

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

**Thursday, April 6, 2006  
Alameda County Public Hearing Room,  
224 W. Winton Avenue, Hayward, CA  
(Approved June 1, 2006)**

**I. Call to Order – Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Commissioner Sadoff, Chair.

Commissioners Present:

Annalee Allen  
Marie Cronin  
James Loughran  
David Sadoff  
Julie Machado  
David Furst  
David Tam  
Dennis Waespi  
MaryAnn McMillan

Commissioners Excused:

Stephen Sanger  
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson  
Harry Francis

Commissioners Absent

Abe Friedman  
Cecilia Weed

Staff Present:

Alex Amoroso  
Cindy Horvath  
Nilma Singh

Guests

Bill Sugaya  
Katelyn Harvey  
Rena Rickles

**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.

**II. APPROVAL of February 2, February 27 and March 2 Minutes** – Approval of Minutes were continued to the next meeting, May 4, 2006 due to the lack of a quorum.

**III. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**IV. CHAIR and STAFF REPORT(S):**

**A. CHAIR REPORT** – The Chair recommended a subcommittee to review the By-Laws especially related to attendance and location, and requested agendaizing the matter for the next meeting.

**B. STAFF REPORT** – Mr. Amoroso, in reference to the Alcorn property noted that a signed copy of the comments from the subcommittee and the discussion of the last Commission meeting have been forwarded to the consultants for inclusion in the FEIR. There have been on-going discussions on the EBRPD property for a park and similar discussions on the possibility of a park on the Alcorn property.

Ms. Horvath explained the meeting schedule for the evening: an hour of the regular meeting followed by the workshop. She also requested a change in the agenda order, New Business be discussed first followed by Old Business.

**V. OLD BUSINESS -**

**A. Historic Survey and Preservation Ordinance** – Bill Sugaya and Katlyn Harvey, Carey & Company, introduced themselves. Mr. Sugaya distributed and discussed his powerpoint presentation. Ms. Harvey stated that she is an architectural historian and further provided an up-date on the field work/survey completed. Historical areas and structures have been notified and data compilation is in progress. Mr. Amoroso added that the survey area is limited to Castro Valley, Canyon lands, Hillcrest Knolls, Fairmont, Fairview, Hayward Acres and El Portal Ridge. A sub-consultant has been hired to write the Ordinance.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. The ARKS** – Mr. Amoroso pointed out that a copy of draft letter prepared by staff had been included in the package for your consideration and modifications, if any.

Rena Rickles, representing one of the Ark owners, Rod Penebaker, thanked staff and the Commission for their support. The only new information not included in her letter was her conversation with Claudia Cappio, Director of Planning, City of Oakland. At her recommendation, she had confirmed with the planner working with Measure D funding, that there would be no impediment to the Shoreline Trails by the preservation of the Arks. A discussion followed regarding the year the Arks were built, Jack London's involvement and the historical significance/survey. Commissioner Allen stated that she was not comfortable with the reference to Mr. London and the Chair requested confirmation on the year the Arks were built, perhaps through aerial photographs. Ms. Rickles agreed that any reference to Mr. London could be deleted. Commissioner Waespi made the motion in support of the letter with deletion of the reference to Jack London and Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Rickles agreed to provide staff with the historical criteria and a list of organizations that should receive a copy of the support letter. Mr. Amoroso added that additional comments/modifications could be submitted within this week and the letter will be ready for distribution by Monday.

**VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – None.**

**VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –**

**A. District 1** – Although Commissioner Cronin indicated that she had no up-date, she submitted a report on George Alcorn as part of the California Agricultural Extension Service.

**B. District 2** – Commissioner McMillan reported that the Board of Supervisors today approved the Olson Company project on Bockman Road and announced that a tour of the Hayward Fault is scheduled for this Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 pm by a professor at the Geology Department at Cal State University.

Commissioner Machado submitted the newspaper article for the 6 pm workshop. Commissioner McMillan and her comments have been included.

**C. District 3** – No report.

**D. District 4** – Commissioner Allen stated that the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Terminal project is in progress. The main concerns are open space and affordable housing. The Planning Commission voted to certify the EIR and an appeal has been filed. She will keep the Commission up-dated on both this and the train station project.

**E. District 5** – No report.

**X. ADMINISTRATIVE**

**A.** Agenda items for May 4, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Machado requested that 278 Hampton Road be agendized if a new EIR consultant has been hired and/or new information is available.

**XI. AGENDA PENDING FILE:** These items are pending further action and will be placed on a future agenda when project information becomes available.

- A. Historical Review, 5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley** – No report.
- B. Highland Hospital Acute Tower Replacement Project** – EIR consultant is being hired.
- C. 278 Hampton Road** – Environmental consultant hired and started.
- D. Fairmont Hospital/White Cotton Cottage** – No report.
- E. 16918 and 16921 through 16941 Harvard Avenue, Cherryland area, ZU-2219 and ZU-2220** – Environmental work not yet started.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Tam seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm to Preservation Ordinance Public Workshop beginning at 6:00 p.m.