

MINUTES
ALAMEDA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

Thursday, February 5, 2009
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved March 5, 2009)

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

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

Commissioners Present:

Al Minard
MaryAnn McMillan
James Loughran
David Sadoff
Al Minard
Harry Francis

Commissioners Excused:

Marie Cronin
Annalee Allen
David Tam
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
Dennis Wasespi
Stephen Sanger

Staff Present

Liz McElligott
Angela Robinson-Piñon
Nilma Singh

Guests:

Jeff Rasmussen, Grants Manager, EBRPD
Thomas Lantry, Pullman
Diane Althoff, EBRPD
Vince Horpel, Row Chabot

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8th, 2009 – *continued due to lack of quorum.*

II. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM - Any member of the public may address the Commission on a matter not on the regular agenda. No discussion or action may be taken on these items. *None*

III. CHAIR and STAFF REPORT(S): *These items include information and discussion by the Commission:*

A. **CHAIR REPORT** – The Chair reported that he had submitted two letters on the Eden EIR--one on behalf of the Commission and the other for himself, and provided copies. He also announced that the Conference of California Historical Society will be holding a Spring Symposium in Downey on March 6-7 on the Rives Mansion, and the California Historical Society's annual meeting is in Martinez on June 25-28. Details are available for both meetings if anyone is interested.

B. **STAFF REPORT** – Ms. Robinson-Piñon announced that Commissioner Sanger had an addition in his family; and that she had attended a meeting regarding the Pioneer Cemetery last Wednesday, January 28th--work on the Conservation Assessment is ongoing including the details of the Maintenance Agreement with GSA and the next meeting is in March and, if interested in attending, to contact her; and, Commissioner Machado has resigned and if any Commissioner is aware of any interested parties to contact their Supervisor for the vacancy.

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

- A. Row Chabot Update** – The Commission will discuss plans to improve boating access at Lake Chabot.

Ms. Althoff confirmed that the preference is Alternative II with some modifications and, in response to Commissioner Sadoff, further described the modifications. She also introduced Jeff Rasmussen, EBRPD Grants Manager. Mr. Rasmussen discussed the following funding issues: the project cost, to be funded, is \$1.3 million and he will be preparing a Funding Strategy; the District will use ½ million from its Disable Access funds for some of the required accessibility improvements; currently there is \$175,000 for the project--\$100,000 from the Regional Funds; request has been made for money dedicated to Lake Chaobt from the Betty Foundation Funds, which is awaiting review by Operations; and perhaps some money from Prop 40 Per Capita and Block Grant Funds. The Chair requested an update, perhaps quarterly, and Commissioner McMillan congratulated both Row Chabot and EBRPD for the work done to-date.

- B. 20853 Wilbeam Avenue** – The Commission will discuss a proposed demolition. The Commission will decide whether to support or to oppose the demolition request – *continued to March.*

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

- A. Nomination of a Potentially Historic Resource** – The Commission will consider whether or not to support the nomination of 1923 Pullman Railroad car for the California Register.

Commissioner Sadoff asked if there is a deadline for an official recommendation. Mr. Lantry said he would like a response as soon as possible and described the State process which requires a response within 90 days. In addition, he would like to start the restoration as soon as possible. He further provided his background, described the car in detail, ownership history, restoration plan, information gathering, the future plan and provided related photographs/materials. Commissioner Sadoff recommended an Adhoc Committee for this issue which would report to the full Commission at the March meeting for an action. The Chair announced that he had visited and taken photographs. He had also talked to the Carter Railroad Curator at Patterson Ardenwood Farm and contacted SHIPPO. The general consensus is that this is a significant railroad historical car and the only concern is the documentation--the detailed technical information. He indicated that the Commission is in support; suggested that Mr. Lantry hire a consultant to format the documentation using his data; and agreed that the car could be eligible for the County and State Registers. Mr. Lantry said he would appreciate a response and provided his contact information.

VI. 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. No reports were provided – continued.*

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Agenda Items for future meetings**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, Commissioner Loughran made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Francis seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.