

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

**Thursday, November 3, 2005**  
**East Bay Regional Park District,**  
**2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA**  
**(Approved January 5, 2006)**

**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.

**I. Call to Order – Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Present:

Annalee Allen  
Marie Cronin  
James Loughran  
David Sadoff  
Julie Machado  
Harry Francis  
Maryalice McMillan

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed  
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson  
Abe Friedman  
Stephen Sanger  
Dennis Waespi  
David Tam  
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche  
Cindy Horvath  
Nilma Singh

Guests:

Carl Zabel, HARD  
Amy Paulson, Planner/Project Manager, LSA  
Christian Gerike, Cultural Resource Manager, LSA

**II. APPROVAL of OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> MINUTES** – Commissioner McMillan made a correction on Page 3, under District 2. Commissioner Faltings made the motion to approve October 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes with the above modification. Commissioner Loughran seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF ORDER IN PUBLISHED AGENDA** – Staff recommended that item # C, under Old business be discussed first as environmental consultants were available to discuss the project. The Commission agreed.

**IV. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**V. CHAIR and STAFF REPORT(S):**

A. **CHAIR REPORT – PRESERVATION ORDINANCE** - Ms. Asche announced that Cindy Horvath will be the staff person during her absence and requested that the December meeting be cancelled due to this transition. Commissioner Allen said that her concern was not having staff and the consultants for the Preservation Ordinance interface with the Commission before the first public workshop tentatively scheduled for January. She suggested that perhaps the first public meeting could be re-scheduled for February and a progress report be submitted by the consultants to the Commission during the month of January. Commissioner Machado also

requested that the Commission receive regular progress reports from the consultants. Commissioner Faltings said that she would like to have a greater involvement and outreach. Ms. Asche stated that the public notice will be distributed to all the home owner associations and posted on the County website and in area newspapers. She asked if the Commissioners had any other suggestions. The contract is to finalize the historical surveys, including the Castro Valley urban and rural areas, create a consistent database for all the existing surveys and differentiate those properties that appear to qualify from those that don't. The contract and timeline was designed to have the Commission meetings coincide with the two public workshops since the budget is very tight in comparison to the project requirements. Staff stated that the contract calls for monthly discussions with the contractors and that the next one could be set up in January to include the PRHC subcommittee as well as representatives from each of the Supervisor's District. The meeting could occur at the Hayward offices to discuss the format, agenda and process that Carey and Co. will take for the public workshop. A discussion followed on the outreach process and time of workshop. Commissioner Faltings made the motion to cancel the December meeting and have a special meeting to be held after the regularly scheduled meeting at the EBRPD headquarters for the first public workshop. Commissioner Sadoff seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. ZU-2219 and ZU-2220** – Staff explained that material was distributed at this time for informational purposes only as the barn and other structures are older than 50 years and the planner has asked the applicant for a historical report. Commissioner McMillan stated that she had driven past the subject property but could not see the barn located in the rear. Commissioner Allen asked if it was associated with Meek Estate. Staff stated that the barn was.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. Proposition 12 Funding** – Staff provided an up-date. The State has added the requirement of land tenure to the criteria list. The criteria list has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the Agency Director, Mr. Sorensen and Planning Director, Mr. Bazar. Although the Board has recommended two other general projects, one in Livermore and the other is Tilden Park, no specifics are available. She will discuss the details with the Directors and will update the status at the next meeting. She urged the importance of identifying a project.

Carl Zabel, on behalf of HARD, recommended the Prop 12 Funding be used for the construction of a new meeting room/assembly area as part of the Meek Estate development. The project is ready to go and just needs the funding. It does meet all the criteria of the Proposition 12.

**B. Highland Hospital Acute Tower Replacement Project** – Ms. Asche provided an up-date based on the report provided by Steve Buckley, Assistant Planning Director, CDA. A project architect has been hired to prepare plans.

