

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

**Thursday, October 6, 2005  
East Bay Regional Park District,  
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA  
(Approved November 3, 2005)**

**I. Call to Order – Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by the Chair.

Commissioners Present:

Annalee Allen  
Maryalice Faltings  
James Loughran  
David Sadoff  
Julie Machado  
Harry Francis  
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson  
Annalee Allen  
MaryAnn McMillan  
Dennis Waespi  
Abe Friedman  
David Tam

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed  
Marie Cronin  
Stephen Sanger

Guests:

Alex Amoroso, Asst. Planning Director  
Rodrigo Orduna, Staff Planner  
Frank Imhof, Planning Commission Chair  
Jim Baker, 341 Kilkare Road, Sunol  
Bob MacKensen, Consultant/Preservation Architect

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche  
Nilma Singh

1. **APPROVAL of October 6<sup>th</sup> MINUTES** – Under District 1, Commissioner Faltings made a correction to the date of LAPRD’s annual Scottish Games, to be held on May 20, 21, 2006; and Commissioner Sadoff made a grammatical correctional to the second paragraph under District 4. Commissioner Loughran made the motion to approve the Minutes as modified above and Commissioner McMillan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF ORDER IN PUBLISHED AGENDA.**
- 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. CHAIR AND STAFF REPORT(S):**
  - A. Chair Freidman welcomed Frank Imhof, Chair of Planning Commission adding that he had met with current Planning Commissioner Chair Frank Imhof and past Commissioner Chair Mike Jacob; Chris Bazar, Planning Director; Alex Amoroso and staff, Ms. Asche to discuss this Commission’s role and work, the timing and incorporation of this Commission’s comments in the process and to receive a referral earlier in the process. Commissioner

Machado reiterated that the problem has been the late referrals. Commission Chair Imhof added that he would request copies of PRHC minutes. Mr. Amoroso explained that this was due to how and when referrals were not being formally given to PRHC staff for processing and notification to the Commission. Staff planners and planning management have been educated on the importance of referring applications involving changes and demolitions to historical resources and this Commission should be receiving information during the beginning of the application process. The Chair added that both Commissioners Imhof and Jacob agree that this Commission could comment at the initial scoping meeting with the Planning Commission and re-comment a second time, if needed. He recommended that this matter be agendized in three months for a review. In response to Commissioner Imhof, Commissioner Friedman confirmed that this Commission does make site visits, either as a full Commission or by the Sub-committee. Commissioner Allen asked if the historian is a county employee. Staff replied that the historian was a consultant and staff distributes a list of qualified historians at the Zoning Counter when a historical issue is first identified. Mr. Amoroso added that all information/resources will be included in the Ordinance.

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

**A. 341 Kilkare Road, Sunol** – Mr. Orduna, Project Planner, described the project and introduced Jim Baker, Applicant/property owner, who with the aid of a powerpoint presentation, explained his proposal adding that the finished project will ‘tell the story’ and introduced Bob MacKensen, Preservation Architect. His plan included retaining the original dwelling and building attached additions and Mr. MacKensen distributed copies of his sketched plans. Commissioner Allen pointed out that the sketch proportions and the powerpoint presentation were different. The sketch looked more appropriate. Commissioner Machado thought that the addition would dwarf the original dwelling and criteria 1 and 3 were being met and the Chair indicated that the Commission could not support a project that was not clearly defined. A discussion followed regarding maintaining the original porch length, the existing approach view and façade; roofline, windows, height and size. Mr. Baker outlined the completion plan which included: presentation to Sunol Citizens Advisory Council on October 10, create final design plans by Mr. MacKensen in November/December; presentation of final plans to PRHC and Planning Commission by end of December/January. Commissioner McMillan thanked Mr. Baker for not demolishing the original house; Commissioner Allen felt that he was on the right track and Commissioner Francis said that he would like to see the Applicant move forward with his project. The Commission concurred unanimously that the sketched plans were of a better design and that the Applicant could move forward with his architect. The Chair thanked him for his presentation and looks forward to having this item on a future agenda.

