

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

**Thursday, January 11, 2007
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved February 1, 2007)**

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Commissioner Sanger, Chair.

Commissioners Present:

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

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche
Alex Amoroso
Nilma Singh

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed
Julie Machado

Commissioners Absent

David Tam
Marie Cronin
Abe Friedman

Guests:

Gail Odom, Staff Planner
Ruben Izon, Public Works Agency
Michelle DeRoberts, Project Consultant for Bicycle
Master Plan

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 December 7th MINUTES – Commissioner Allen made a correction to modify the last sentence on Page 3, under District 4, to read: “...and the Peralta Hacienda Park has applied for Prop 40 funds dispersed by CCHE.” Commissioner Sadoff made the motion to approve the amended Minutes and the Chair seconded, which carried unanimously.

III. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None.

IV. CHAIR and STAFF REPORTS

A. CHAIR REPORT – No report.

B. STAFF REPORT –

- **5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley, CA** – EIR Consultant update. *(Information)* Staff announced that Lamphier-Gregory was selected as the EIR consultant but will have a different traffic consultant. The contract is tentatively scheduled for BOS approval in February. A PRHC meeting will be utilized as a Scoping Session for the EIR work with a draft EIR probably available in 4-6 months. Commissioner Sanger reiterated the importance of having County Counsel review

how this project is on a parallel track with the Preservation Ordinance and how timing of these two projects may overlap with potential legal issues.

- **Historic Preservation Ordinance** – Update on the Draft Historic Report by Carey and Co. (*Information*) –
Staff reported the consultants are suppose to forward county planning staff the second draft of the report and the Short List of the selected properties. Based on when staff receives the latest report, it will be forwarded to senior staff for their review and comments during week of January 17th with a review of the internal comments by the PRHC subcommittee during week of January 22. Commissioners Allen, Sanger, McMillan stated that they would prefer to meet on January 22nd. Commissioner Allen asked for the status of public hearings. The Chair recommended a public workshop during the final stage and staff added that the deadline is June, 2007, although the contract has been extended to December, 2007.
- **Parks Directory on Alameda County Website** – Staff reported Janie Chambers, CDA Graphics, is in the process of scanning the Directory for posting on the website. She has been able to eliminate some simple errors such as the 2003 on the front cover. Commissioner Furst noted errors on page L-1. Errors/corrections could be emailed to staff. Mr. Amoroso pointed out the lack of budget but perhaps a request could be made for a budget item. The Chair requested an estimate.
- **278 Hampton Road** – Staff update on recent fire.
Ms. Asche introduced Gail Odom, Project Planner and distributed a memo to the Commission which outlined the project timeline from 2004 up to the January 1, 2007 fire. Mr. Amoroso noted that on page 2 of the memo, staff identified preliminary steps that will involve the PRHC and that planning staff has not received some information from the other County agencies including a determination from the Fire Department and the Building Inspection Department.

Ms. Odom reported that she visited the site on January 5th with Ms. Asche and Ward Hill, Historical Consultant working on the EIR and noted Mr. Hill's write-up and photographs of the Jan. 1 fire are included in the memo. Scott Owens, Senior Building Official, will also inspect the structure and provide a write-up of his assessment to staff.

Commissioner Allen commented that although this item has continually been on the agenda in the pending file, she requested staff to check the prior minutes if her inquiries/request for a status report on this matter were ever reflected. If past minutes include a PRHC discussion, she requested that a timeline of PRHC's involvement, be included in this report. She also requested clarification on Zoning Enforcement timeline and activities after April 2006. Commissioner McMillan stated that she drove by the property this afternoon and had noted there was a well-worn path from where the fence stopped on the east side directly to the house. She submitted a Daily Review article regarding the fire. She requested that a chain link fence be completed around the entire property occur at this time. She also inquired if any component of the structure is salvageable. The Chair requested that the structure also be fenced and not just boarded up.

Ms. Odom explained the Draft Initial Study was complete but not circulated to the other affected agencies for internal review but the EIR will proceed through the process with Scoping Sessions and other public hearings. Mr. Amoroso added that contact has been made with County Counsel regarding liability issues of the property owner. He asked the Commissioners to submit contact names in addition to Cherryland Association, HARD, Mack O'Brien, Daily Review reporter and Hayward Area Historical Society.

The Chair requested that this matter be agendaized next month for an update and responses from the Building Official and the Fire Department; staff to look into the possibility of fencing around the property and the house and prior Minutes that identified PRHC's involvement.

