President Martin called the 841st meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order at 2:02 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2007.

Present
Larry Martin
Jim Lazarus
Gloria Bonilla
Tom Harrison
David Lee
Michael Sullivan

Absent
Meagan Levitan

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Martin announced that Jay Banfield with the San Francisco Park Trust would be leaving as of December 7, 2007 to start up the West Coast Chapter of Years Up. He stated “I must say that they are very lucky to have a great guy like him. In the past two years, Jay, that you have been with the Trust - I have watched your organization grow, become more professional, became a strong partner of the Department. I just want to thank you for all your hard work and let you know how much I and the Commission appreciate and will miss you. I wish you the best.” Commissioners Lee, Bonilla and Harrison added the thanks, compliments and congratulations.

Glenn Synder, President of the Board of the San Francisco Parks Trust also thanked Jay Banfield. He stated that Jay had brought to the Parks Trust a level of organization and professionalism and clear direction that had been needed. He also stated that Jay had put the organization in a very good position to be a strong partner with the Department in carrying out our mutual mission. He believed that Jay was an example of one who had left San Francisco a greener and healthier place. He thanked the Commissioners for their role in that and testing themselves against that standard. Last he announced that the board of Parks Trust would be dedicating a bench in the concourse at Golden Gate Park to Jay Banfield. Ernestine Weiss wished Jay Banfield all the best for a job well done and stated that he was well appreciated.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT
Denny Kern, Acting General Manager, stated that Yomi Agunbiade was at a National Conference in Washington, D.C. Bill Wilson, Chair of the Recreation, Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee reported that the Committee met and had a quorum. At the meeting the Committee passed a resolution requesting that the Commission schedule the upcoming Open Space Contingency Reserve Item listed under New Business to be heard on January 3, 2008 after the Committee met and had an opportunity to review the policy and the revisions.

General Manager’s Written Report
In-Progress Items:
Japanese Tea Garden RFP update
Property Management has developed the following proposed timeline for a new Request for Proposals process for the operation of concession opportunities within the Japanese Tea Garden:

Nov/2007 Review collected material and suggestions from Task Force, etc.
Dec/2007 Conduct additional outreach and research of other gardens
1/07/08 Construct the "new" RFP
1/22/08 Circulate final draft RFP for input from various interested sources
2/07/08 Agenda meeting
2/18/08 Commission approval of RFP package

During this period:
A pre-bid conference/workshop on how to complete and submit a proposal will be held, possibly the week of March 10th.

Staff will form a qualified and diversified Selection Panel.

3/27/08 Proposals are due at 3pm
3/31/08 Week of 3/31 will begin review of proposals and selection of candidate
4/15/08 Write-up due to Commission office for 5/1 meeting
5/01/08 Commission meeting requesting authority to enter into negotiations with selected candidate

Negotiations
5/20/08 Agenda meeting with negotiated agreement
5/28/08 Write-up and materials due to Margaret
6/05/08 Commission approval of agreement

This schedule is aggressive, but staff feels that it can be accomplished. Staff is attempting to develop an RFP that will elicit proposals which both address the cultural competency issues raised by various community groups concerning the Tea Garden operations and that enable a successful financial future for both the operator and the Department.

Events - Openings / Groundbreakings:

PAST EVENTS:

November 9  Beginning of MIND: A Major New Exhibition, in the making for 4 years, includes over 40 new exhibits exploring the mind at the Palace of Fine Arts Exploratorium
November 10  Boy and Girls Citywide Table Tennis Tourney, 10 to 17 years, Richmond Rec Center, 10 a.m.
November 10  Volunteer work parties, 9 a.m. to Noon; Bayview Hill
              California Palace of the Legion of Honor
              Duboce Park (10 to noon)
              Koshland Park (11 to 2 pm) McLaren Park, (10 to noon)

