

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

**Thursday, June 4, 2009  
Richard C. Trudeau Training Center  
11500 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA  
(Approved July 2, 2009)**

**I. Call to Order – Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Present:

Annalee Allen  
Al Minard  
James Loughran  
David Sadoff  
Kevin Liebig (arrived late)  
Harry Francis  
Ellen Wyrick-Parkinson  
David Tam  
MaryAnn McMillan

Commissioners Excused:

Marie Cronin  
David Sadoff  
Dennis Waespi

Commissioner Absent

Stephen Sanger

Guests

Bruce Giron

Staff Present:

Liz McElligott  
Angela Robinson-Pinõn  
Nilma Singh

**I. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of May 7 Commissioner Tam provided the information (the Meek Pavilion) to fill in the blanks on page 3. The Chair added that he had received a letter this afternoon regarding the Meek Pavilion and would like the matter agendaized for the next meeting. Commissioner Allen requested that today’s meeting be adjourned in the memory of Peggy Stinnett, a long-time journalist of Oakland Tribune, a preservationist of history and a descendent of the Peralta Family. *She made the motion to approve the May 7<sup>th</sup> minutes with the above insertion 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.*

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

**A. CHAIR REPORT** – *None*

**B. STAFF REPORT** – *None*

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

**A. 6511 Alisal**– The Commission will discuss a proposed demolition. Ms. Robinson-Pinon presented the staff report and added that although not here yet, the Applicant had indicated that he would be attending today’s meeting to answer any questions. The Chair asked if any plans have been submitted yet. Commissioner Francis expressed concern that previously an old farm in Castro Valley area had been demolished without any comments and, as such, stated that he would like to see pictures and plans. He recommended a continuance. Staff pointed out that the Commission can only comment on the proposed demolition and not the plans. The Chair announced that he had visited the site and although the property is eligible by age, it has no historical significance and is a one-story ranch-style vacant house on a two acre site. There are new larger houses around the property. He further submitted a photograph of the house. *Commissioner Loughran made the motion in favor of the demolition and Commissioner Francis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

*There were no new business items.*

**VII. 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 showed a video prepared by a junior high student on Nashua River for Alameda County History Day. Commissioner Tam noted the recent agreement between DaSilva and Citizens for Biological Preservation regarding the Alameda Creek. Ms. McElligott added that it is related to the Apperson Ridge Quarry which has never been mined mainly because of its remote location. This Agreement would require the quarry to build a 6 mile long conveyor belt which will enable its operation without any damage to the environment. Commissioner Allen stated that she had been contacted by a local community commemorating United Nations Day in October and 2010 will be the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Jack London Square. Commissioner McMillan noted that Save the Bay had also been started by a group of women and President Regan is now in shrine in the Hall of Statues. The Chair also announced that the fundraising for the restorations of the Higuera Adobe kiosk and the Chinese bunk house are on-going--the fundraising at Shin Park was a success.

**B. District 2: Steele** - Commissioner Francis announced that the skateboard park dedication will occur tomorrow, Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and all Commissioners are invited. Commissioner McMillan reported the following: improvement work on the San Lorenzo Cemetery is on-going; San Lorenzo Heritage and Hayward Area Historical Societies’ work on the 92 plot identification/cost/plan has begun, a report due end of summer; and San Lorenzo Heritage Society is having an Octoberfest on October 27<sup>th</sup> in Supervisor Steele’s garden at 6pm. She urged the Commission to look into the impact of the new building proposed at Meek Estate, which is on the National Register. The Chair said that the matter will be agendized for discussion at the next meeting.

- C. District 3: Lai-Bitker** - Commissioners Loughran discussed the closure of the San Leandro Hospital and, in response to Commissioner McMillan, confirmed that the San Leandro History room will be closed on the same days as the library.
- D. District 4: Miley** - Commissioners Allen distributed information on the following: the newest issue of Destination Oakland by Oakland Commission of Visitors Bureau; Monterey County visitors center information; Downtown Oakland Walking Tour Schedule 2009 - this Saturday includes the waterfront; the Waterfront Action/Waterfront History Map which was recognized by Oakland Heritage Alliance at their awards night on May 14<sup>th</sup> together with EBRPD's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Fox Theater; new Arcadia book on Berkeley postcards by Wendy M. who could be invited to a future Commission meeting; the Golden Spike event at Oakland Library on May 10<sup>th</sup> celebrating the Trans Continental Railroads; upcoming event, Uptown Unveiled, on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm with a tour of the Fox Theater; Oakland Heritage Alliance Tours is scheduled in September; and the up-coming 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake--details also available online at [www.oaklandheritage.org](http://www.oaklandheritage.org). She had attended an event at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park in the Fruitvale area and thought that the Commission would like to make a visit; and also asked, in response to an email from Naomi S....., Oakland Heritage Alliance, if the Commission was interested in receiving an up-date on HGH mitigations and if yes, requested that the matter be agendaized. And, in response to Commissioner Francis, she will provide an update on Lake Merritt at the next meeting.
- E. District 5: Carson** - Commissioners Tam discussed the future closing of the State parks and a committee of public officials will meet on June 19<sup>th</sup> to consider City of Livermore's proposal to acquire 100+ acres north of the Urban Boundary Line (an area of endangered plant, Birds Beak); and gave an up-date on his book on the 1920 political conflict. A discussion followed regarding the financial status of the Park District and the Regional Park District; and the closing of State parks. Commissioner Wyrick-Parkinson reported that the Amtrak Train Station project is at a standstill and a request for an update has been made to the Army Base.

Commissioner Liebig announced the upcoming Cherry Festival, Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> (today's Daily Review) which includes a Walking Tour and pancake breakfast at the County Fire Station.

The Chair requested that staff add Commissioner Liebig in the Commission Roster and under Commission Reports.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. Agenda Items for future meetings** – The Commission opted to hold the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Staff listed the following July agenda items: Meek Estate, Don Castro Lake, HGH, Eden Hospital

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Commissioner Allen made the motion to adjourn in the memory of Peggy Stinnett and Commissioner McMillan seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.