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

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

A. Alameda County Bicycle Master Plan Update for Unincorporated Areas – Paul Keener, Project Manager, Alameda County Public Works Agency, or Michelle DeRobertis, Project Consultant, will present an overview of the Bicycle Master Plan Update. Commissioner Furst will present a draft response letter to be reviewed for submittal to the Alameda County Public Works Agency. Note: a copy of the Draft Master Plan was distributed to the Parks and Recreation subcommittee. (*Discussion and Action*) –

Mr. Ruben Izon and Ms. DeRoberts distributed copies of the Plan, noting that the main change is the inclusion of East County trails. Comment period has been extended to January 21 and any Commission comments will be appreciated. Commissioner Furst pointed out that although majority of the existing East County trails are LARPD trails, there has been no mention of this in the presentation. He stressed the importance of the Plan identifying connections with the existing trails in the incorporated East areas. Ms. DeRoberts apologized and confirmed that the Plan does show this coordination as the main change is the inclusion of East County trails.

Commissioner Furst distributed a copy of the draft letter that will be sent to Paul Keener, Sr. Transportation Planner, Public Works Agency, and summarized the main points including: it lacks focus on the recreational aspects, for example bike trails, paths and lanes; and connectors to Del Valle, Sunol Wilderness, Mission Peak and Ohlone areas; no acknowledgement of the LARPD trails, that may or may not have funding in that without maps trails will not be recognized before development. Commissioners Sadoff and Wyrick-Parkinson concurred. Commissioner McMillan asked if the proposed trail in San Lorenzo will connect to the existing Bay Trail, if the map is on the county website and if there is a connector to the proposed Pleasanton/Dublin BART station village. Ms. DeRoberts replied yes.

Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson stated that she could not read materials submitted during the meeting and participate in the discussions and, as such, requested a continuance. The Bay Trail continues into Alameda which is also not reflected in the map. Commissioner Furst said corrections and up-dates to the draft letter can be emailed to him by Friday, January 19th. Commissioner Allen made the motion to approve the concept of draft letter

with any additions submitted to Commissioner Furst by January 19 and Commissioner McMillan seconded, motion carried unanimously.

B. Peralta Hacienda Park – Commissioner Allen presented a draft letter supporting the Endowment application. This is a time-sensitive matter and she requested that the Commission send a letter of support to Oakland City Council followed by letter to Sacramento. She also suggested a site visit in the future and requested that perhaps the Chair or she could attend the Council meeting on January 23rd at 6 p.m. This will also increase this Commission’s visibility with the Oakland City Council. Commissioner Waespi made the motion in support and Commissioner Sadoff seconded, which carried unanimously.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – The following 2007 subcommittees will discuss and determine their operation process, select a Chair and identify a location place to conduct meetings as necessary.

A. Parks and Recreation: Commissioners Francis, Furst, Loughran, McMillan, Sanger, Tam, Wyrick-Parkinson.

B. Legislative and CLG Status: Commissioners Allen, Sadoff, Sanger.

C. Historic Preservation Ordinance: Commissioners Allen, Machado, McMillan, Sanger.

D. Fairmont Hospital/White Cotton Cottage: Commissioners Machado, McMillan, Wyrick-Parkinson.

E. Highland Hospital Master Plan: Commissioners Allen, Loughran, Wyrick-Parkinson. Staff reported that the EIR Consultant is being hired and Bruce Jensen, Planning Staff, on the Committee has been requested to provide regular updates.

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – Commissioners will report on areas of concern and/or informational items concerning parks, recreation and historical preservation issues within the supervisory districts they serve.

A. District 1: Haggerty - Commissioners Cronin, Furst and Weed

B. District 2: Steele - Commissioners Francis, McMillan and Machado

C. District 3: Lai-Bitker - Commissioners Loughran and Sanger

D. District 4: Miley - Commissioners Allen reported that the Alameda County Historical Society is having its quarterly dinner at Spangers on January 25th; the Oakland Heritage Alliance’s lecture series begins tonight; and City of Oakland had a series of activities for the Black History Month with three walking tours scheduled in February.

Commissioner Sadoff reported that the Malabar Return Writ hearing by the Superior Court, Hayward on January 30th.

E. District 5: Carson - Commissioners Tam and Wyrick-Parkinson

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Agenda Items for February – Commissioners to discuss items or projects for February agenda. The Chair requested that the 278 Hampton Road matter be agendized.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

A. 278 Hampton Road. – *No report.*

B. 16918 and 16921 through 16941 Harvard Avenue, unincorporated Cherryland area in Hayward, ZU-2219 and ZU-2220 – *No report.*

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