

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

**Thursday, September 1, 2005
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved October 6, 2005)**

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Commissioner McMillan.

Commissioners Present:

Annalee Allen
Marie Cronin
James Loughran
David Sadoff
Julie Machado
Harry Francis
Abe Friedman
Maryalice Faltings
MaryAnn McMillan
Dennis Waespi
Stephen Sanger
David Tam

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson

Guests:

Carl Zabel, HARD
Jana Beatty, Senior Planner

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche
Nilma Singh

- II. APPROVAL of JULY 7 AND AUGUST 4 MINUTES** – In reference to July 7th Minutes, Commissioners Sanger and Waespi said that although they had been in attendance, their names were not listed under ‘Commissioners Present’ and Commissioner Faltings said that although excused, she was not listed either. Commissioner Sadoff provided a clarification/correction to the eighth paragraph, last sentence on Page 2, which should read, “...land was not available due to the fact that the landowners would not entertain proposals from the Castro Valley Preservation Society. He also pointed out that he should be listed under District 4 (appointed by Supervisor Miley) and not 5 as reflected under the Commissioner Reports. Commissioner Allen requested that the word ‘Rehab’ be added after Fox Theater under District reports and Commissioner Machado recommended that the 6th paragraph, second sentence on Page 3 be clarified. She had stated that the home as well as the work place could and would be significant for anyone noteworthy in their professional capacity. The July 7th Minutes was approved unanimously with the above corrections.

In reference to August 4th Minutes, Commissioner Faltings, under District 1 report, corrected the spelling of Holdener Park and Lou Lawson. Commissioner Tam, under District 5 provided the following correction/clarification to his report: “...discussed the 1947 political movie, Thieves’ Highway, starring Richard Conte, ...” and the passing of Mark Weinberger, who had worked on wildlife habitat/open fees from the Altamont landfill. Commissioner Machado provided the correct spelling of Mr. Fenton’s name. Commissioner Faltings made the motion to approve the August 4th Minutes with the above modifications and Commissioner Allen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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 reports.

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

- A. Delco/Alcorn Property, 4653 Malabar Avenue, Castro Valley** – DEIR being prepared.
- B. 341 Kilkare Road** – No report. DEIR not initiated to date. Field trip will occur at a later date.
- C. Cedar Grove Church, 2060 S. Livermore Avenue** – Ms. Asche noted the two questions as stated in her memo attached to the reports that was included in the Commission package. Commissioner Sadoff asked if a list of current and previous owners was available and, if not, suggested a title search. Commissioner Machado agreed adding that she was dismayed that all letters addressed to the tribes did not indicate a specific project address. She also recommended that due to the proximity of archeological findings, an archeologist should be on site during earth-moving activities. Ms. Beatty replied that a search could be requested. In response to Commissioner Cronin, she explained that the DEIR was prepared by Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) and Holman & Associates completed the archeological review in 2003 and this survey did not identify any archeology finds in the vicinity. Commissioner Faltings noted Page 3.4.2 of the Cultural & Historical Resources and in response to Commissioner McMillan, explained that Lake Arroyo Mocho is the nearest, about a ¼ mile. The surrounding properties are part of Concannon Vineyards. Commissioner McMillan discussed the relocation of the 1908 house and tank house; requested clarification on the time frame on the use of board and batten and re-iterated Commissioner Machado's request for a title search and the presence of an archeologist on site during ground-moving activities. She thanked staff for the referral. Commissioner Machado restated her request for inclusion of a specific project address. Ms. Beatty replied that it could be included in the comments.
- D. Historical Review, 5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley** – No report.
- E. Olson Town home and Retail Mixed Use Project (TR-7623, ZU-2209 and GPA-135)** - DEIR being prepared by LSA.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Highland Hospital Proposed Master Plan** – No report.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS –

- A. Fairmont Hospital/White Cotton Cottage** – No report.
- B. Proposition 12 Funding Re-allocation** – Staff announced that the subcommittee was unable to meet the past month but reported that she met with Mr. Amoroso and Mr. Bazar, Planning Director to discuss criteria definition and money allocation. Mr. Bazar has suggested writing requests on projects for submission to the Board of Supervisors. The contract will be between CDA and the project owner. A draft of the criteria was distributed to the Commissioners which will be finalized by the sub-committee. Although the draft indicates a project completion date of June 30, 2008, EBRPD would like the receipt by December 30, 2006. A list of projects should be available by the next meeting. Commissioner Allen asked if there was a way to familiarize with Prop 12 projects for other counties. Commissioner Sanger stated that the State web-site does have a listing of projects and the amounts allocated. A discussion followed on the criteria, project eligibility, current location of the Prop 12 money and allocation of the money to projects.

