

MINUTES
ALAMEDA COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

Thursday, July 5, 2007
East Bay Regional Park District,
2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA
(Approved August 2, 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
David Tam
Julie Machado
Harry Francis
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson
David Furst
MaryAnn McMillan
Dennis Waespi

Commissioners Excused:

Abe Friedman

Commissioners Absent

Al Minard

Guests:

Bill Sugaya, Carey & Company
Matt Davis, Carey & Company

Staff Present:

Alex Amoroso
Nilma Singh

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. *No one spoke under Open Forum.*

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 3rd MINUTES – Continued to the next meeting, August 2, 2007.

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

A. CHAIR REPORT – No report.

B. STAFF REPORT – Mr. Amoroso stated that at the request of Commissioner Furst, he has brought in a few copies of the Draft Master Bicycle Plan which has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The Final Plan will be available on the web by next week. Commissioner Cronin requested a copy.

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

A. Olivina Gate update – informational – Commissioner Furst reported that Carey & Company has revised the first draft outlining reasons as to why the gate should be a point of interest and not a landmark. The Draft will now be reviewed by

the City and LARPD. The Chair asked if a title search had been completed. Matt Davis, Carey & Company, said that a title search was not requested but only an additional research into the uniqueness of the gate and a comparison with Concannon Winery which is a historical landmark. The revision included expanded discussions on the California registrar criteria and the relevance of the nearby winery ruins. The ruins are not in good shape to be eligible for the registrar and the surrounding landscape has changed significantly for the ruins and gate together to be a historical landscape or site. Without the winery, the gate has no historical importance, especially the design which does not exhibit adequate design innovation based on the Design Criterion III although it is still recognized and part of the local inventory. Mr. Sugaya pointed out that there is a difference between the National Registrar and HP Ordinance criterions. Commissioner Loughran disagreed with the report and Commissioner Tam asked for the architectural significance. Mr. Davis replied that most of the research has been completed by their architectural historian and the result of the review was that the style of construction was common for that time period. A list of all the different wineries pending research has been submitted to Mr. Guido, City of Livermore.

Commissioner Allen expressed her concern about future landmarkings and the related significance of the HP Ordinance. This Commission has always had an interest and, as such, this item has always been on the Commission agenda. A discussion followed regarding jurisdictions, decision-making body and this Commission's input, requesting the title report and its cost, and placing the matter as an action item on the next agenda. Mr. Amoroso summarized that staff will contact Mr. Guido, City of Livermore, as to the decision making body, possibility of a title search and inclusion of the Commission at an early comment-making stage. Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson made the motion for staff to gather more information based on Mr. Amoroso's summary and Commissioner Tam seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Selection of 50 sites on which to prepare DPR forms – discussion. Commissioner Machado reported that although the subcommittee has not had an opportunity to meet, the members each have a list of properties for submission. Commissioner Furst, representing the East County, was included as a Subcommittee member. The Commission discussed the selecting/sorting of the 50 sites, verification of site locations and the existing State DPR data base. Staff will request Carey & Company to obtain an up-dated DPR database. Mr. Davis requested that Subcommittee members submit their list, complete or not, so he could begin compiling the DPR forms as it is a long process, the prior three surveys did not include DPRs and those few that do require new DPRs per State requirement of 5-year renewals. Commissioner Sadoff recommended agendizing this matter for the next meeting.

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

A. Review of the first draft of the HP ordinance (see attachments) – discussion - staff and Matt Davis, Carey & Company. Mr. Amoroso pointed out that this matter is on the agenda for discussion only and based on today's action/direction, provide list of actions at the next meeting. Mr. Davis explained and discussed the twelve Articles, and the dark and lighter high-lighted sections of the Draft. In reference to a review body as stated on page 8, the only concern is a large 15 member

Commission historic review body. As such, he recommended a subcommittee. A discussion followed on the qualifications (#2 on page 8), CLG ramifications/guidelines, State recognition, the lack of a County Historian (page 9) and replacing the word 'shall' (E). The Commission agreed unanimously to proceed under the CLG guidelines and Mr. Sugaya to check with the State. In reference to pages 14 and 15, Commissioner Machado recommended Option 1. Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson felt that additional time is needed before a final decision is made. The Chair agreed adding that perhaps the next meeting could be dedicated to the Ordinance. The Commission agreed unanimously for an August meeting.

Mr. Davis briefly discussed the remaining high-lighted paragraphs. Commissioner Allen asked if the Ordinance will address the city landmarks. Mr. Sugaya replied yes and Mr. Amoroso added that a check could be made with County Counsel. In reference to Page 35, Preservation Fund, the Chair felt that some sort of provision is needed and that this Commission would like to be a decision making body making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Sadoff questioned Article II, #6 (page 1) and felt that it needed to be specified. The Chair suggested that the paragraph coincide with the County's Conflict of Interest Statement. In response to Commissioner Machado re #7D (page 10) and Commissioner Furst's concern with the Commission name, he added that there should not be any conflict of the County Charter/By-Laws.

Commissioner Machado said she was impressed with the Draft.

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** - No report.
- B. District 2: Steele** – Commissioner Francis announced that twenty applications were submitted for the HARD Board open seat; five candidates have been selected. The CV School District had concerns with the previous skateboard design and, as such, it is back on the drawing board.
- C. District 3: Lai-Bitker** – No report.
- D. District 4: Miley** - Commissioners Allen stated that the first HOA tour is this Saturday and the Alameda County Historical Society event on the revised Piedmont/Centennial History book. Details will be made available upon request or obtained from their website. Commissioner Machado suggested that perhaps the Society could be made aware of the vacant County Historian position.
- E. District 5: Carson** - Commissioners Tam announced that the Oakland 1946 General Strike Walk will be held 10:30 a.m. on July 28th; sponsored by Merritt College Labor Studies. The East Bay Regional Park District will have a meeting next Friday with the Environmental Round Table, informal meeting re open space with California Native Plant Society, Sierra Club...etc. He will forward (email) details to staff, to be forwarded to any interested Commissioners.

Mr. Amoroso announced that both Castro Valley and Eden General Plans are both on hold pending dispute over the boundary line.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Agenda Items for future meetings.

X. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Machado seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.