

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

**Thursday, November 1, 2007**  
**East Bay Regional Park District,**  
**2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA**  
**(Approved December 6, 2007)**

**I. Call to Order – Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Present:

David Furst  
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson  
James Loughran  
David Sadoff  
Julie Machado  
MaryAnn McMillan  
David Tam

Commissioners Excused:

Annalee Allen  
Marie Cronin  
Stephen Sanger  
Dennis Waespi

Commissioners Absent:

Al Minard  
Harry Francis

Staff Present:

Liz McElligott  
Cindy Horvath  
Angela Robinson-Piñon  
Nilma Singh

Guests:

Jeff Rasmussen, EBRPD  
Dave Collins, EBRPD  
Megan Jones, EBRPD  
John Vlahos, Row Chabot  
James Hannah, Row Chabot  
Frank Guido, City of Livermore

**II. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes were continued. Commissioner Furst made the motion to approve October 4 Minutes and Commissioner McMillan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. 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.* Dave Collins, Assistant General Manager, Management Services, EBRPD, explained and discussed Measure AA including the preliminary process (January, 2007 survey indicated a 77.5% support); fiscal management (25% to local entities and 75% to the District); awareness and use of the parks, types of new parks preferred; priority passive activities; travel distance to parks; open space protection or develop areas for public access; draft allocation figures for Alameda County and the unincorporated areas; and construction of new facilities and/or reconstruction of existing facilities. In response to the Commission, Mr. Collins confirmed that Murray Township is not included and funds are per capita. The Measure will be on their Board agenda in July 2008 and on the November 2008 ballot. The District, currently, was looking for community interests. Commissioner McMillan asked if there is any interest in historical parks.

Mr. Collins replied that he was not sure if parks were included in the survey but Mr. Rasmussen confirmed that the Board does have an interest.

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

**A. CHAIR REPORT** – *No report.*

**B. STAFF REPORT** – Ms. Horvath introduced Angela Robinson-Pinon, the new Commission Planner.

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

**A. DPR Properties Selection** – *The DPR Subcommittee will review the “List of 50” properties to be submitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation.* Ms. Horvath noted the inclusion of the Subcommittee’s DPR recommendation list in the package. Commissioner Machado stated that the Subcommittee had three meetings and further discussed the list. Commissioner Sadoff requested that the Commission look at the list and make comments/recommendations. Commissioner Furst replied that he was satisfied with the East County and Commissioner Loughran said he had no comments. Since most of the sites were outside Oakland, Commissioner Allen said she had no comments either. Commissioner McMillan noted the importance of Herman Mohr House (page 3) and in response to Commissioner Tam, explained that ‘four corners’ represented Lewelling and Hesperian Boulevards. Commissioner Sadoff recommended deleting one of the properties on San Miguel on page 9 and adding a DPR for 4529 Malabar Avenue on page 7. The PRHC agreed with Commissioner Sadoff’s comments, and requested that one of the properties be deleted. Commissioner McMillan requested the addition of an old barn on Crow Canyon Road as historically significant but not requiring a DPR.

**B. December 6 Public Meeting** – *Staff will discuss the upcoming meeting, and review outreach lists and draft agenda. Come prepared to add to this list.* At the request of staff, the Commission confirmed the meeting format. Commissioner Sadoff requested that comments be submitted to Carey & Company for the regular meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Machado expressed concern regarding the second last sentence on page 25 and felt that there was a need to build in the process. Perhaps a separate notification of a pending demolition permit and the consultant could look into this. In response to the Chair, staff indicated she was unsure of the annual number of such permits for 50+ year old structures but could check into it. Commissioner Machado also suggested adding E. Historical Building Code under Standards on page 31-32; and expressed concern with appeals filed with the Planning Commission. Instead, she recommended that the words ‘Planning Commission’ be replaced with Board of Supervisors. Commissioner McMillan noted that Structures of Merit and conservation areas have been deleted/high-lighted throughout the document. Ms. McElligott said that clarification will be obtained on the different shades of highlighting.