The Chair arrived at 4:30 p.m.

A discussion followed on Olivina Stone Gate. Commissioner Faltings stated that LARPD, Tri-Valley Conservancy and City of Livermore are jointly working to list the Gate on the State Register which will ensure that any attempt to alter will require an EIR. Staff added that although the gate sits in the conservation easement, one portion sits in the right-of-way. City of Livermore has committed \$10,000 to hire a consultant to write the proposal and TVC has indicated that historical issues were not within their scope.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

District 1 – Commissioner Cronin announced the death of former Vice Mayor, Dave Burton.

Commissioner Faltings announced the following: City of Pleasanton has completed the dirt bike course at Shadow Cliff; the Scottish Gathering & Games will be held at the County Fairgrounds on September 3-4, 2005, sponsored by Caledonian Club of San Francisco; the LAPRD's annual Scottish Games is scheduled for May 20-21, 2006; and the Harvest & Wine Festival this week

District 2 – Commissioner Francis reported that the proposed C.V. skate park. It will now be an approximately three acre community park, located next to Castro Valley Elementary School, to be completed in three years. Sulphur Creek had a dedication last Saturday to the Pet Hospital and Commissioner Francis recommended a visit.

Commissioner Machado reported that approximately seventy people attended the Hayward Area Historical Society's historic walk on Prospect Hill on August 27th. The next walk/tour is scheduled on September 17th at 10 a.m. for the downtown area, starting at the Main Street Historical Society offices. Commissioner McMillan said she had also attended the walk and passed a photograph of William E. Meeks House, which has been torn down, for the Commission's review.

District 3 – Commissioner Sanger stated that a Senate Bill has been introduced which will authorize a water and parks bond on the State Ballet and although a majority of which is land conservation bond, there is a small portion of park and recreation element.

District 4 – Commissioner Allen reported on the following: Many elected officials have become involved in the talks, to retain the illegal skateboard park built under the freeway, with Caltrans; Oakland's Art & Soul Festival will be celebrating its 5th anniversary on September 3, 4 & 5, 2005, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., downtown Oakland and a book-tour will be set up also. She further listed the availability of different books; Alameda Legacy Historic Homes Tour, sponsored by Alameda Museum and the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society will be held on Sunday, September 18th, 11 a.m. – 5 p. m and passed a print-out from their web-site; the opening of the Union Point Park located at the estuary on Embarcadero; local community organization, East Bay AsianCorporation will be celebrating the acquisition of a preservation park; and distributed information on the donation site set up by the National Trust and numerous articles printed out from the Planetzen.com website.

Commissioner Sadoff announced that the Castro Valley Adult School will be installing seven temporary classrooms on the hillside area by Seven Hills Road, which will eliminate additional open green land areas.

Commissioner Waespi reported that Lucile Lorge, a Castro Valley historian, is writing a book on chicken ranch. Castro Valley Fall Festival will be held on September 11th and 12th and C.V. Preservation Society will have a booth.

District 5 – Commissioner Tam announced that the EBRPD has decided to go for a Bond Measure in either June or November 2006, which will take 2/3 voter's approval; distributed a copy of the cover letter

on 'Talking points memo' which is also available on the website, www.editorandpublisher.com; Castro Valley branch of Swiss Nation Overseas, the German ... Institute, S.F., is having a film Festival about Swiss peasants; and noted the conflicts between City of Berkeley Planning and Heritage staff. Commissioner Allen added that there is a relevant article on DailyPlanet.com which covers the story extensively.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Agenda items for October 6, 2005 meeting – No items identified by Commissioners.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Machado seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.