November 12 Urban Gardening Conference hosted by the San Francisco Parks Trust, ll a.m. to 3 p.m. at CELSpace, 2050 Bryant Street, Must sign up in advance, FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY, CURRENTLY ENROLLED, this event is not for adults.
November 15 Thanksgiving Lunch for the Disabled, Assisted Services Division, Invitation Only, Must sign up in advance, County Fair Building, Noon
November 15 Bonsai Society Workshop, Public Welcome, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. County Fair Building
November 15 Bromiliad Society Workshop and Meeting, Public Welcome, 7 .m. to 10 p.m., County Fair Building
November 15 Inaugural Meeting of the Open Space Task Force
November 17 Winter Class Registration at the Sharon Art Studio, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at CELLspace, 2050 Bryant Street, Must sign up in advance, FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY, CURRENTLY ENROLLED, this event is not for adults.
November 17 Recreation and Park, Athletics Division, Youth Mixed Tennis Tourney, Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex, all day, Must sign up in advance
November 17 District 4 and 7 Community Clean Team, Stern Grove, 9 a.m. to Noon
November 17 Highly Recommended: Special Weekend Events associated with MIND, all day, included in regular admission; Laughter, Clowns, Humor, Self Expression, Palace of Fine Arts, Exploratorium
November 18 same as above, but including, Other Phenomena of the MIND
November 17 Official Reopening Ceremony and Community Celebration at Sunnyside Playground
November 18 49ers vs. St. Louis, 1:15 p.m. at Candlestick
November 18 Millionth visitor to Conservatory of Flowers (since its re-opening)

FUTURE RPD EVENTS:

November 28 RPD Neighborhood Services Division, Town Hall Meeting, Randall Museum, 1 - 3 p.m.
November 28 Portrero Hill Rec Center Field Renovation Community Meeting, 6 pm - 8 pm
November 29 RPD Neighborhood Services Division, Town Hall Meeting, County Fair Bldg, 10 to Noon
November 29 The City's 78th Annual Tree Lighting, McLaren Lodge, Sundown, Golden Gate Park, free, (Simultaneous Lighting of the Tree at Civic Center Plaza)
December 1 Study the Brain: See A Real Sheep Brain dissected to see how the Brain is structured, Palace of Fine Arts, Free after Admission, Exploratorium, for Ages 10 and Up, 2 - 4 p.m.
December 1 Special Habitat Planting as Part of "Come Plant the New Year," RPD Volunteer Division, Corwin Community Garden, 9 a.m. to Noon
December 1,2 RPD Grand Prix Youth Tennis Tourney, Athletics Division, Golden Gate Park Tennis Complex, Must Sign Up In Advance, Matches All Day, Both Days
December 2 SF 49ers vs. Carolina, @ Carolina, 10 a.m. on FOX
December 3 RPD Public Meeting, Regarding User/ Rental Fees at the County Fair Bldg and Conservatory of Flowers, 7 to 9 p.m., free
December 3 Huntington Park Annual Tree Lighting, Huntington Park, Sundown, free,
December 6 RPD's Annual Youth Holiday Caroling at City Hall, Rotunda Steps, Noon, free
December 14 RPD's 2007 Holiday Party

**BOS Full Board & Committee Mtgs:**
November 13  BOS Full Board Meeting
Agenda items #20 Amending Park Code; #21 Saturday Closure yearly November 20  BOS Full Board Meeting
Agenda items #10 Park Code Amendment; #11 JFK Saturday Closure November 29  City Operations & Neighborhood Services
Agenda items #9 Skate Park; #12 Banning alcohol in children's play areas December 11  BOS Full Board Meeting
Agenda item: Re-appropriating $50k from GGP Stables Study to Golf Study

**Park Patrol / Police Incidents - September 24, 2007 - November 20, 2007**

**Monday, September 24, 2007; 2:15 p.m.; Hippie Hill**
Plainclothes officers were in the above area when they saw one of the local hangers-out lingering on the 'hill'. They knew he had an outstanding felony warrant; he didn't know. They had no trouble arresting him for said warrant. And as an extra added bonus, he had another warrant out of Santa Cruz County. He went to jail.

