



# SAN FRANCISCO PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## Meeting Minutes REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 1, 2015  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm. 278  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) called the meeting to order by on September 1, 2015 at 6:31 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: (17) Nick Belloni, District 4, Robert Brust, District 8, Anthony Cuadro, District 7, Linda D'Avirro, District 11, Pat Delgado, District 9, Sharon Eberhardt, District 11, Steffen Franz, District 2, Les Hilger, District 1, Kim Hirschfield, District 3, Richard Ivanhoe, District 5, Toby Levt, District 6, Ancel Martinez, At-Large, Denis Moscofian, District 5, Richard Rothman, District 1, Mark Scheuer, District 8, Linda Shaffer, District 10, Tom Valtin, District 9. There was a quorum.

Members Absent: Winnie Chu District 6 (excused), Maya Rodgers, District 10, and Jane Weil, District 6 (excused)

Recreation and Park Department (RPD) Staff Present: Stacy Bradley, Cristina Garcia, Dawn Kamalanathan and Dennis Kern

1. Review of the Minutes: Discussion and Possible Action to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) proposed to table the approval of this item to a future meeting. There were no member comments or objections. There was no public comment on this item. Amended minutes are online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Approved-and-Amended-Minutes-August-4-2015.pdf>

2. Chair's Report: Discussion only.

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) reported an email addressed to PROSAC District 11 members to be read to all members of PROSAC. She will bring it up in Item 8. She also announced that Item 6 will be heard before Item 5, so that there could be general discussion of the item. Linda moved to have PROSAC discussion of public-private partnerships for open space and parks before the 925-967 Mission Street item. There were no member comments or objections. There was no public comment on this item.

### 3. Capital/Planning Monthly Update: Discussion and Possible Action

Dawn Kamalanathan, RPD Planning and Capital Division Director reported that the ARD study that Richard Rothman (District 1) and she had lobbied for from the Historic Preservation Fund Committee has been completed, along with the first draft of a report. She also reported that the City had made an offer, and received a counteroffer of \$4.8 million, for the Knights of the Red Branch Property on Mission Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets in District 6. Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) requested details at the October 6, 2015 PROSAC meeting on D6 parcels being considered for acquisition. Capital project reports are at: <http://sfrecpark.org/park-improvements/currentprojects/>

There was no public comment on this item.

### 4. Overview of the RPD Operations Division: Discussion and Possible Action

Dennis Kern, RPD Operations Division Director presented an overview of RPD operations. Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) commented that PROSAC would really like to see M. Kern back before the end of the year to discuss clubhouses and deferred maintenance. The presentation and maps are at: <http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Operations-Division-Overview-PROSAC.pdf> and <http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-September-1-2015-Item-4-Maps.pdf>

### 5. Public Private Partnerships for Open Spaces and Parks: Discussion and Possible Action

Item 6 was heard before Item 5. Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) began a discussion of PROSAC's role in the absence of RPD's input on development projects, and how developments don't necessarily meet the open space and park needs of the district where development is occurring. Her initial proposal is at <http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-6-Open-Space-Discussion-Sept-1.pdf>.

In response, a motion was made by Nick Belloni, (District 4) and seconded by Linda Shaffer, (District 10), to adopt a resolution requesting that the Recreation and Park Commission have RPD, in consultation with the Planning Department, work on, devise, and complete a Strategic Plan For Open Space in Districts 6 and 10, and create a working group to enact the plan. The motion passed unanimously. The resolution as adopted is at <http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-RESOLUTION-RECOMMENDING-WORKING-COMMITTEE-TO-CREATE-A-STRATEGIC-PLAN-FOR-DISTRICTS-6-AND-101.pdf>

Public comment: David Pilpel suggested that Planning Department be added, so as not to be confused with RPD's Planning Division, and that the tools developed should be citywide, starting with Districts 6 and 10.

6. 925-967 Mission Street ("5M") Project: Review, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve a Resolution requesting Delay of Decision to be heard at September 17, 2015 Joint Planning/ Re & Park Commission Hearing & Final EIR.

Joseph Smooke, Board President of the of South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAM), clarified concerns about rooftop open space casting a shadow similar to the ground level open space. He asked for a process for PROSAC to evaluate, make a recommendation to Recreation and Park Commission, and have the Recreation and Park Commission hear that recommendation at its own separate hearing before the joint hearing with Planning Commission.

Dyan Ruiz, South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAM), expressed her view that the resolution regarding the Recreation and Park Commission is narrow, and that PROSAC should take a position beyond what the Recreation and Park Commission is required to consider as it relates to the shadow effects on the Children's Playground at Yerba Buena Gardens. A motion was made by Toby Levy (District 6) seconded by Nick Belloni. (District 4) to adopt an amended version of the resolution. The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution as adopted is at: <http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-RESOLUTION.pdf>

Public comment: David Pilpel commented that the agenda wording for this item could have been better written. He would start out with the shadow that PROSAC doesn't want approved or, at a minimum, should be postponed until further analysis is done.

#### 7. Agenda Setting: Discussion Only

Items added: Changing of Park Hours at Cabrillo Playground, Interaction between the Capital and Operations Divisions at the conclusion of a Capital project, and Operations "drill-down" discussion of clubhouses.

There was no public comment on this item

#### 8. General Public Comment

Chair Linda D'Avirro read an email she received from a constituent who wanted to bring attention to the recent shooting at Crocker-Amazon playground.

#### 9. Announcements

Richard Rothman (District 1) said he is giving a free tour of Coit Tower this Saturday at 11 a.m.

There was no public comment on this item

#### 10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.