



## ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, January 14, 2021  
**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: (Teleconference via Zoom) Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioner Limoges and Commissioner Navarro

Excused Absence: Commissioner Barnes

Staff: (Teleconference via Zoom) Alameda Recreation and Park Department (ARPD) Director Amy Wooldridge

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alexander moved to accept the minutes of December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. M/S Commissioner Navarro / Vice Chair Robbins. All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

### WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Written Communication: none
- Oral Communication: none

**Chair Alexander announced the Report from the Recreation and Park Director will be moved to the end of the agenda.**

### REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Vice Chair Robbins: Will be helping the The Laney Tennis non profit group to work with Alameda High School to allow the group to use the tennis courts on the weekend as they contributed \$18,000.00 to Alameda High School to repave the courts and now has been told they cannot use the courts on the weekends. The East Bay Regional Park district is planning a public access of new parkland at the Robert Crown Beach and is asking for public comment and will also be on the Recreation and Park agenda for February. Attended the meeting with the Community Forum with the Confederated Villages of Lisjan to learn about the Chochenyo name which he found very enlightening.
- Chair Limoges: Tried to watch the presentation online but never came on. Went to the Townside Commons, by the Embarcadero, a different and interesting type of a Waterfront Park, encouraged Commissioners to see it.
- Commissioner Navarro: Her children and herself enjoyed the ARPD Virtual Santa visits over the holiday break. Encouraged Commissioner Robbins to contact USTA Norcal committee to help Laney Tennis with the Alameda High School tennis court situation.
- Chair Alexander: Watched the forum about the Ohlone and thought it was very emotional and moving. Attended meeting with Director Wooldridge and Vice Chair Robbins to finalize the renaming the park formerly known as Jackson Park presentation for City Council. Happy to see

people in the parks wearing masks and physical distancing.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

6-A Recommendation to Approve the City of Alameda Transportation Program Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Victoria Williams, Mastick Senior Center Resource Specialist Program Coordinator gave the presentation which included the 2020 Annual Paratransit Program survey, service overview, information about the Alameda Loop Shuttle, free AC Transit Bus passes, proposed programs, customer service and outreach, budget and the planning process. Gail Payne, City of Alameda Senior Transportation Coordinator was present to assist with answering questions.

Chair Alexander motioned to Approve the City of Alameda Transportation Program Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

M/S Chair Alexander / Vice Chair Robbins. All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote.

6-B Discuss Support for a Community Fundraising Effort for the Parcel 4 - Shoreline Trail Improvement Project

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report which included the history of Parcel 4, resident interest to obtain funding for improvements, the site plan and concept and existing conditions.

Speaker Patricia Lamborn, Alameda resident: Cares about the open space and wants to make the path seamless and safe. Asked for the Commissioners to support community fundraising to build the trail.

Speaker: Gary Thompson, Alameda resident and Homeowner Association Board of Director. Their families use that area a lot and it is a very active area. Parcel 4 is a rough path that needs to be completed to match the rest of the trail.

Written Public Comment. See Exhibit 1

Commissioner Navarro made a recommendation that the Recreation and Park Commission endorse the community efforts in support of the Parcel 4 - Shoreline Trail Completion Improvement Project.

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Limoges. All present in favor with 4 ayes via roll call vote

## **REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR**

ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. See Exhibit 2

## **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

- Presentation from EBRPD on parks in Alameda's status and development
- Alameda Swimming Pool Association Lease/Surplus Lands Act
- Climate Action & Resiliency Plan – Annual Report Presentation

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** February 11, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

M/S Commissioner Limoges / Commissioner Navarro

Motion carried by the following voice vote: All in favor with a 4 ayes via roll call vote.

Chair Alexander adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM

# RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

## AGENDA 1-14-2021

### Item 6-B

Discuss Support for a Community Fundraising Effort  
for the Parcel 4-Shoreline Trail Improvement Project

Public Comment

**From:** [T Krysiak](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] It's Time to Complete the Bay Trail...  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:55:33 AM

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Dear Alameda Recreation and Park Commissioner Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins,  
Commissioners Limoges, Barnes and Navarro. And Director Amy Wooldridge:

I recently read local articles about the Parcel 4 section of the Bay shoreline path that officially became City property in 2018.

Recall that this is a short but beautiful stretch along the Bay which many of your Alameda constituents enjoy. But the Parcel 4 walking path looks overgrown, neglected and the pavement is in need of maintenance and/or replacement.

The City needs to find the funds to complete and maintain this project especially now during the Covid pandemic when open recreational space is in such great demand.

Many of my fellow Harbor Bay residents are now aware of this opportunity and we seek the City's Parks and Recreation Commission help to fund and maintain this precious piece of land.