Possession of a Hallucinogenic, Violation of Probation/Arrest
Wednesday, September 26, 2007; 05:30 am; Chicken Hill, Golden Gate Park
Officers were conducting "outreach" for the illegal campers in the park when they came across one individual sleeping soundly in the brush. The officers awoke the sleeper and determined that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest and was on parole. During the booking search the officers located a few "mushrooms" (the illegal variety). After the officers talked to this miscreant's parole agent a parole hold was also placed. Now he has a place to stay.

**Saturday, September 29, 2007; 08:43 AM; Koret Play Ground; GGP**
Officers received complaints regarding individuals loitering in the area of the children's play area and responded to the area. The officers made several passes through the area advising individuals regarding loitering in the area the playground. One of these individuals did not heed the warning and was observed in the middle of the play area on subsequent patrol by the patrol units. This time he went to jail. The parents of the children were very thankful.

**Between 09/30, 6:30pm and 10/01, 10:00am, a suspect gained entry into the bike rental shop inside Golden Gate Park. The suspect took tools and bicycle equipment.**

**Marijuana, Possession for Sales**
Tuesday, October 16th, 2007, Alvord Lake Area
I know that you will find this as unbelievable as I do, but there was a 35 year old white male arrested at the entrance to the Park by Alvord Lake. Plainclothes officers observed him in several short conversations with persons entering and leaving, and then try to hide his face from them. They went to detain him, and when he fled they grabbed him. When the officers grabbed his jacket, they felt several baggies of suspected marijuana. A warrant check and search were conducted, followed by an arrest and booking.

**7 a.m. A man was seen near Balboa Pool throwing trash into the street. Officer Cahill and Officer Lee found the man nearby and a neighbor signed a complaint. The man had no form of identification and so was booked on misdemeanor charges at Ingleside Station.**

**Dog Bites Dog**
Wednesday, September 26th, 2007, 5:00 pm, Duboce Park
Officers on patrol in the area of Duboce Park, were flagged down by a woman, who advised them that her small poodle type dog had just been bitten by another dog. The officers found the offending canine, together with her owner. After contacting Animal Care and Control, officers issued a citation to the owner of the biter.

**Warrant arrest**
Thursday 27th, 2007 11:18 p.m. Conservatory Drive Golden Gate Park.
While checking Golden Gate Park for sleepers and campers, Park Station Offices came in contact with a subject in the park after hours. While the Officers were advising him of the hours that the park was open they asked his name and if he had ever been arrested. The subject gave the Officers and name and date of birth and also said he had been arrested once. A record and warrant check showed no contact with a person with that name. When confronted about lying about his name the subject gave the Officers his real name and date of birth. Now for the big surprise, he had a "NO BAIL" warrant for his arrest under his true name.

**Friday, September 28th, 2007, 7:30 pm, Kezar Stadium**
During the Lowell-Washington Football game at Kezar Stadium, a security guard witnessed an assault. Officers responded and attempted to detain the culprit. One fled, climbing over the fence towards Kezar Drive. He was detained by hawk-eyed Park Station officers, who then backtracked to where he climbed the fence. They found a loaded revolver, that had apparently just been dropped by the climber, who was later booked at YGC. The actions of the officers quite possibly saved lives if a shooting had
Stay Away Order Violation / Possession of Marijuana / Probation Violation  
Sunday, September 30th, 2007; 8:56 am, Alvord Lake  
Officers recognized an individual who was on felony probation and had a stay away order from the area. As the officer approached they noted that he threw a cigarette package to the ground. The officers retrieved the discarded item and discovered that it contained a quantity of marijuana. This subject was then placed under arrest and his probation violated.

