

MINUTES
ALAMEDA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

Thursday, June 2, 2005
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved July 7, 2005)

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

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

Commissioners Present:

Abe Friedman
Maryalice Faltings
David Sadoff
Julie Machado
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
Harry Francis
MaryAnn McMillan
Cecilia Weed

Commissioners Excused:

Marie Cronin
James Loughran
Dennis Waespi
Stephen Sanger
Annalee Allen

Guests:

Rodrigo Orduna

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche
Nilma Singh

II. APPROVAL of May 5, 2005 Minutes – Under the Commissioner Reports, District 2, Commissioner McMillan made a correction that San Lorenzo Heritage Society is having a fundraiser; Commissioner Machado corrected the third paragraph to reflect Hayward Arts Council; and Commissioner Sadoff, under District 4, noted that the Golf Course be replaced with miniature golf course. With the above corrections, Commissioner Sadoff made the motion to approve the May 5th Minutes and Commissioner Faltings seconded.

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 report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Housing Element – Ms. Asche introduced staff planner, Rodrigo Orduna, who presented the staff report/Initial Study (IS) on the Housing Element. The Initial Study is looking at density adjustments to various districts to allow different levels of units and the other component is emergency homeless shelters, which is now proposed to be limited to R-4 Districts only. There are no specific projects currently and an environmental review work will be required on all future projects. Commissioner Machado indicated her concerns that this was again being referred late to this Commission and suggested adding standards.

Staff explained the Commission's role adding that she could check with the surrounding jurisdictions and Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson suggested that the IS reflect that each project have a PRHC review and if preservation is recommended, the original façade be saved. The Chair felt that since the Commission did not have an Ordinance in place, a policy on the role of the Commission be included in the IS including any mitigation measures. A discussion followed on options. Commissioner Machado recommended adding "...and/or the improvements are 50 years old" after historic resource. Regardless of the assessment of the historian, any building over 50 years be referred to this Commission and the Planning Department shall require a detailed historic and architectural assessment to be conducted. In reference to specific standards, the Chair stated that staff will research other jurisdictions and present a recommendation. Commissioner Faltings made a motion to move the above recommendations and Commissioner Sadoff seconded. Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson disagreed adding that the specific mitigation measures should be included in the motion. Staff suggested adding that for sites that are found historically significant, the County shall work with PRHC on reasonable mitigation measures to reduce significant impacts. The initial motion and second was amended to reflect this. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sadoff stated his concerns with 'cumulative effects' on page 68 of the IS.

- B. Highland Hospital Proposed Master Plan** – Staff announced that she is having continued discussions with the Planning Director. In response to Commissioner Sadoff regarding the timeframe, she replied that it is 2013. The Chair recommended continuing discussion to next month.

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

- A. Lewelling Boulevard Streetscape Project** – Staff stated that neither Mr. Carrera nor Project Consultant were available. The Chair replied that there had been not much enthusiasm from the Commission for this project and staff added that the deadline was approaching close. The Chair recommended that the matter be agendaized and asked the subcommittee, Commissioners Machado and McMillan, to present a list of possible projects at the next meeting. Commissioner Francis would be alternative sub-committee member.
- B. Wood Street Development** – Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson said she will inform the Commission on the ground-breaking ceremony.
- C. Boundary Creek Development** – Staff noted receipt of letter from Chair, Planning Commission adding that the matter was heard by the Board of Supervisors who has requested that the EIR be re-distributed. The Chair requested that the matter be agendaized for discussion if there was reasonable time for a response.
- D. 341 Kilkare Road** – No report. EIR not initiated to-date. Field trip will occur at a later date.
- E. 278 Hampton Road, Cherryland area in Hayward** – Ms. Asche informed the Commission that per Ms. Henninger, Code Enforcement Manager, the dwelling has been boarded, weeds removed and a lien placed against the property.

- F. **Cedar Grove Church, 2060 S. Livermore Avenue** – No report.
- G. **Historical Review, 5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley** – Commissioner Sadoff noted that although the Initial Study reads no riparian habitat on property, it has been confirmed that there is one. And, as such, other neighboring properties, including the subject property, will have a riparian habitat. The Commission recommended that staff follow-up with project planner.

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. **Proposition 12 Funding Re-allocation** – No report.
- E. **County Preservation Ordinance Development** – Staff noted that copies of the RFP had been included in the Commission package. She was working on the contract which will be placed on the BOS agenda at the end of the month. Carey & Company will meet with County staff, PRHC Sub-committee and Supervisor Miley’s staff. Comments could be forwarded to staff.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

- A. **District 1** – Commissioner Faltings stated that the grand opening of the Robert Livermore Community Center occurred on Saturday, March 26th; the 2nd Annual Scottish Games will be held at the Livermore Park; rodeo in two weeks. She also stated that the Gordon Neilson house, bought by the Cedar Grove Church; and the house on Tesla Road, sold to the wine group, has removed all vegetation and out-houses from the property. Commissioner Sadoff asked if Demolition Permits had been obtained. Staff replied that she would check into it.
- B. **District 2** – Commissioner McMillan reported that the fundraiser with the self-guided tour had been a success.
- C. **District 3** – No report.
- D. **District 4** – No report.
- E. **District 5** – Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson reported that work on the Fox Theater was in progress.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Next Meeting location – Staff indicated that this item was placed on the agenda in error.

X. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, Commissioner Francis made the motion to adjourn, congratulating Commissioner Faltings upon her recovery and Commissioner Machado seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.