Commissioner Machado made the motion to confirm the following changes: page 25 the Demolition Permits; page 31 adding historical building code; Planning Commission to be replaced by Board of Supervisors on page 39; clarification on the highlighted areas; and clarification and inclusion of Structures of Merit and

Conservation Areas. Commissioner Furst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McElligott noted the inclusion of the existing mailing list in the Commission package and requested that any changes/additions be submitted to staff. Commissioner Sadoff replied that he had a few changes.

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

**A. Row Chabot** – *This item is agendaized for discussion as directed at last month's meeting. Representatives from the organization will be in attendance.* Jeff Rasmussen, EBRPD representative, agreed that it was a good project adding that the project is undergoing a design feasibility study. Although initially the project was designed on the up-stream side of the marina, it is now proposed for the open side which, though inconvenient for shoreline access, it is much more accessible for open water rowing. The next step includes the environmental impact, congestion study, disabled access, and the shoreline stability study. Commissioner Furst pointed out that at the last Commission meeting, Row Chabot had expressed concerns regarding the District's lack of response. Mr. Rasmussen agreed that the project is not moving at a pace which Row Chabot would like but since Row Chabot could not raise the required funds, the District is now responsible for the program. Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson asked for funding status and felt there was a miscommunication. Mr. Rasmussen stated that the District is committed to the project and there is \$100,000 in Prop 40 funds (expires in 2010) and \$50,000 in the Building Waterways Fund.

John Vlahos, Treasurer, Row Chabot, explained that there are two kinds of funds, operational and construction funds. He asked for the survey completion date and the availability of a preliminary report. Mr. Rasmussen replied that it would not be finished this year due to the extent of the environmental work, perhaps Spring 2008. Upon completion of the study, a preliminary report will be submitted. The first step is CEQA, then a design process followed by environmental permitting, and construction which will be affected by the weather.

James Hannah, landscape architect, pointed out that when the project had evolved, some discussion should have occurred regarding the feasibility study. He asked where the project stood on the priority list after seven years. Mr. Rasmussen replied that the project is under Prop 40 Projects which expires in 2010 and the District currently is working on the Prop 12 projects followed by the Prop 40 projects. The District is also in the process of locating funds and he urged Row Chabot to do the same. Mr. Hannah pointed out that they also don't have an up-dated agreement to obtain funding. There is a need to up-date the existing one. Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson stressed the importance of a deadline in reference to losing the funding and suggested a meeting between Row Chabot and EBRPD. Commissioner Sadoff agreed and asked if the feasibility study could be completed earlier. Mr. Rasmussen said he was not sure as this was not a huge contract. The Chair suggested an estimated timeline and an input from all involved parties. Row Chabot representatives agreed adding that the feasibility study may reflect that there is funding to build the dock and they only need a 'go-ahead'. Mr. Collins acknowledged that some answers were due.

**B. Olivina Gate** – *City of Livermore staff will present information on this project. Packet includes DPR form and Historic Evaluation Report done in June 2007 by Carey & Company.* Steve Guido, City Planner, outlined the evaluation process and the steps taken to-date. The City and LAPRD have requested that the level of

importance be re-evaluated. The gate is significant only at a local level. Mr. Guido said he would like to request that the Gate be submitted as a point of interest and requested support. Commissioner Sadoff suggested that perhaps a check be made with the consultant for the correct form and language for the letter of support. Mr. Guido added that there is a comment period of 60 days after the receipt of the application at the State level. Commissioner Loughran made the motion that staff will draft a letter of support along with the timeline Commissioner Furst seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff requested clarification as to whether a Resolution is prepared or a letter. Commissioner Sadoff confirmed that previously staff has prepared a letter of support.

**C. Skate Park in Castro Valley** – *The Commission will discuss writing a letter of support for this project.* This matter was continued to the next meeting.

**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:** *None.*
- B. District 2:** Commissioners McMillan announced that Rita Shue is the new HARD Director.
- C. District 3:** *None.*
- D. District 4:** *None.*
- E. District 5:** Commissioners Tam announced that there is a new Berkeley City Attorney.

**IX. ADMINISTRATIVE**

**A. Agenda Items for future meetings**

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