



## **ALAMEDA RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

**DATE:** Monday, May 16, 2022  
**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), Vice Chair Robbins, Commissioner Navarro and Commissioner Jones

Absent: Chair Alexander and Commissioner Nguyen

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Robbins moved to accept the minutes of April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented.  
M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Jones. All present in favor with 3 ayes via roll call vote.

### **WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** (For topics not on the agenda)

- Written Communication – Director Wooldridge read an email from Leslie Ooi regarding the tennis court lights at Leydecker Park. See Exhibit 1.
- Oral Communication - none

**REPORT FROM THE RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTOR** - ARPD Director Amy Wooldridge gave the report. See Exhibit 2.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Navarro: Visited Tillman Park and Godfrey Park said the upgrades and repairs look fantastic. Saw a glimpse of the Alameda Landing Waterfront Park's playground and said it looks great; her children are looking forward to playing on it when the park is open. Excited to hear the public's choice for park names at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Jones: Planning to volunteer to help ARPD with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Visited Krusi Park for a softball playoff and said the backstops on field 1 and 2 need to be repaired.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Happy to hear more shade structures are going up in parks and will be included in the new park plans. Gave accolades the ARPD staff for the successful Spring Shindig event as it was a lot of fun.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **6-A Solar Walk panel and cost review and approval**

Ryan Liu, Eagle Scout Troop 2 gave presentation which included the trail layout and each planet's sign with the general information and fun facts. Fundraising for the project has been through Go Fund Me

and Community outreach. The total estimated project cost is \$5,700. Ryan has presently has raised \$3,000. The installation work will be done by troop members and Ryan's father who is a structural engineer.

**Public Comments** – none

### **Commissioner Comments**

- Commissioner Jones: What are the stands and signs made of? Answer by Ryan Liu: Both sign and post are made of aluminum.
- Commissioner Navarro: Great project. Asked if there could be a marker on each sign showing the distance in miles between signs. Answer by Director Wooldridge: It is a possibility to stencil the mileage on each sign.
- Vice Chair Robbins: Project looks fantastic. Asked what the inspiration for the project was. Answer by Ryan Liu: Inspired by a similar project at a park in Utah and his passion of the outdoors as he hopes it would get a few more people outdoors.

### **6-A Motion**

Commissioner Navarro motioned to approve the plan as submitted.

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Jones.

All present in favor with 3 ayes via roll call vote.

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Dog Park, Park names in June and Commissioner tour of the parks in July.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 9, 2022 - Regular RPC Meeting

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn

M/S Commissioner Navarro / Commissioner Jones.

Motion carried by the following voice vote: All in favor with a 3 ayes via roll call vote.

Vice Chair Robbins adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

**From:** [Matt Nowlen](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: Leydecker tennis court light time adjustment  
**Date:** Monday, May 2, 2022 2:02:19 PM

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Amy please see attached for next Recreation commison.

Thanks  
Matt

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**From:** Leslie Ooi <leslieooienglee@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2022, 12:29 PM  
**To:** Matt Nowlen <MNowlen@alamedaca.gov>  
**Cc:** Eric Vlnar <evlnar@alamedaca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Leydecker tennis court light time adjustment

Hello Matt,

Here's the message for the Recreation commission. Thanks.

To the Alameda Recreation Commission,  
We had been enjoying the health benefits of being able to play tennis in the night hours at Leydecker Park until 10.40. This allows for a few parents and older folks to enjoy their favorite exercise sport, as this is the only hour that is workable for some working people.  
Recently the shut off time for the lights have been reduced to 10 p.m. This severely cuts our time on the court, and we are asking that the time be brought back to what it used to be, which is 10.40 p.m.  
The lights are on auto off, and therefore are not a waste of electrical use when no one is using the court. Also, there is no observed public disturbance brought on by the courts being on till 10.40. p.m.  
We hope that this request can be answered, as it is definitely a good health benefit for the residents who utilize the courts at this time.  
Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best,  
Leslie Ooi

