

MINUTES
ALAMEDA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

Thursday, May 3, 2007
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

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

Commissioners Present:

Annalee Allen
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
James Loughran
David Sadoff
Julie Machado
Harry Francis
David Tam
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
Al Minard

Commissioners Excused:

Stephen Sanger
Abe Friedman
MaryAnn McMillan
Marie Cronin
David Furst
Dennis Waespi

Guests:

Mark Gaither, Redwood Christian Church

Staff Present:

Lisa Asche
Alex Amoroso
Nilma Singh

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 MINUTES – Commissioner Tam made a correction on page 2 and with corrections to the attendee list, he made the motion to approve April 5th Minutes. Commissioner Francis seconded and the motion carried with Commissioner Sadoff abstaining.

III. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Mark Gaither, attorney, Redwood Christian Schools, requested clarification on the Draft Castro Valley General Plan and the Draft EIR which identifies this Commission’s involvement; the 50-year threshold for buildings; private schools to provide parks; Rowell Ranch and Palomares School have not been identified in the Plan; and the issue of restrooms in parks vs. public school parks. The Chair pointed out that this matter is agendaized as #VI and the Commission unanimously agreed to move the discussion.

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

A. CHAIR REPORT – No report.

B. STAFF REPORT –

➤ **5328 Proctor Road, Castro Valley, CA – No update.**

- **278 Hampton Road** – No update.
- **Heide House, 1048 & 1054 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo** – No update.

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

A. Historic Preservation Ordinance – Commissioners to discuss latest materials submitted by consultants and further discuss the list of properties proposed by the consultants to select for DPR documentation. *(Discussion) Note: Consultants requested to provide current versions of the Historic report, contextual statement and an update on the Ordinance writing. To be provided at May 3rd meeting.* Staff distributed copies of the draft Methodology, Executive Summary and Contextual Statement submitted by the consultants. Commissioner Machado reported that although the Sub-committee has not looked at the short list submitted at the last meeting, she has a list which she would submit. Commissioner Sadoff indicated that Commissioner McMillan had forwarded related material on the first school, which is incorrectly listed. Mr. Amoroso indicated a need to meet with the Subcommittee and the need to have the two consultants in direct contact. He provided a staffing update on Carey & Company. Commissioner Machado suggested using the draft ordinance submitted by her and Commissioner McMillan. The Commission discussed the Drafts submitted by the consultants including: the focus of the survey; feedback on the DPR list; expansion of the list on page 1; timeline and inclusion of when major cities were chartered; the need of a concrete historical ordinance and inventory; the importance of an inventory and the Ordinance and the possibility of hiring another consultant and/or the next step on the current consultant's performance. Commissioner Allen said she would like to see the Contextual Statement address the percentage of the unincorporated area, perhaps a timeline and agreed that the Statement needed more work. Commissioner Machado made the motion that this Commission sees the completion of the inventory and ordinance as the first step, followed by the DPR forms and then the Contextual Statement. Commissioner Tam seconded which carried unanimously.

B. Highland Hospital Master Plan – Commissioners who attended the May 2, 2007 Scoping Meeting may report. *(Discussion) Note: Notice of May 2, 2007 Scoping Meeting distributed to Commissioners April 18, 2007.* Mr. Amoroso reported that a scoping session was held last night. At the request of GSA and Public Health, CDA has become more involved with the public process and outreach. Mr. Bazar, Planning Director, will be providing updates in future.

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

A. Castro Valley Draft General Plan Draft EIR – Commissioners to discuss position on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and submit any comments to staff. *(Discussion and Action) Note: Chapter 8 of the General Plan and pertinent sections of the DEIR were distributed to Commissioners on April 12, 2007.* Discussion was carried over from Open Forum. Mr. Amoroso explained the 50-year threshold, a National Registrar requirement; he would have to verify if Palomares School and Rowell Ranch is in the Plan area; the EBMUD property is a significant site of interest in CV area, which is now on sale; all other school sites, public and private, have been identified as public facility designations and since the County does not have a park district, all actions go through HARD and the Draft EIR timeline. Mr. Gaither also discussed restrooms in parks vs.

