

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

**Thursday, March 3, 2005
(Approved April 7, 2005)**

1. FIELD TRIP – CLOSED SESSION (Time: 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.)

The Commissioners met at Wood Street development project site, between 16th and 17th Street, West Oakland. Mr. Andrew Levenstein led the tour of the grounds and interior of the main passenger hall. Commissioner Allen motioned that staff prepare a letter to the City of Oakland's City Council stating the Commission's support of the renovation plans for the train station and to urge the developers to pursue historic tax credits for the project. Discussion ensued about including the developer to pursue historic tax breaks into the letter. Commissioners agreed to remove discussion regarding the historic tax credits. Commissioner Allen revised original motion to eliminate the tax credits. McMillan seconded the amended motion. Motion unanimously passed.

REGULAR MEETING

March 3, 2005

Time: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Location: West Oakland Senior Center

1724 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA

238-7016

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Chair Friedman.

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed
Maryalice Faltings

Guests:

Jana Beatty, AC Planner
Colin Busby, Basin Research
Jason Chafin, Lamphier-Gregory
Eric Willyerd, HARD

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche
Nilma Singh

II. APPROVAL of JANUARY 6 and FEBRUARY 3 Minutes – Approval of Minutes was continued to the next meeting, April 7, 2005.

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): No report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Cannery and Centennial Park Development Plan – Mr. Willyerd, HARD General Manager, distributed and discussed the Cannery Burbank School and the Centennial Park Plans. HARD was working with the School District regarding the Cannery School Plan. The Centennial Park Plan was the more controversial plan and Mr. Willyerd discussed the four versions of the Plan in detail. A community meeting to review the four options has been scheduled for March 18, 2005. Commissioner Machado said her concern was the reduced park area with more residents. She asked if the house on the north was considered historically significant. Mr. Willyerd said it was not confirmed but thought that it was to be included in the storage plan area. Commissioner Francis said he was concerned with parking. Mr. Willyerd said that they were only in the early stages of the proposal but perhaps after 2-3 meetings, will be able to provide a parking plan. The Chair asked for a timeline. Mr. Willyerd replied that numerous public hearings will be scheduled before a decision is made. The Chair recommended that he contact staff to bring this matter before the Commission again in two months.

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

A. Boundary Creek Development – Staff introduced Jana Beatty, Project Planner; Colin Busby, Project Archeologist; and Jason Chafin, EIR Consultant, Lamphier-Gregory.

Ms. Beatty presented the staff report adding that the Commission’s comments will be forwarded to the Planning Commission on March 7th. A discussion opened on the Blue Gum trees. Mr. Busby pointed out that no stumps were found in alignment that would indicate this was part of the Stratton tract. Commissioner McMillan said she was concerned with the removal of the 100-year large Blue Gum tree for the construction of the bridge. It needs to be kept as it supports the creekbank. Mr. Chafin replied that the EIR does recommend removal but noted that there was no mechanism to retain it. Staff added that the Tree Ordinance only applies to trees within the county right-of-ways.

Commissioner Sadoff said his concern was indirect impacts. Upon completion of the project, the artifacts would be destroyed and no mitigation measures have been recommended. He stated that perhaps high waters have hidden the mortars. Mr. Chafin pointed out that the creek maintenance will be the responsibility of the HOA and based on comments received at the December 20th meeting, mitigation measures have been recommended. No construction will occur in the creek area. Mr. Busby added that he had made three site visits during which no mortars were found on the property. Commissioner Machado made a motion that archeologist be present on site at all times during ground activities (in writing), the dwellings setback from the creek, ALA60 site be developed as an educational archeological site and retention of the 100-year Blue Gum tree. Motion carried 9/3 with Commissioners Francis, Loughran and the Chair voting no.

- B. **Drawbridge** – Continued to April meeting.
- C. **278 Hampton Road, unincorporated Cherryland area in Hayward** –No report.
- D. **Cedar Grove Church, 2060 S. Livermore Avenue** – No report.
- E. **Historical Review, 5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley** – No action on development application.
- F. **Niles Canyon Scenic Corridor** – Staff reported that the Protection Plan for Niles Canyon Road and Paloma Way was approved by the Board of Supervisor’s this morning. Staff will now send the document to Caltrans for review and adoption.

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 the next meeting is scheduled for March 7th where the consultants will present the results from the polling survey.
- C. **County Preservation Ordinance Development** – Continued to the next meeting
- D. **Proposition 12 Funding Re-allocation** – Commissioner Friedman recognized Mr. Alan Sterling, AFLICO, who wanted to speak on the Brown House issue. He explained to Mr. Sterling the current situation. Since it is an exhibit, no money was needed for restoration. The Chair asked him to provide his information (contact number, etc) to staff and for staff to agendize this matter for further discussion at a later time. Commissioner Sanger felt that the Commission should look at Prop 12 and Commissioner Allen requested names of a few successful projects under Prop 12. The Chair suggested that the sub-committee provide a list of projects for discussion at the next meeting. Commissioner Allen requested to be a member of the sub-committee.
- E. **Street/Building Naming or Changing** – No Report.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

- A. **District 1:** No report.
 - B. **District 2:** No report.
 - C. **District 3:** No report.
 - D. **District 4:** No report.
 - E. **District 5** - The Chair announced that the Planning Commission did not approve the mitigation fee as recommended by the Commission and the Board of Supervisors has requested more specificity.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Waespi thanked the Senior Center for their facility. There being no other business, meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.