.
- The Alameda Community Band's Holiday Concert is Friday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Building. This event is free and open to all.
- Annual Rose Pruning with the East Bay Rose Society at Lincoln Park is scheduled for Saturday, January 5, at 10:30 a.m.
- ARPD recently recruited and hired a bus driver...which made the Leisure Club participants extremely happy. Last week, they participated in their annual shopping trip at South Shore Center and will visit Thompson Avenue to see the lights on December 20.

Parks Maintenance

- Officers' Club roof was resurfaced. A reminder that we also have free public Wi-Fi at the Officers' Club, Alameda Point Gym and the ARPD office.
- Renovation of Little John Park: Work included locating all outdated valves and wires. Installing all new valves with boxes, wires where needed, replace over 100 heads, renovate and seed all turf. Park remains closed until turf is established.
- Worked on getting Jean Sweeney Open Space Park ready to open for public use.
- Added an additional picnic area on the High Street side of Lincoln Park.

Recreation Services

- Santa Home Visits are scheduled for December 22nd and 23rd throughout Alameda. Still a few openings on Sunday if interested.
- Breakfast with Santa had an attendance of 200.
- Successful Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 8.
- Winter Wonderland Camp is filling up fast at Harrison Center during the Holidays. Camp is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and there is extended care available both before camp begins and at the end of the day.
- Elks and ARPD Hoop Shoot Free-throw Finals will take place on Friday, January 4 at the Alameda Point Gymnasium starting at 6:00 p.m.

- AYC, Leadership Committee for Teens, raised \$332 to donate to American Red Cross for Fire Disaster relief for Butte County Camp Fire. And will continue to seek donations and fundraisers to meet their goal of \$500 before Holiday break.
- Park sites at Bayport, Franklin, Lincoln, Tillman, and Washington will be open during the holidays from 10 am to 4 pm. Underground Teen Center will be open from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.
- “Out of this World” Dance Party for February 8 registration is underway but filling up fast. Already 50% of spots are taken.

Sweeney Park

- Grand opening is Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. There will be music, food, play and gratitude.
- Reminder: City Council approved a budget authorization for \$1.1 million to file for Immediate Possession of some remaining parcels on the southern edge of the park. Once that goes through the legal process, then we can open up the gates at 8th Street, Wood Street and also St. Charles.
- There will be remaining areas that are fenced off for safety reasons.

Krusi Park Recreation Center

- City Council approved the Romtec building contract on October 16.
- Planning Board approved finish colors on December 10.
- Plan check review is still in progress
- Bid documents are being reviewed and hopefully finalized within a month