**C. Olson Townhomes and Retail Mixed Use Project (TR-7623, ZU-2209 and GPA-135)** – Ms. Asche stated LSA has been hired to complete the environmental review work. No historical significance has been found and the matter has been referred to this Commission for comments in support of the DEIR, which is open for public comments till December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Amy Paulson, Project Manager, LSA Associates, confirmed that neither any significant environmental impacts nor any historical significance have been found. She introduced Christian Gerike, Cultural Resource Manager, who provided a summary of the environmental and technical reports. The two shopping centers had been evaluated for cultural resource, historical significance and center's integrity. Although one center is 50 years old, neither center was part

of the original commercial strip, not part of the San Lorenzo community and ineligible for the National Register. As such, no further study or preservation of these properties is recommended. A field review was also conducted which confirmed that this was not a historical district. He also provided a history on San Lorenzo.

Commissioner Sadoff requested clarification on audible noise as stated on page 178. Ms. Paulson explained adding that better clarification will be provided in the FEIR. Commissioner McMillan provided the history on the subject property ownership, the Bockman Home and farm adding that there was a possibility of finding farm equipments during excavation. Commissioner Faltings made the motion to approve the cultural resource report and Commissioner Loughran seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. Nominating Committee** – Commissioner Francis announced that the sub-committee has nominated Commissioner Sadoff as the new Chair and Commissioner Waespi as the Vice-Chair for the 2006 year. Commissioner Faltings made the motion to approve the recommendation and Commissioner Loughran seconded, which carried unanimously.

**VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS** – No report.

**IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS** –

**A. District 1** – Commissioner Cronin reported that the planning of the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dublin Historical and Heritage Center has begun. She will provide additional information as available at future meetings.

Commissioner Faltings announced the up-coming Afghani Festival, to be held at the Roberson Park this Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> consisting of rodeo, entertainment and food; and that November 12<sup>th</sup> is the dedication of Brushy Peak, sponsored by LAPRD and EBRPD. She further provided details on the National Recreation and Park Conference which she had attended in San Antonio. The emphasis had been disaster preparedness.

**B. District 2** – Commissioner Francis, in reference to the skateboard park, reported that Castro Valley School District is now in support and with the passing of Measure B, there will be additional funds available. New plans have been drawn.

Commissioner Machado introduced an article published in the Daily Review newspaper on Commissioner Allen's book. Since her neighborhood has no parks in the area and City of Hayward owns a vacant lot in the downtown area, the neighborhood is pushing to convert it into a park. Hayward Historical Society has an exhibit on Ansel Adams. She will provide details on the Christmas house tour as it becomes available.

Commissioner McMillan discussed the newspaper article on City of Alameda's oldest building, located on Lincoln Avenue. The debate is between the Historical Advisory Board who is recommending designating the building as a historical monument and the Planning Department who would like to keep it at its current designation. Commissioner McMillan further discussed the Olsen project. Her concerns included the affect on Bockman Road which is already old, and narrow; the number of proposed units and building height; and the elimination of commercial space.

**C. District 3** – Commissioner Loughran discussed the Daily Review article on the failure of the San Leandro reservoir and Lake Chabot Dam. The National Cricket Society consisting of 17 teams had a tournament two weeks ago. The Society is facing the problem of lack of publicity. Any Commissioners interested could contact him for additional information.

**D. District 4** – Commission Allen announced that 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. A dedication to the Cypress Freeway is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>. A comment letter to City of Oakland regarding the Oak to Ninth Avenue Project was sent on October 24<sup>th</sup>, a copy of which was included in the Commission packet.

Commissioner Sadoff announced the availability of a new book on Castro Valley, published by Arcadia, through Amazon and Hayward Area Historical Society. The book also includes an interesting picture on the Alcorn property.

**E. District 5** – No report.

## **X. ADMINISTRATIVE**

**A.** Agenda items for Dec 1, 2005 meeting. The Commission voted unanimously on the cancellation of the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. No items were discussed for the January meeting.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Machado seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.