Possession Marijuana for Sales Arrest  
Monday, October 1, 2007; 10:20 p.m.; Sharon Meadows  
Plainclothes officers were in the above area when they saw two individuals sitting on a bench smoking a joint. As they approached the subjects attempted to conceal their activity but the odor remained. The officers conducted a warrant check and determined that each had outstanding criminal arrest warrants from "Humbolt County." The arrest search revealed a large quantity of marijuana inside a backpack, a scale and packaging material for street sales. Both went to jail.

Another Stay-Away Arrest  
Monday, October 1, 2007; 4:30 p.m.; Alvord Lake  
Again your beat officer was out and about when he recognized another miscreant that was prohibited from hanging out where he was and he too was arrested.

Felony Drug Arrest  
Tuesday, October 2, 2007; 12:20 p.m.; Hippie Hill  
Plainclothes officers were in the area of the 'hill' when they saw a guy they knew who had a warrant. As soon as he saw them he started walking away, suspiciously leaving his backpack behind. They stopped him and arrested him for the warrant. Upon searching him they found narcotics packaged for sale. And upon retrieving his backpack, which he wanted nothing to with, found lots more of the same stuff. He went to jail.

Stay-Away Order Arrest (one of our most effective tools)  
Tuesday, October 2, 2007; 12:30 p.m.; Hippie Hill  
Same plainclothes officers, while making the aforementioned arrest, saw another dude that was prohibited from being in that area. He too was arrested.

10/03, 822am 553 17th Ave  
1992 Honda Accord  
*above vehicle was recovered at 829am, and the suspect was taken into custody at 4th & Geary  
10/03, 930am to 1215pm Great Highway & Lincoln 2007 Chrysler Van  
*vehicle was recovered at 1215pm on the 4800 block of Irving, and the victim was a surfer  
10/05, 630pm to 10/06, 12pm 1700 Lyon 1992 Nissan Maxima  
10/06,130am to 930am 147 Lake St 1991 Honda Accord  
10/06, 9am to 1025am Great Highway & Fulton 2004 VW Golf  
*vehicle was recovered at 1055am at JFK & 47th Ave, the victim was a surfer  
Battery on a Police Officer/ Sales of Marijuana—Arrest Thursday, October 4, 2007; 5:05 pm Alvord Lake G.G. Park  
Plain-clothes officers from Park Station were walking in the area of Alvord Lake minding their own business, when they walked up on a narcotics transaction in progress. When they tried to arrest the dealer & the buyer the suspects started to fight the officers. The dealer, who then fled, assaulted one officer. The buyer took off running in a different direction. Uniformed officers arrived and after a violent struggle both suspects were taken into custody.

Park Code Violations / Warrant Arrest  
Sunday, October 7, 2007; 3:40 am; Buena Vista Park  
Officers visited one of the many district parks today enforcing the park code violations. Officers cited 15 individuals for sleeping in the park and booked one person for outstanding warrants. Sleeping in the Parks Warrant Arrest; Sleeping in GGP

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Sunday, 10/14/07; 5:33 am; Stanyan Meadow  
Outreach Officers came upon a man sleeping in a sleeping bag in Stanyan Meadow. A computer check revealed a warrant out of Redwood City. Officers also cited nine people sleeping in Buena Vista Park.

On 10/14/07 at 1:36 PM, in Union Square, Officer Tom Cunnane was diligently on foot patrol when he observed an individual in violation of a Park Code ordinance. Officer Cunnane conducted a warrant check and determined that he had an outstanding warrant for burglary and theft violations.

On 10/16, at 2pm, officers responded to the area of MLK Dr & Stow Lake Dr inside Golden Gate Park on report of a male breaking
into a car. The witness had observed the suspect break a window of a vehicle and remove a bag. The witness then pointed out the suspect, who was sitting in his own vehicle, to the officers. Officers detained the male. In the course of the investigation, officers located, inside the suspect's car, property that had been taken from other recent auto burglaries. The suspect was also in possession of a loaded firearm. The investigation is on going.

