

MINUTES
ALAMEDA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

Thursday, May 5, 2005
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved June 2, 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
Abe Friedman
James Loughran
David Sadoff
Julie Machado
Harry Francis
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
Stephen Sanger
MaryAnn McMillan
Dennis Waespi

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed
Maryalice Faltings
Marie Cronin
David Tam

Guests:

Art Carrera, Principal Civil Engineer, PWA
Leah Haygood, Streetscape Project Consultant

Staff Present:

Cindy Horvath
Nilma Singh

II. APPROVAL of April 4th MINUTES – Commissioner Sadoff provided the name of staff he had met at Don Edwards headquarters. The Commission voted unanimously for the approval of the April 4th Minutes with the above correction.

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. No folder was circulated.

V. STAFF REPORT(S): None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Lewelling Boulevard Streetscape Project – Art Carrera, Principal Civil Engineer, Alameda County Public Works Agency, will discuss the conceptual design for the streetscape project for Lewelling Boulevard, collaboration with other county agencies, and potential funding using the Proposition 12 allocation.

Staff introduced Art Carrera, Principal Civil Engineer, Public Works Agency, who gave a brief introduction on the streetscape project and introduced Leah Haygood, Project Consultant.

Ms. Haygood stated that the historic theme is a result of three community meetings. Her power-point presentation showed slides of the present and future possible streetscape for Phase I of the Lewelling Boulevard project (the portion between Hesperian Boulevard and Meekland Avenue which was Phase I), slides of downtown Walnut Creek; lighting and bench designs, and tree types. Commissioner Francis thought that this was more a redevelopment project than historical preservation. The Chair agreed. Commissioner McMillan suggested that the money could be used for San Lorenzo Cemetery instead.

The Chair recommended that this matter be included in the Prop 12 future discussion.

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

A. Wood Street Development – Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson provided a summary of the May 3rd meeting. The decision to save the train station was unanimous but Ron Dellums was against the proposal. It was also decided to allow two years for opposing parties to develop the property otherwise to allow the developers to proceed with their proposal.

B. Boundary Creek Development – Commissioner Machado distributed draft copies of the letter from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors requesting that the Board consider this Commission's recommendations, or direct Planning Commission to reconsider the recommendations before the Board hearing. Commissioner Sadoff suggested that the second paragraph reflect that this Commission should have been notified when the draft EIR had been made available for public review. Commissioner Loughran made the motion to forward the letter to the BOS with the above recommendation and Commissioner Sadoff seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Chair indicated that he would deliver the letter to the Board and any interested Commissioners could attend the hearing also. Commissioner Allen requested that a copy of the final letter be included in the Commission's next package.

C. 341 Kilkare Road – A discussion followed on a future field trip and the Commission agreed on a field trip for the June meeting. Commissioner Waespi asked for the possibility of including a visit to the water temple.

C. 278 Hampton Road, unincorporated Cherryland area in Hayward – Staff will update. Ms. Horvath noted Ms. Asche's up-date in her memo dated April 28th which was included in the Commission package. Ms. Henninger will provide an up-date for the next meeting.

D. Cedar Grove Church, 2060 S. Livermore Avenue – No report.

E. Historical Review, 5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley – No report.

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 – No report.

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

D. Proposition 12 Funding Re-allocation – Commissioner Sanger requested one month continuance for the subcommittee to meet and provide a list of project possibilities to the Commission. Commissioner Loughran reminded the commission that at the last meeting, it was decided that Commissioners would discuss the matter with their Supervisors for options. A discussion followed on different possible projects. Commissioner Waespi felt that the Commission should select a project and not the Supervisors. Commissioner Sanger reminded the Commission that an environmental review work is one requirement for Prop 12 Funding and any project allocation will be highly scrutinized. The Chair requested that all project options be submitted to the Subcommittee and to itemize the matter for the next meeting.

E. County Preservation Ordinance Development – Staff noted the up-date in Ms. Asche’s memo. Carey & Company has been hired. The Chair requested copies of RFP be included in next month’s package for review and suggestions and Commissioner Allen requested that the consultants attend the next meeting.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

A. District 1 – No report.

B. District 2 – Commissioner Francis reported that per Mr. Wilyerd of HARD, Centennial Park Development Plan will not be moving forward but only the Cannery Park plan. He announced that the Skywest Golf Course will have a new club house.

Commissioner McMillan announced that San Lorenzo Heritage Society is having a fundraiser, a self-guided tour of San Lorenzo Area Historic House, Sunday, May 22, 12:00 – 4:00 P.M. and distributed a brochure/registration form and a map.

Commissioner Machado announced that Hayward Arts Council is having an Open Studio Art Show and Sale, on Saturday and Sunday, May 14-15, 11 am – 5 pm at the Historic Linekin Building. Hayward Historical Society is having their annual gala on Friday, May 13th.

C. District 3 – No report.

D. District 4 – Commissioner Allen announced the following: the postcard book on Oakland, will be available in Fall; Alameda County Historical Society Banquet will be held on May 28th at Silver Dragon Restaurant with a presentation by the author of Chinatown; the Second Annual Horace Carpentier Dinner is scheduled for May 26th; May is Preservation Month; City of Oakland is having a open house on five houses on May 15th which will include the Peralta Hacienda Historical House and there will be a presentation at Oakland City Hall on May 23rd, on affordable housing and other issues. She asked if the new Commissioner that is representing Berkeley would be available to attend, as it would be beneficial to have a representative from both Berkeley and Alameda.

Commissioner Sadoff reported that he is now a member of the newly formed Castro Valley Preservation Society. In reference to the Housing Element Emergency Housing issue, the Miniature Golf Course has been identified as a possible site.

Commissioner Waespi introduced a 1934 photograph of Castro Valley Elementary School.

- E.** **District 5** – Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson announced that another grant has been submitted for \$1 million for the Raymundo Park project. She was also working on another park project at the rear of the BART station. She also reported that under the 7th Street streetscape project, some of the old buildings will be preserved.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Machado seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.