

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

SPECIAL MEETING

(Approved June 1, 2006)

**Monday, February 27, 2006
224 W. Winton Avenue
Public Hearing Room
Hayward, CA 94544**

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

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

Commissioners Present:

Marie Cronin
James Loughran
David Sadoff
Julie Machado
Harry Francis
Dennis Waespi
David Tam
David Furst

Commissioners Excused:

Annalee Allen
Mary Ann McMillan
Stephen Sanger

Staff Present:

Cindy Horvath
Nilma Singh
Chris Bazar
Alex Amoroso

II. PROPOSITION 12/40 FUNDING EXCHANGE DISCUSSION –

Staff presented background information on the history of Prop. 12 funding, and explained the need for an exchange of fund sources in order to keep the money for use within unincorporated Alameda County. Staff reported that there are three projects that have surfaced during the efforts to find viable projects to replace the original Brown House project. The projects' sponsors were present to discuss their specific projects and funding requests. Clarifying questions were asked by the Commissioners. Following the discussion on staff's report, presentations were made by each of the agencies proposing projects.

Larry Lepore, Superintendent of Hayward Area Recreation District (H.A.R.D.) presented information on the Meek Estate. This project is for the redesign of the existing Meek Estate to create a community use facility. Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding the programs to be held at the project site, size of buildings, and if there would be local Historical Society involvement. Further

questions were asked regarding the amount of past allocations of funds to H.A.R.D. from Prop. 12 and Prop. 40 funds.

Tim Barry, General Manager of Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), presented information on their trail “gap closure” project in unincorporated Livermore area. They are requesting \$90,000 for this project.

Commissioner Tam arrived at 4:30PM

Vince Horpel of “Row Chabot” presented information on their project. Essentially, the funds would be used to fund a rowing program that would target youth, and provide a recreational opportunity that would benefit a large area, including unincorporated county. Debby DeAngelis, who is a Board member of Row Chabot, also discussed the project’s benefits and requirements. Project sponsors requested \$100,000 for this project.

After discussion by Commissioners, Commissioner Sadoff called for a motion on the exchange of Prop 12 Funds for Prop 40 Funds. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion ensued regarding who would actually administer the funds (the County, or the agencies awarded the funds). Staff provided clarifying information.

A motion was made, and seconded by Commissioner Sadoff, to exchange Prop.12 funding for Prop 40 funding. The Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

iii. **RE-DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSITION 40 FUNDS –**

Commissioner Sadoff asked for discussion on the issue of redistributing the funds between the projects that were presented today. Discussion ensued among the Commissioners who proposed a variety of funding allocations between the projects. Public testimony was called for, and the following people participated: Chris Grey, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Haggerty, a resident from San Lorenzo, a representative from Assemblymember Johan Klehs’ office, and Bob Swanson from Supervisor Miley’s office. Project sponsors answered questions and discussion ensued on how to split the funds among the three projects.

Commissioner Machado made a motion to recommend the following funding split: \$120,000 to HARD for the Meek Estate, \$100,000 to Row Chabot, and \$55,000 to LARPD.

After discussion on the motion, on roll call vote, the results were: 3 ayes, 4 nos, and 1 recusal.

Commissioner Furst explained that he would recuse himself from voting because he sits on the LARPD Board. Commissioner Sadoff asked staff if Commissioner Furst could abstain from voting rather than recusing himself, and if that would affect the quorum needed to vote. Staff explained that county counsel was consulted on this issue, who said that a recusal would be prudent by any member who was involved in any of the agencies that were proposing projects. The Commission By-laws did not address this voting issue. A recusal in this case would mean that there were less than eight members voting, thus a quorum would not be achieved, and a formal vote could not take place. Staff recommended seeking further clarification from County Counsel on the issue of recusal vs. abstaining from a vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tam, and seconded, to recommend dividing the funds in the following manner: \$100,000 to HARD for the Meek Estate, \$100,000 to Row Chabot, and \$75,000 to LARPD. On a roll call vote, the results were: Ayes 6, Nos 1, and 1 recusal/abstention.

IV. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public spoke during the previous Item, and none spoke during this Open Forum.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.