public school parks. Commissioner Francis pointed out that school restrooms face the problems of vandalism and graffiti and that HARD is looking into the installation of restrooms in the new parks. He also felt that there were many different plans being updated simultaneously. Mr. Amoroso agreed and explained that the Plans do inter-link. Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson also supported restrooms in the parks if funds were available. Mr. Amoroso suggested that the matter could be agendaized and a HARD representative invited. The Chair agreed. Commissioner Tam made the motion for the Commission to submit a letter in support and Commissioner Francis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Chair reported that he had attended the CVMAC meeting.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – The following subcommittees will include information and discussion. No action may be taken on these items unless the item has been moved to Old Business.

- A. Parks and Recreation:** Commissioners Francis, Furst, Loughran, McMillan, Sanger, Tam, Wyrick-Parkinson. Commissioner Tam announced that although the Subcommittee has not met yet, Chair Sanger had met with Jeff Rasmussen, park district representative.
- B. Legislative and CLG Status:** Commissioners Allen, Sadoff, Sanger. Ms. Ashe stated that she will forward emails on the future Senate funding bills as she receives it.
- C. Historic Preservation Ordinance:** Commissioners Allen, Machado, McMillan, Sanger.
- D. Fairmont Hospital/White Cotton Cottage:** Commissioners Machado, McMillan, Wyrick-Parkinson. Commission Machado felt that a request for the Master Plan/status of the Plan be made and the matter should be kept on the agenda.
- E. Highland Hospital Master Plan:** Commissioners Allen, Loughran, Wyrick-Parkinson.

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** – Commissioner Minard announced that there will be historical dedications this Sunday on two historical buildings in Fremont, the McIntosh House and Curtna House. Although both buildings are on the DPR list, they are not on the City’s historical list. HARB has now completed the Draft Historical Preservation Ordinance. He had attended the meeting on the four Ardenwood Farm historical resource buildings. EBRP will be conducting an analysis to confirm the historical significance and he requested that the Ardenwood Farm be agendaized on a future agenda. The Board of Supervisors approved the proposal for his proclamation for Historical Society Month which will be on display at the Joaquin Miller Park open house. He requested an appointment to the Historic Preservation Ordinance Subcommittee.
- B. District 2: Steele** - Commissioners Francis reported that the teachers at the Castro Valley Elementary School are against a youth park. Although funds are available, Eric Wilyerd, HARD, has indicated that the playground project will be eliminated.
- C. District 3: Lai-Bitker** – No report.
- D. District 4: Miley** - Commissioners Allen announced that this National Preservation Month. Alameda County Historical Society will have an open house at the Joaquin Miller Park this Saturday, May 5th. She submitted a Daily Planet article on the lawsuits regarding the Oakland 9th Street Terminal project. City of Oakland is working on a grant for the Bay Trail and up-dates will be provided at future meetings. City of Piedmont will

be celebrating its 100th Anniversary and details are posted on the City's website. She welcomed Commissioner Minard and stressed the need of having a Commissioner from City of Alameda.

Regarding the Alcorn chicken ranch, Commissioner Sadoff reported that the CV Preservation Alliance had filed an objection to the Return of Writ in February. The objections have been denied by the Judge.

- E. District 5: Carson** - Commissioners Tam announced that there is a meeting tonight of the Berkeley City Landmark Preservation Commission on the demolition of Berkeley High School Gymnasium, built in 1922, a historical and one of the first buildings in Berkeley with a pool.

Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson stated that there is a meeting scheduled with the owner of the Carnation Building who wants to demolish the building.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Agenda Items for June 7, 2007** – Commissioners to identify items or projects for the June agenda. The Chair listed the following items for the June 7th meeting: Bathrooms in parks and schools, Ardenwood Farm buildings, White Cotton Cottage and the Resignation of Commissioner Friedman.

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

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, The Chair made the motion to adjourn in recognition to staff, Ms. Asche, for years of dedicated work. Commissioner Francis seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.