



# SAN FRANCISCO PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## Meeting Minutes

### REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 2, 2016  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm. 278  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) called the meeting to order on February 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: (15) Jordyn Aquino, District 4, Robert Brust, District 8, Winnie Chu, District 7, Anthony Cuadro, District 7, Linda D'Avirro, District 11, Sharon Eberhardt, District 11, Steffen Franz, District 2, Heather Fuchs, District 4, Les Hilger, District 1, Kim Hirschfield, District 3, Ancel Martinez, At Large, Maya Rodgers, District 10, Richard Rothman, District 1, Linda Shaffer, District 10, and Jane Weil, District 6. There was a quorum.

Members Absent: (7) Nick Belloni, District 2 (excused), Pat Delgado, District 9 (excused), Richard Ivanhoe, District 5 (excused), Toby Levy, District 6 (unexcused), Denis Mosgofian, District 5 (unexcused), Mark Scheuer, District 8 (excused), and Tom Valtin, District 9 (excused)

Recreation and Park Department (RPD) Staff Present: Katie Petrucione, Dawn Kamalanathan and Tiffany Lin

There was no public comment.

2. Review of the Minutes: Discussion and Possible Action to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting.

Steffen Franz moved to approve the January 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes.

Les Hilger, District 1, seconded.

There was no public comment.

Amended and approved minutes are online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Meeting-Minutes-January-5-2016.pdf>

February 2, 2016 Transcript can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-Transcript-February-2-2016.pdf>

### 3. Chair's Report: Discussion only

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11), reported:

1. Budget Presentation at Palega on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 6p-7:30p.
2. Tuesday, February 9, 2016 is the second and final budget meeting from 6p-7:30p at Gene Friend Recreation Center
3. Reminder that elections will take place in April for Chair, First Chair, and Second Chair.
4. The Charter Amendment has gone forward to the Board of Supervisors. The extension to the Open Space Fund is now in the legislation.

Public Comment:

May Wong, Excelsior community member, commented that Palega is located at Felton Street and Holyoke in the Portola. She also noted that she noticed certain groups on Facebook encouraging people to be against the Amendment because the money would be going to the Natural Areas Project.

### 4. Capital/Planning Monthly Update: Discussion Only

Dawn Kamalanathan, Director of Capital Planning, reported:

1. Mission Dolores Park has opened to the public.
2. 17<sup>th</sup> & Folsom Park – Intent to pursue supplemental appropriation to the Board of Supervisors for surplus Eastern Neighborhood's Impact fees.

There was no public comment.

### 5. Presentation and discussion of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 budget submission to the Mayor's Office: Presentation and Discussion Only

Katie Petrucione, Recreation and Park Department, Director of Administration and Finance, presented on the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 budget.

Her presentation and information on this can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-5-SFRPD-2016-2017-2017-2018-Budget-Submission.pdf>

There was no public comment.

6. Presentation and discussion of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Capital Budget: Discussion Only

Dawn Kamalanathan, Recreation and Park Department, Planning Director presented on the FY 2016 Capital budget.

Her presentation can be found online at:

<http://sfrecrepark.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-6-PROSAC-staff-report-on-FY-2017-GF-Capital-Plan.pdf>

There was no public comment.

7. GGNRA's Dog Policy on Its National Park Locations in San Francisco

Howard Levitt, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Director of Communications & Partnerships, presented on the NPS dog management effort and where it stands.

Info on this can be found online at:

<http://sfrecrepark.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-7-GGNRA-Dog-Management-Plan-Overview.pdf>

Public Comment:

Sally Stephens, SFDOG, commented that dogs have never been allowed off-leash on more than 1% of total GGNRA land. GGNRA is talking about restricting by almost 90% of the 1% where you can go with your dog. She expressed that impact on city parks is not handled well in the SEIS and the study was very poorly done, as people didn't know what they were answering. If people cannot go to Fort Funston, they will move into city parks. City parks are too small to handle the overflow.

Frank Triska, commented on the negative impact on Stern Grove and Golden Gate Park due to the influx of people using city parks if the GGNRA dog plan goes into effect. He also noted that if the GGNRA is going to keep "Recreation" in its name, then they need be as accommodating as possible to a wide variety of activities, dog walking included.

Andrea Buffa, Save Our Recreation, suggested that PROSAC should make sure the impact on city parks is studied before this is implemented. She suggested that members conduct a study themselves, or stop the plan from being implemented until the study is done.

Jeanne McKinney, former PROSAC Chair/member, commented that we need to provide enough access for recreational activities, and in particular, dog walking. There is a shortage of space just within city parks, and with GGNRA reducing the dog access, there will be a big impact on our parks.

Renee Pittin, commented on the jagged rocks that have been placed at Fort Funston to keep people on the paths, and noted that it is very dangerous in the event that someone should want to get off the path to avoid another person or dog.

Diane Malone, commented that the GGNRA should not fix what isn't broken, and that putting restrictions on Fort Funston would cause negative unforeseen impacts.

Clarence Robinson, RPD Maintenance staff, commented on his concern of the maintenance of the parks with the loss of GGNRA's dog area. There will come a point when we will reach maximum capacity for both dogs and people in city parks, as a result of GGNRA's dog maintenance plan.

#### 8. Announcements

Richard Rothman, District 1, announced that he and Stacy Bradley completed their presentation of the SF Zoo Mother's Building Murals and will present in April.

There was no public comment.

#### 9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 10. New Business/Agenda Setting: Discussion Only

- Discuss proposing legislation that states if open space is available anywhere in the city, Recreation and Park must be notified of that and be given first right of refusal.
- Presentation of SF Zoo Mother's Building Murals - (Richard Rothman)
- Capital Projects hand-off follow-up with Dawn Kamalanathan

There was no public comment.

#### 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.