Let's strive to get this project done. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Tom Krysiak  
Sweet Road  
[4157132584](#)

**From:** [Edward Sing](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cmt on Item 6.b - Alameda Rec and Park Commission Mtg 1/14/2021  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:43:45 PM

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**Dear Alameda Recreation and Park Commissioner Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioners Limoges Barnes and Navarro and Director Wooldridge:**

This email is in support comments sent to you (see below) by Ms. Patricia Lamborn asking that you give your vote of support a proposed maintenance project of a short reach of the Shoreline Park/ San Francisco Bay Trail . This reach is located bayside of the property at 2350 Harbor Bay Parkway on Bay Farm Island where the trail has not been well maintained, posing a potential safety hazard to those who use it. This reach of the trail was recently the subject of an article in the Community of Harbor Bay Association's magazine, "The Gull's Call" ([The Gull's Call - Oct/Nov/Dec 2020](#)) pointing out the trail on either side of this reach have been fully developed and maintained.

As noted by Ms. Lamborn, your support in advancing this proposed project to the Alameda Friends of the Park Foundation, and with the Foundation's support, would lead to a community campaign of donations to complete maintenance of this reach.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Edward Sing  
Bay Farm Resident 24 years

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**Email sent by Ms. Patricia Lamborn for Jan 14, 2021 Meeting:**

Dear Alameda Recreation and Park Commissioner Chair Alexander, Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioners Limoges Barnes and Navarro and Director Wooldridge,

I am writing to ask that you support maintenance and improvement of a portion of Shoreline Park/San Francisco Bay Trail located near the physical address 2350 Harbor Bay Parkway. The City of Alameda took title to this Shoreline Park Parcel in Jan. 2019, dedicated to complete the trails that circle Harbor Bay Isle and provide pedestrian and bicycle access right on the Bay. This portion, labeled Parcel 4 - is flanked on either side by wide concrete paths that safely accommodate walkers and bikers. Unfortunately there is an abrupt break and on Parcel 4 there is a ragged narrow asphalt path, with deep furrows in the dirt alongside it.

A group of concerned residents requested that the City of Alameda take title to this dedicated portion of the Bay Trail years ago, and continue to support maintaining and respecting the importance of completing the S F Bay Trail here. That is also a goal in the Parks and Open Space Element of the 2040 Alameda General Plan. We ask that you give this maintenance project your vote of support in order to advance it to the Alameda Friends of the Park Foundation. If the foundation supports this project - our group can then advance a community campaign of donations to complete it.

We are not asking the Recreation and Park Commission to allocate monies at this time as we know there are many financial pressures on our City. However, we do believe there could be interest in financial support from the Harbor Bay Park Business and Residential Community. Hundreds of

business park employees and residents walk the path along the Bay. This portion is near a grassy section of Shoreline Pak where families and children gather and set off on their bicycles. Our goal is to support a safe and seamless completion on this public portion of our park system.

Attachment included

# Shoreline Park /San Francisco Bay Trail

Maintaining safety and public access on the Bay

The Missing Link





## **“The Missing Link” of Alameda Shoreline Park**

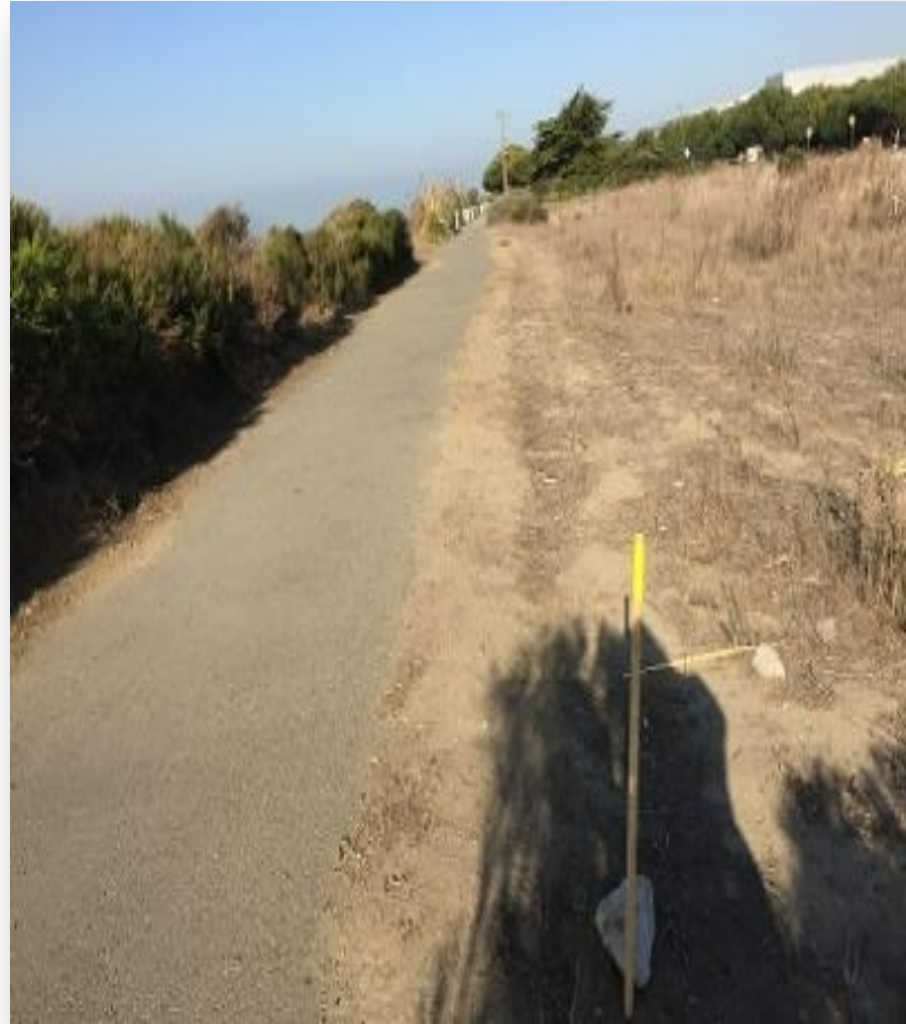
On Harbor Bay the San Francisco Bay Trail is incorporated into the Shoreline Park . Shoreline Park includes both grassy areas and paths for both pedestrians and bicyclists to safely access the views and fresh air. Hundreds of residents and Harbor Bay Business Park workers walk and bike these paths. During the pandemic use has greatly increased, which is vital to physical and mental health.

