



# SAN FRANCISCO PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## Meeting Minutes

### REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 6, 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 October 6, 2015 at 6:31 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Members Present: (15) Nick Belloni, District 4, Robert Brust, District 8, Winnie Chu, District 6, Linda D'Avirro, District 11, Pat Delgado, District 9, Steffen Franz, District 2, Les Hilger, District 1, Richard Ivanhoe, District 5, Toby Levy, District 6, Ancel Martinez, At-Large, Maya Rodgers, District 10, Richard Rothman, District 1, Mark Scheuer, District 8, Linda Shaffer, District 10, Tom Valtin, District 9 and Jane Weil, District 6.  
There was a quorum.

Members Absent: (5) Anthony Cuadro, District 7 (excused), Sharon Eberhardt, District 11, Kim Hirschfield, District 3, and Denis Mosgofian, District 5, (excused)

Recreation and Park Department (RPD) Staff Present: Stacy Bradley and Dawn Kamalanathan

1. Review of the Minutes: Discussion and Possible Action to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 and September 1, 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/PROSAC-August-4-Minutes-From-Linda-10.21.15.pdf>

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/DRAFT-Meeting-Minutes-September-1-2015-From-Linda-10.21.15.pdf>

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

Chair Linda D'Avirro (District 11) reported on the two resolutions passed at the last meeting regarding open space and park planning in Districts 6 and 10 and the 5M Project. She reported that she presented both resolutions at the September 17, 2015 Recreation and Park Commission meeting and thanked Toby Levy (District 6), Linda Shaffer (District 10) for attending the Commission meeting with her and Jane Weil (District 6) for bringing the issue to PROSAC. She encouraged other PROSAC members to attend future Commission meetings so she can introduce them to the Commissioners. She also reported Nick Belloni (District 2) is now a member from District 2 and there are still 3 vacancies on PROSAC. She will ask Secretary Tiffany Lin to update the list of members on the RPD website.

Public Comment: David Pilpel suggested sending a follow up letter to General Manager Ginsburg and the Commissioner after PROSAC passes a resolution to request a response and have action taken on the item.

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

Dawn Kamalanathan, RPD Planning and Capital Division Director reported that she went on a "hard-hat tour" today at the Joe DiMaggio Playground in District 3 and was impressed by its design. It is scheduled to open November 14<sup>th</sup>, and she encouraged everyone to attend the opening.

She reported that the planned purchase of 17<sup>th</sup> and Folsom project is over budget and will now cost in the range of \$400,000 - \$700,000. She will be asking the Eastern Neighborhoods Citizens Advisory Committee for additional funding to deliver that project. The higher price is directly attributable to a two-year hiatus while the PUC decided whether or not to put in a cistern, she said. She will also be asking for additional funds for the Buchanan Street Mall Project and the Margaret Hayward Project at Market & Octavia.

Dawn said her department hired a joint venture between Tom Eliot Fish and Paulett Taggart, both excellent architects, for the Garfield Pool project. The community design process should start in the next six to ten weeks.

She reported that she will be submitting an RFP with a clear scope of work to replace COMET, the Department's asset inventory database with a replacement product fiscal year. The new program should be able to meet the Department's needs over the next decade. She will come back to PROSAC in January to discuss data architecture and the components of the deferred maintenance plan, opportunities and challenges.

Two properties in District 6 are being considered for acquisition: the Red Branch parcel is in negotiation and discussions are underway for a parcel at 11<sup>th</sup> and Natoma and a possible adjoining parcel. In order to be able to purchase these two properties right now she is looking at issuing commercial paper – creating a debt so as not to miss out on purchasing these opportunities in a volatile market.

There was no public comment on this item.

