

**MINUTES
ALAMEDA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**Thursday, February 3, 2004
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved April 7, 2005)**

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Commissioner McMillan, Vice Chair.

Commissioners Present:

Annalee Allen
Marie Cronin
James Loughran
David Sadoff
Julie Machado
Harry Francis
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
Annalee Allen
MaryAnn McMillan
Dennis Waespi

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed
Maryalice Faltings
Abe Friedman
Stephen Sanger

Guests:

Jana Beatty, AC Planner
Colin Busby, Basin Research
Vern Beggs
Jason Chafin, Lamphier-Gregory

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche
Nilma Singh

II. APPROVAL of January 6th MINUTES – Minutes were not available.

III. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None.

IV. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE – A folder of newsletters and other mailings from various government agencies and private organizations will be circulated for the Commission’s review. Commissioners may bring up any information item of interest to the Commission. No action may be taken on these items.

V. STAFF REPORT(S): 341 Killcare Road, Sunol – Staff indicated that she would either email or mail the missing Page 2 and photographs of the existing and proposed dwelling unit will be included in the next package. Upon process of an environmental review work, staff planner, Rodrigo Orduna, will present the project to the Commission.

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Waterfront Action – Commissioner Allen thought that the Commission should be aware of Sandra Threlfall, Executive Director’s work and will forward her phone number and email address to staff, to be forwarded to the Commission. Perhaps this Commission could be added on their site. She will keep the Commission posted on City of Oakland’s Horace Carpenter Dinner scheduled for this year.

B. 341 Kilkare Road, Sunol - Site Development Review application to allow demolition of an existing house listed on the National Register (#85001327) and construction of a new single family dwelling. Pending until further action by developer.

C. Boundary Creek Development – Staff introduced Jana Beatty, Project Planner, Colin Busby, Project Archeologist; Jason Chafin, EIR Consultant, Lamphier-Gregory; and Verne Beggs, a Castro Valley resident.

Ms. Beatty presented the staff report. Much concern has been raised on the possibility of historical artifacts on the property, a result of which, Mr. Busby has been hired to work on this aspect. Although a referral was forwarded to American Heritage, no response has been received to-date. Commissioner Sadoff said he was concerned with the lateness of this referral and Commissioner Machado pointed out that per George Miller's report, archeological finds have been made on site.

Mr. Busby provided a history on site testing, noting that the site map in Miller's report, does not include the subject property and, so far, no artifacts have been found other than old trees. Caltrans destroyed much of the area but mortars remain. A discussion followed regarding the location of bedrock mortars, 'midden' and 'culturally affected soil'.

Verne Beggs, a Castro Valley resident, felt that the site should be protected as the project will have a severe impact. There were artifacts on both sides although a lot had been destroyed when the orchards were put in. Per Michael Kearny, who made the first survey, there were activities on both sides. He distributed copies of 'sensitive' maps, his written testimony and three photographs of bedrock mortars taken at the ALA-60 site. There is a lot of opposition for this project. His concerns included lack of notification to the Sonoma State of high sensitivity by the County; this area should have been designated as Greenbelt Area with Oak trees and one of the most significant sites in Alameda County; the 3:1 tree replacement will be of different species resulting in the loss of the canopy and habitat of endangered species. There is a need to protect the area, not only for the boulders but also for the ecosystem. Mr. Beggs announced that site visits could be made next Monday and extended the invitation to the Commission.

Ms. Beatty clarified that the project will re-designed to save the trees. Commissioner Machado recommended that a report be prepared by a historical arborist. Commissioner Sadoff requested clarification on the setback requirements and a timeline. Ms. Beatty said the matter will be heard by Planning Commission on February 22nd followed by the Board of Supervisors on March 3rd. Commissioner Machado made a motion that any action on this matter be delayed since additional information is needed including the final archeological and heritage tree reports. Commissioner Francis seconded the motion. After further Commission discussion, Commissioner Machado amended her motion to include final archeological report, report of heritage aspect of trees, up-dated tract map, Final EIR, a definitive definition of the creek, its contour line and Corbetts's findings. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Sadoff asked why Caltrans has to mitigate the adverse impacts of the project. He also made a motion that since this Commission was consulted late in the project, the Commission would like to request that Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors postpone their decision until this Commission has had an opportunity to review the project. Commissioner Waespi seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – All old business will include information, discussion and/or action by the Commission.

A. 16438 and 16450 Kent Avenue, Kent Gardens Senior Housing Project – Staff announced that Planning Commissioner heard this matter on January 18 and viewed the one-

tenth of one percent mitigation fee as an impact fee which should be waived. Chair re-iterated the intent of the fee as acceptable mitigation per CEQA.

B. Drawbridge – Continued to March 3, 2005 meeting.

C. 278 Hampton Road, unincorporated Cherryland area in Hayward – Staff announced that she had discussed the situation with Tona Henninger, Code Enforcement Manager and any Commissioner could also call her.

D. Cedar Grove Church, 2060 S. Livermore Avenue – No report. Waiting for EIR to be released.

E. Historical Review, 5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley – Staff announced that the project may be dropped.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS –

A. Fairmont Hospital/White Cotton Cottage – No report.

B. Advisory Committee to Investigate Options for funding Protection of Agricultural and Open Space Lands in Alameda County – Staff announced that Vision 2010 provided an excellent presentation at the last meeting. The Subcommittee will telephone 800 citizens and the results will be presented at the February 22nd meeting. Commissioner Cronin added that three informative articles were printed in Valley Times.

C. Street/Building Naming or Changing – No Report.

D. Proposition 12 Funding Re-allocation – Staff indicated that she would work with Commissioner Sanger and report at the next meeting.

E. County Preservation Ordinance Development – Staff reported that two pre-bid meetings were conducted; one in Hayward and the second in Oakland. The proposals are due on February 22nd. The subcommittee will be asked to interview the applicants within 10 days of closing date. Applicants will need to meet the county SLEB requirements which will be difficult.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

A. District 1 – No report.

B. District 2 – Commissioner Francis, in respect to the Castro Valley skateboard park, said that the project was moving forward as drawings were now available. The next step was funding. Eric Willyerd will be available next month to provide an up-date on Centennial and Cannery Parks.

C. District 3 – No report.

D. District 4 – Commissioner Allen stated that the site visit to Fox Theater did not work out but will continue to try for another date in the future. City of Oakland for Black History Month will be conducting Downtown walking tours on Saturday.

Commissioner Sadoff submitted a copy of a Daily Review newspaper article on Livermore's sycamore trees.

Commissioner Waespi reported that Castro Valley Forum is running a historical review of the Castro Valley area and Castro Valley Sanitary District celebrated its ...?....birthday.

- E. District 5** – Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson provided an up-date on the rehabilitation of the old Central Station adding that the project is being held up. If the Commission was interested, she could set up a field trip. She also asked if the Commission could write a letter in support. The Commission agreed on a field trip for March meeting.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Machado seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.