This photo shows a wide section of the Shoreline Park concrete path that ends abruptly, narrowing into a ragged, asphalt path.



## In need of Maintenance

This section, Parcel 4, was dedicated to our City by Harbor Bay Isle Associates to complete Shoreline Park. A group of concerned Alameda residents appealed to our City to take title which they did in Jan. 2019. We remain dedicated to maintaining safe and seamless public access to the San Francisco Bay Trail. It is clear bicyclists and pedestrians are trying to distance themselves, creating rutted dirt paths until the path reconnects with the wide concrete path at the other end.



We hope to fix this in collaboration with  
the Alameda Friends of the Parks Foundation



We believe residents of Alameda and business partners will support our City in raising funds to maintain the safety of the path here in accordance with the goals of our Alameda General Plan 2040 to complete and maintain the SF Bay Trail .



**We can do this !**

## **EXHIBIT 2**

### **01/14/2021 ARPD Director's Report**

#### **Presented by Recreation and Park Director Amy Wooldridge**

##### **Recreation Services**

- Starting coordination of summer programming. Anticipating similar framework as 2020 with COVID safety protocols and small cohorts. Will have a virtual activity guide in February.
- Working on a roll out of our new E-Sports program with virtual leagues and tournaments.
- Will be hiring a Recreation Assistant that was authorized for this fiscal year but delayed due to COVID. Now moving forward.
- Our aquatics programs are booming! We are providing programming nearly all day, seven days/week with swim lessons, lap swim, adult and youth community swim and water polo teams.

##### **Mastick Senior Center**

- Will start construction soon on the front entry improvements and bring it to current ADA standards.
- Recreation Manager, Jackie Krause, initiated and met with a group of Alameda County senior center managers/supervisors to discuss senior center programming and reopening. A very productive and helpful meeting that will continue.
- Virtual programs are continuing and popular. Mastick Senior Center is absolutely open virtually with a lot of online activity and many connections being made.
- Online activities for both the Leisure Club and Friends Connect, social groups for adults and teens with developmental disabilities. Have been partnering with the Kiwanis Club and Alameda Youth Committee.

##### **Park Maintenance**

- Have planted nearly 175 trees in parks with 74 of those on the west end, keeping an equity lens for lower income communities. Working with 100K trees to implement a monthly Volunteers in Parks tree planting and mulching program.
- Will be hiring a Parks Supervisor in the next week. Hired three Gardeners who started at the beginning of this year.
- The new Alameda Point Neighborhood Park is anticipated to open to the public in mid-February. Naming will be delayed as the City works through a revised Naming Policy and procedure.
- Installed two new athletic field lights at Leydecker Park.
- Large sections of the asphalt pathway at Lower Washington Park and parts of Upper Washington Park is being resurfaced this month also with an updated ADA ramp and parking.

##### **Administration / Projects**

- Public Arts Commission prioritized creation of Public Art Master Plan. This will include identifying locations in parks.
- Working to identify a new site for pickleball courts which have a huge amount of usage. Coming to the Commission in February.
- Working with Alameda Unified School District on a new Joint Use Agreement for the operation and maintenance of the two high school pools.

- Have been working closely with the City Attorney's office for many months on replacing the old easement documents for four pathways on Fernside and Eastshore and a view corridor easement at one pathway on Fernside. This will come to City Council for approval soon.
- City Council agenda items: Renaming Jackson Park to Chochenyo Park on 1/19/21 and feedback on the Naming Policy and Procedures on 2/2/21
- Shoreline Light Replacement project bid is within budget and going to City Council for approval in February.
- Alameda Point Gym Restroom bids were advertised this week.
- Grant applications: State Park Bond Per Capita Grant Application for Krusi Park Playground in FY 2021-22 (non-competitive guaranteed minimum). State Park Bond Grant - Final Round for Jean Sweeney Open Space Park West Side/Phase 3.