



ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 11, 2019
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, Vice Chair Alexander, Commissioner Robbins, Commissioner Chen and Commissioner Barnes

Staff: John McDonald, Interim Recreation and Park Director, Park Manager

Commissioner Barnes introduced herself and was welcomed by all the Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Limoges moved to accept the minutes of February 14, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented.
M/S Commissioner Robbins / Vice Chair Alexander. All in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Written Communication: None
- Oral Communication: None

REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR

Interim Recreation and Park Director, Park Manager, John McDonald gave report. See Exhibit 1.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Chair Limoges: The Carnegie Hall renovation will be discussed in a public hearing at the Local, a Coffee shop on Park Street, this Saturday. Attended Littlejohn playground re-opening which he enjoyed and said the baseball field looks great. Attended the Youth Sustainability Fair at Lincoln Park put on by the Alameda Youth Council which he found interesting. Also attended Mastick Senior Center luncheon. Would like all the Commissioners to tour Mastick Senior Center.
- Vice Chair Alexander: Went on a walk with Director Amy Wooldridge to see the campgrounds at Alameda Point. Attended the Mastick Senior Center Luncheon and spoke to a few members about the campground who were in favor of the campground. Attended Oakland A's first baseball kid's clinic at Krusi Park last weekend. Attended Littlejohn Park playground re-opening. Requested to have all the Commissioners receive the email blast on the events. Spoke with a few Alameda residents who said they don't like seeing all the banners on the Lincoln Park historical fence. Answer: It is part of the banner site policy and is overseen by ARPD. Requested a piece of wood from the old Krusi Park building before it is taken down for a commemorative item. Requested the backstops at Krusi Park get painted. Answer: Will put on the ongoing maintenance paint to do list. Reported that the dirt area next to Estuary Park has several more homeless encampment tents. Answer: It is an issue that the Alameda Police Department and

Director Wooldridge are working on.

- Commissioner Robbins: Went on a walk to Alameda Point campgrounds with Director Amy Wooldridge to get a better understanding of the area. Thought the seal island was great but felt the platform could be bigger as it is too overcrowded to accommodate the amount of seals. Attended Littlejohn Park playground re-opening. Liked that the baseball diamond is now irrigated properly. Plans to attend the egg scramble. Shared that the City of San Francisco is unveiling an online system for tennis reservations.
- Commissioner Barnes: Visited many parks on the west side of Alameda.

NEW BUSINESS

7-A Discussion on the Status of the Emma Hood Swim Center at Alameda High School

Recreation Supervisor Dennis McDaniels led the discussion and along with Park Manager John McDonald, answered questions regarding the status of Emma Hood Swim Center. The discussion included information regarding present code violations, the possibility of building a City swim center, best location for the swim center and funding options. They are working with the Health Department and the school district on a short term plan for repairs and securing bids. Also creating a wish list for a new swim center.

Commissioner Discussion

- Chair Limoges: Is the goal to keep it open until the May deadline? Answer: Yes, but will need to close beginning in summer and reopen for the school year. How does it interface with the school and its responsibility? Answer: The City has a joint use agreement with the School District, we share operational costs. The School District is responsible for all Capitol upgrades. Currently it is a joint collaboration with both sides to find a solution.
- Vice Chair Alexander: Asked about the cost to keep open. Answer: To make necessary repairs the cost would be close to the \$200,000 range.
- Commissioner Robbins: Where would the new pool go? Answer: Still looking as the goal would be to develop a true community swim center.
- Commissioner Barnes: Do you anticipate a new joint use agreement for a new facility. Answer: Depends on the resources. The agreement is renewed every 3 years.

7-B Adopt a Resolution Establishing the Hours of Public Use of Parks

Interim Recreation and Park Director, Park Manager John McDonald gave report. The goal is to standardize and clarify the park hours. Still ok to walk through the parks, just not loitering. New signs will be posted once adopted.

Chair Limoges read the resolution and motioned to approve the City of Alameda Resolution Establishing the Hours of Public Use of Parks as presented with the dates updated.

M/S Chair Limoges / Commissioner Robbins / All in favor with a 5 – 0 vote.

