

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

**Thursday, February 1, 2007
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved March 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
Julie Machado
MaryAnn McMillan
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
David Tam
Dennis Waespi

Commissioners Excused:

Cecilia Weed
Harry Francis
David Furst
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
(Abe Freidman)

Guests:

Bill Sugaya, Carey & Co.
Caitlin Harvey, Carey & Co
Carolyn Douthat
Seth Kaplan, Supervisor Miley's Office

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche
Nilma Singh
Alex Amoroso
Beth Greene

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 January 11th MINUTES – Commissioner Sadoff made the motion to approve the Minutes with minor typo corrections on Page 4 and the Chair seconded. Motion carried with Commissioner Tam abstaining.

III. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None.

IV. CHAIR and STAFF REPORT(S):

A. CHAIR REPORT – No report.

B. STAFF REPORT -

- **5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley, CA** – EIR Consultant update. (*Information*). Staff reported that the contract for the EIR consultant will go before the Board of Supervisors sometime in February and that a PRHC meeting will be utilized as a Scoping Session sometimes in March/April.

- **278 Hampton Road** – Staff update on January 22nd fire. (*Information*).
Staff reported that there was a third fire on site and distributed photographs taken by Code Enforcement. An up-date memo was included in the Commission package. She introduced Beth Greene, the new planner for this project. Ms. Greene explained that the existing Initial Study, in draft form, will be distributed for comments although it does not include the recent fires; and will be up-dated before any scoping sessions. Commissioner Machado suggested that perhaps one mitigation would be a donation to the Meek Estate.

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

- A. Historic Preservation Ordinance** – Bill Sugaya and Caitlin Harvey, Carey & Co. will present the Draft Historic Report and respond to questions and Carolyn Douthat will report on the progress of the Ordinance. (*Information and Discussion*) –

Staff announced that the Subcommittee met with the Consultants and today's meeting is to establish a tight timeline for the deliverables. Mr. Sugaya provided a summary of their work to-date which he agreed was behind schedule. Ms. Harvey added that the survey is complete and 1,700 properties have been identified and about a ¼ added to the Short List which has been completed along with the Context Statement. Details will be entered into a survey matrix from both this and past surveys. Work will begin soon on the 50 DPR properties. Mr. Sugaya pointed out that these 50 properties were from their survey and further discussed the State, Federal and local criterions. Commissioner Allen felt that these should have been discussed initially. A discussion followed regarding the criterions, 1 and 2 property levels, the resources, CLG status, Comprehensive and Short Lists, and the National and State register criterions. Commissioner Sadoff felt that more weight should be placed on local significance. Ms. Douthat distributed copies of her memo addressed to the Commission and a Mitigation Study. Based on the questions contained in her memo and the feedback received today, she could start working on the draft ordinance instead of waiting the completion of the Survey report. She asked if the Context Statements for areas outside the survey area needs to be referenced in the Ordinance. Staff replied yes. The Chair urged the Commissioners to look at the property list for their areas. He requested the following: greater communication between staff and the consultants in future; work on the Ordinance needs to move at a faster rate; and regular periodic performance up-dates. There should be a final document containing the short list and the criteria on which established. Commissioner Machado expressed concern with the lack of Indian sites and sites based on personal/local significance. The Chair suggested that the Ordinance contain some language to protect the properties not contained in the list. Commissioner Tam questioned the list for historically significant sites. Mr. Sugaya confirmed that 20% of the contract is allocated for the Ordinance. Commissioner Machado submitted corrections to the Context Statements. Staff recommended standing Subcommittee meetings and the Chair requested staff to distribute copies of the Mitigation for Impacts to Historic Resources submitted by Ms. Douthat.

- B. Alameda County Bicycle Master Plan Update for Unincorporated Areas** – Commissioner Furst to distribute copies of the final letter sent by Commission to Paul Keener, Project Manager, Alameda County Public Works Agency. (*Information*) –

In the absence of Commissioner Furst, Ms. Asche noted the inclusion of the letter to Paul Keener, Senior Transportation Planner, Public Works Agency. The Chair thanked Commissioner Furst for his excellent job.

- C. Peralta Hacienda Park** – Commissioner Allen to distribute copies of the final letter sent by Commission to the Oakland City Council supporting the Peralta Hacienda Historic Park grant application to the California Cultural Historical Endowment. (*Information*).

The Chair stated that he had attended City Council's meeting on this matter. Commissioner Allen added that the matter will be heard by the full Council on Tuesday, February 6th and suggested perhaps forwarding a letter to Sacramento and/or requesting the District Supervisor for a support letter. Mr. Kaplan indicated that he could forward the information to Supervisor Lai-Bitker and the Transportation Committee.

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

- A. Heide House, 1048 & 1054 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo** – Commissioner McMillan will introduce background information on the site and proposed project. (*Information and Discussion*) –

Commissioner McMillan provided the history on the house. Currently, the owner wants to build 14 2-story apartments in the rear. Some of the concerns are the impacts, location at a major intersection, and traffic impacts. Mr. Amoroso added the following: Beth Greene is the Planner assigned; the application submitted is incomplete but the applicant is requesting feedback; the main house and another dwelling are proposed to be saved with the demolition of the smaller ones; and no CEQA determination has been made yet.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS –

- A. Parks and Recreation:** Commissioners Francis, Furst, Loughran, McMillan, Sanger, Tam, Wyrick-Parkinson. Commissioner Tam reported that on February 7th, EBRPD will begin to assemble a list of open space acquisition projects totaling \$400m. Bob Doyle, Assistant Manager, is the contact person.
- 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.

IX. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –

- A. District 1** – Commissioner Cronin reported that there is a proposal to remove bodies from the St. John Cemetery (Pauper Section) in the Mission San Jose District. The Indian burial site will not be disturbed. A discussion followed regarding the standard 50 year requirement.

- B. District 2** – Commissioner Machado announced that Hayward Historical Society is proposing tours on saloons and museums this year.
- C. District 3** – The Chair noted a Daily Review article on City of Piedmont’s anniversary celebration.
- D. District 4** – Commissioner Allen added that the kickoff centennial year celebration started yesterday, January 31st. Detailed information is available on their website. February is City of Oakland’s Black History Month and she distributed copies of the Guide with a schedule of the community events. The California Association of Historical Parks & Recreation Board conference is scheduled for March 8-10 in Sacramento. The Board is recruiting new board members.

Commissioner Sadoff announced that Malabar Return Writ hearing was continued to February 23rd.

- E. District 5** – Commissioner Tam distributed a copy of the Berkeley Daily Planet adding reported that Berkeley City Council on Wednesday, January 31st, had considered whether or not the Lawrence Lab Bevatron be considered as a historical landmark.

Commissioner Allen requested an up-date on the Parks Directory website.

Staff reminded the Commissioners to submit their Ethical Training Certificates.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Agenda Items for March 1, 2007** – Commissioners to identify items or projects for the March agenda.

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

- A. 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 Machado seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.