**05/16/2022 ARPD Director's Report**

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

**Recreation Services**

- Registration for the next school year (2022-23) is available soon:
  - a. Recreation After School Program (RAP) on June 22 at 10:00am
  - b. Tiny Tots on July 6
- Still in need of more people to apply as Recreation Leaders. We have been doing significant outreach at the high schools and elsewhere. We have an ongoing staffing issue in after school and need more staff for summer programs.
- Registration is open for the Fourth of July Parade entries. We are also seeking volunteers to be drivers for the VIPs, particularly convertibles.
- Adult basketball league starting this summer
- This is the 70<sup>th</sup> year of our free Summer Park Baseball League (T-Shirt League), sponsored by Alameda Elk's Lodge #1015, available for all kids who have completed Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Castle and Sand Sculpture Contest will take place on Saturday, June 11 at Robert Crown Memorial State Beach Park. Registration begins at 9 am and last until 11 am. Building will take place from 9 to 12 Noon and judging will take place between 12 and 1 pm. There are three divisions in each category: Under 12, 13 & over, and Family.
- We are dealing with issues at the O'Club due to both old pipes and security problems. Working on solutions.

**Mastick Senior Center**

- The Mastick Organic Garden irrigation replacement project was completed on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We are committed to planting fruits, vegetables, and herbs in the next few weeks.
- Mastick Senior Center is continuing to see growth in the following groups: Creative Writing, Hula, Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, Zumba, and Table Tennis.
- On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Mastick collaborated with Seaplane Lagoon Kayaking Tours to offer 10 of our members a wonderful experience on the water.
- The AARP tax program began on January 27 and ended on April 26, 2022. The AARP volunteers logged 1,303 hours and assisted 491 taxpayers with the free tax preparation service.
- SPARKL reusable containers: The reusable container program started on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 with the purpose of reducing waste and implementing a sustainable zero waste culture at Mastick Senior Center. We hand out 40 containers a day and we have a successful return rate of 100% containers daily. Our dine-in service has increased from 8 to 12 people daily.
- On May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, The Alameda Community Band utilized the Social Hall for a friend and family performance. 70 people attended the event.
- Mercy Brown Bag continues to distribute food bags on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month at Mastick Senior Center. The program is currently averaging 45 people every two weeks.
- On Tuesday, June 7, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Alameda will be distributing free food to all Mastick Center visitors. There will be pasta, along with cans of soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna, chicken, and an assortment of other items free for the taking. The food will be available at tables under the awning in the parking lot.

**Park Maintenance**

- Converted the sand at the Tillman Park playground to wood chips which is ADA accessible and an improvement to sanitation and public health

- Placed logs from the two downed oak trees throughout Lincoln Park
- Re-installed the merry-go-round at Franklin Park
- Held a volunteer tree planting at Tillman Park and planted 20 trees
- We have hired three new full-time Gardeners
- Continuing to improve sports field maintenance such as pitching mounds, aeration, top dressing, and re-seeding
- We installed three picnic tables at Bayport Park with a shade structure to follow. Benches were installed inside the playground fenced area.
- Godfrey Recreation Center renovation is now complete and open to the public

### **Administration / Projects**

- Co-sponsored the Alameda Unified School District End of Year BBQ for Families of Color on Sun, May 15 at Washington Park. Many thanks also to Fire Chief Luby and firefighters who took care of doing the BBQ and handing out food.
- Update on Recreation Facilities approved project list:
  - Starting resurfacing project soon and will do Lincoln Park pickleball courts first.
  - Starting design work for shade structures, such as at the Sweeney Park sand area, with a goal toward developing a standard that can easily be permitted and adapted to different park areas.
- At the FY 22-23 Budget Workshop, City Council approved all recommended ARPD budget items including \$250,000 for asphalt pathway paving in parks and adding the Recreation Services Manager. Final approval is at a June City Council meeting.
- City Council also directed staff to identify \$7.5 million to fund 50% of the Alameda High School (Emma Hood) Swim Center renovation and include it in the final budget presented to City Council in June. Staff is also working with Alameda Unified School District staff on the Joint Use Agreement for operation and maintenance of both Alameda and Encinal High School swim centers. High level points regarding the AHS renovation will be included in this agreement. Anticipate bringing it to City Council in June or July.