#### 4. Cabrillo Playground – Update on Playground Hours Discussion and Possible Action

Richard Rothman (District 1) reported that Friends of Cabrillo Playground held its first community meeting to propose a change to the Cabrillo Playground operating hours created after legislation passed last year created uniform park closure hours from midnight to 5am. The group hopes to change winter opening and closing hours to 7am-8pm and summer hours to 7am-9pm. He said it will take another 60 days for the item to appear before the Commission. He said the ordinance should have separate operating hours for playgrounds and parks because, for example, custodians may close the restrooms earlier than when the playground closes. Something else to consider under the new ordinance, he said, is even when park hours are posted as 6am-10pm, someone can stay in the park until midnight. He asked members to let him know if other groups have problems with their park hours.

#### 5. PROSAC Discussion to Develop a Sister Park Program: Discussion and Possible Action

Steve Schweigerdt San Francisco Parks Alliance Stewardship Director spoke about creating a sister parks program to facilitate in the sharing of data and information between separate organizations. Not all “Friends of” groups are fiscally sponsored with the Parks Alliance, and a database would help to track and map uncounted green spaces throughout the city, refer different individuals to organizations, and create a network where groups can interact and share their needs.

Chair Linda D’Avirro (District 11) offered some ideas to start a program. Her handout is at

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Envisioning-A-Sister-Park-Program.pdf>

#### 6. PROSAC Discussion on desired elements to include in the proposed 2016 Maintenance Initiative.

Rachel Norton, San Francisco Parks Alliance Director of Policy & Communications handed out a legislation highlight and discussed in detail the proposed 2016 Maintenance Initiative introduced by Supervisor Mark Farrell. Her handout and the legislation is at

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Parks-Alliance-Charter-Amendment.pdf>

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-6-SF-Parks-Alliance-impact-of-legislation.pdf>

The following resolution was proposed by Toby Levy (District 6), seconded by Jane Weil (District 6) and passed unanimously by members:

PROSAC supports the charter amendment as written and urges Supervisor Farrell to include the extension of the Open Space Fund for an additional fifteen years to 2046, so

that there will be more funds available and means of securing funding for the acquisition of open space and recreation space in high-needs area in the near future.

A hearing on the proposed Charter Amendment will be in November.

Public Comment: A member from Noe Valley suggests addressing the resolution to all legislation co-sponsors. David Pilpel said that he would like to see RPD put better planning in place first before adding the proposed resolution item. He suggests instead adding language to the Charter amendment that PROSAC shall review strategic operation and capital plans prior to adoption by the Commission. This would give PROSAC an opportunity to review the plans, add comments to the planning process and hold RPD more accountable. Matt O'Grady, SF Parks Alliance CEO and Rachel Norton said they will take this suggestion back to Supervisor Farrell.

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Legislative-Digest.pdf>

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#### 7. Agenda Setting: Discussion Only

Richard Ivanhoe (District 5) requested an update on the Community Opportunity Fund selection be added to Agenda Setting.

There was no public comment on this item

#### 8. General Public Comment

Tom Borden, member of the public read from the 2002 Board of Supervisors' Resolution 653-02. He said the resolution states that the Natural Areas Management Plan as completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors, continues to preserve and maintain genuine remnants of San Francisco's native flora and fauna, so long as those activities do not include removal of healthy trees that pose no safety hazards, trail closures or restrictions on access and recreation, trapping and removal of wild or feral animals currently inhabiting parks and lakes or expansion of activities into areas that no longer support predominantly native flora and fauna. He said that, although the Natural Areas Management Plan has not been approved by the Board of Supervisors, and the EIR hasn't been issued yet for approval by the Planning Commission, signs went up in February prohibiting bicycles, stating to stay on designated trails, and fences have been erected since 2002.

#### 9. Announcements

Richard Rothman (District 1) said the Harvey Milk 2015 Photo Lecture Series features some of his mural photos taken of the Mothers Building on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

November's PROSAC meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> not Tuesday, due to Tuesday's city elections.

A draft calendar for 2016 PROSAC meetings was distributed and can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Calendar-2016-draft.pdf>

There was no public comment on this item

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.