7-C Discussion of Athletic Field Rental Fees for Alameda Youth Organizations.
Recreation Supervisor Dennis McDaniels gave information and answered questions regarding the Alameda Youth Organization Fees.

Commissioner Discussion

- Chair Limoges: Confirmed the additional revenue goes into the fields. Asked to clarify the Fair Play Act and how it affects our fees. Answer: The Field Use Allocation fields will always be booked as the demand exceeds the space. Every organization gets less than what they request. The Fair Play Act goal is that 50% or equal is dedicated to young female athletes to meet that threshold. If the hourly rate is raised too much, it could get out of balance and affect the female organizations' ability to absorb the rate increase.
- Vice Chair Alexander: Are we losing any money for the maintenance of fields? Answer: The maintenance is funded by the general fund, field use collects money for supplies, fertilizer, top dressing, baseball diamond dirt and supplemental work to the fields. They are 2 separate budgets.
- Commissioner Robbins: Inquired about the rates of softball. Answer: The lower fee is for the youth field use, the adult residents fee is \$40.00 an hour.
- Commissioner Barnes: How are the fees of the synthetic fields set to the current market? Answer: Traditionally low, we have a commitment as a City to support recreation and youth. That is reflected in our fees.
- Commissioner Chen: Inquired about the revenue since the rates went up a dollar an hour from 2016. Answer: The revenue number can differentiate from the reports because we are capturing the fiscal year rollover and since we bill at the end of the season in June, many times we receive the payment the next fiscal year. Also the weather can change the amount of time actually used.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Alameda Point Campground and platform for the seals.
- Rosenberg Rules and Laws review

Commissioner Robbins requested to skype so he could be included in the meeting as he will be out of town in Texas for the next meeting.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Limoges adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM

EXHIBIT 1

04/11/19 ARPD Director's Report – Presented by ARPD Interim Recreation and Park Director John Mc Donald

Mastick Senior Center

- Free Tax Assistance Program is coming to an end with over 500 served.
- The Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was today and a great success.
- Updating the Community Survey to gather information about interests, community awareness and future programming for Mastick Senior Center
- An art exhibit is decorating the lobby-wing... a great time to stop by and see what members are creating! Many pieces have sold!!
- Working on projects including landscape improvements with drip irrigation, painting the lobby, carpet replacement.
- Senior Services Action Team (SSAT) met on Tuesday, April 9, with a presentation on Home Care 101 provided by Denise Marshall, AED Living; Colleen Collins, Home Care Assistance; and Andrew Slakey, Visiting Angels. This presentation will be offered to the membership in November.
- Upcoming National Senior Health & Fitness Day, Wednesday, May 29, with AEC Living ~ will offer conference-style workshops on health/fitness topics from 1pm – 3pm.
- Working with APD and Building Futures to assist two young gentleman that are homeless residing on the Mastick Bay Street platform. Also reached out to the Salvation Army.

Parks Maintenance

- Remodeled the outdoor kitchen at Harrison Center in Lincoln Park.
- Renovated all four infields at Krusi Park.
- Renovated the grass at Harrington Field.
- Added more wood chips to playground at Woodstock Playground

Recreation Services

- The Teen Career and Job Fair at Encinal High School was well attended and there were over 40 potential employers and internships available.
- Last weekend Alameda Youth Committee and teen program were involved on the Youth Sustainability Festival hosted at Harrison Center which was completely driven by the teens in Alameda to make a better future environmentally.
- Last week at Harrison Center the Spring Vacation Camp took place with 55 youth having fun on the week off from school.
- Splash into Spring Egg Scramble is this weekend April 13 at Crab Cove Visitor Center Area. The event is hosted by the Rotary Club, East Bay Regional Park District and ARPD. The event runs from 10 am to 11:45 am. Great day to get outside and enjoy the spring weather.
- Earth Day Festival is Saturday April 20th at Upper Washington Park. There will be a beach clean-up at Crown Memorial State Beach, over 40 vendors to discuss how to be greener in Alameda, games, food, petting zoo and more. Also this year there is the inaugural Earth Day Art Festival inside the Washington Recreation Center. The event runs from 10 am to 3 pm, come out and enjoy!