**B. Proposition 12 Funding Re-allocation** – Mr. Amoroso stated that staff was working on the timing issue on transferring the fund and the process to distribute the funds. Staff added that the invoicing has to be submitted by end of June 8, 2008. So far, it appears that two Supervisors are interested in this funding for projects within their jurisdiction but have not submitted specific detail to staff. Larry Lepore indicated that HARD is still very much interested in this funding to be used for Meek Estate development.

**C. Highland Hospital Acute Tower Replacement Project** – Mr. Amoroso reported that a county-wide staff committee has been established and will have their first meeting in a couple of days. Bruce Jensen and Steve Buckley are part of the committee and will be attending these meetings on behalf of Planning Department. Additional information will be provided as available.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS** – All new business will include information, discussion and/or action by the Commission.

**A. Nominating Committee** – The Commission unanimously appointed Commissioners McMillan and Francis for the subcommittee. They will have recommendations for the November meeting.

**B. Oak to Ninth Avenue Mixed Use Development** – Commissioner Allen provided a project description and distributed a related materials. The land is not owned by Port of Oakland But held in a public trust and managed by Port of Oakland. The deadline for public comments on the DEIR is October 24, 2005 pointing out that this Commission is not listed under the distraction list on Page 2. She felt that since historic and open space/park issues are involved, this Commission should submit comments. The building is eligible for inclusion in the National Register and is landmarked which the DEIR acknowledges. She requested clarification on the Specific Plan process from Staff. Mr. Amoroso explained that Specific Plans are for specific geographical areas. Commissioner Allen felt that additional studies were needed and suggested that a letter be sent indicating that this Commission should have been noticed and a DEIR sent prior to the 24<sup>th</sup> deadline and that there should be a Specific Plan, addressed to City of Oakland, Planning Director. Commissioner Tam added that the matter will be heard by the City Park & Recreation Advisory Committee on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Faltings made the motion that the Commission write a letter to Oakland Planning Commission, in support, requesting inclusion in the distribution list, endorsing Oakland Heritage Alliance position, delay of finalizing the DEIR and advocate for a Specific Plan process. At the request of the Chair, the motion was amended to reflect a letter to the project planner requesting inclusion in the distribution list, support of the preservation of the building and Specific Plan process, and that the finalization of the DEIR be delayed. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS** – No reports.

**IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS** –

**A. District 1** – Commissioner Faltings announced the untimely death of Jocelyn Combs' 20 year old daughter in a motorcycle accident in Tucson, AZ. A memorial service will be held in Pleasanton on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**B. District 2** – Commissioner McMillan reported that the Eden Area General Plan, although started in 1998, was incomplete, in a draft form.

**C. District 3** – No report.

**D. District 4** – Commissioner Allen reported that County Counsel as well as League of Women's Voters were involved in the Ninth Avenue project. A book reading and signing event on the postcard books on Oakland, Alameda and Emeryville will be held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pardee Home Museum, 672 Eleventh Street, Oakland. Admission is free. Oakland Heritage Alliance is holding a house tour of Henry J. Kaiser.

**E. District 5** – Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson announced that the Central Station project is moving forward. A meeting held last week by the developers discussed different uses and another meeting will be scheduled in the future when the developer will provide a summary. She also announced the opening of a new memorial park located near Mandela Parkway on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:04 p.m.

Commissioner Tam reported that the open space revenues from the two landfills have been found to be 8% less. The committee has retained the services of a consultant to review the discrepancies.

Commissioner Friedman announced the following: A BAHA event, Capital Restoration Campaign, to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., \$15 admission. The Piedmont Historical Society will have a meeting this Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Any Commissioners interested could contact him.

**X. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. Agenda items for November 3, 2005 meeting – No items were requested by the Commissioners.
- B. Location for 2006 meetings – the Commission voted unanimously for the East Bay Regional Park District Headquarters location for future meetings. Staff stated she will work with Dennis Waespi to set this up with the District.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Machado seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.