On 10/16/07 at 9:19 AM, in Union Square, Officer Tom Cunnane was on foot patrol when he observed a man acting strangely in the park. The Officer's investigation resulted in an arrest and the seizure of weapons including an 8" cleaver, a 4" folding knife, and a 17" dagger. A check of the suspect's arrest history revealed numerous crimes of extreme violence, and various weapons possession charges, including a firearm.

On 10/20 at 10:20pm, a male victim reported to officers that he had been robbed by 5 males while walking in the area of MLK Dr and Lincoln Way. The victim said that he was approached by these males and when he tried to get around them he was pushed to the ground and kicked in the head and body. One of the suspects took the victim's backpack which was on his back. The suspects fled in an unknown direction.

On 10/21/07 at 12:00 PM, in Washington Square Park, two dog owners had their animal's off-leash when one attacked and killed the other. The owner of the deceased dog obtained the identification of the other party and later reported the incident at Central Station.

On 10/22, at 11 pm, officers responded to the area of MLK and 25th Ave, inside Golden Gate Park. They had received information that a shooting victim was in the area. Officers located the male, a 30-year-old San Francisco resident, inside the park. The male told the officers he was shot by an unknown suspect near a lake, and would not provide any further information. He was transported to a local hospital.

On 10/22/07 at 9:30 AM, on the 700 block of Clay, Officer Daryl Fong was on foot patrol when he noticed a man loitering near a designated children's play area. Upon contacting the man, Officer Fong determined that he was a sex offender who had violated the conditions of his probation by not (re-)registering as required by law.

On 11/20/07 at 4:00 PM, at Portsmouth Square, Officer Stewart Ng observed a group of men gambling. Upon approaching the group, the men fled, except the winner, who was gathering his loot. Officer Ng issued him a citation for gambling.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Belus Yeldip, with the Friends of McLaren Park, reminded the Commission that two years ago he had come to the Commission with a proposal for Yosemite Marsh area. He stated that he thought after three years the Department would come up with some kind of design that would have an advantage for impounding the storm water and also to store that water to use it during drought for irrigation. Unfortunately that did not occur. He had submitted drawings to the Department along with all the calculations for hydrology and hydraulics and how much storm water would be impounded in new ponds about the marsh area. Evidently that was not considered at all. He asked that the Commission consider their proposal on this matter.

On motion by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RES. NO. 0712-001
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes of the September 6, 2007 and October 4, 2007 meetings.

RES. NO. 0712-002
RESOLVED, That this Commission does recommend that the Board of Supervisors does accept and expend a gift-in-place of a Rhododendron Garden Pavilion from the San Francisco Botanical Garden Society valued at $125,000.

RES. NO. 0712-003
RESOLVED, That this Commission does award a construction contract to Sean W. Smith in the amount of $219,452 for erosion control, dredging, and pedestrian access improvements at Yosemite Marsh in McLaren Park.

RES. NO. 0712-004
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an award of contract to McGuire & Hester for the Kelloch Velasco Park Renovation project in the amount of $992,360.

RES. NO. 0712-005
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the following animal transactions for the San Francisco Zoological Society which were processed under Resolution No. 13572.
PURCHASE FROM:
Penny Hamers 0.4 Nigerian Dwarf Goat
4080 Parkhill Road Capra hircus TOTAL DUE $125.00 ea.
Santa Margarita, CA 93453
USDA- N/A $500.00

DONATION FROM:
Duke University Lemur Center 2.1 Coquerel's mouse lemur
Box 90385 NIL
Duke University
Durham, NC 27705
USDA # 55-C-110 Microcebus coquereli

GENERAL CALENDAR

HAMILTON POOL AND RECREATION CENTER PROJECT

Staff Report
Bid Information:
Bids were originally received for the project in late August 2007. However it was determined that the low bid did not meet the
LBE goals set by the Human Rights Commission for the project. With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, the
Recreation and Park Department embarked on an accelerated bid period and solicited construction bids for the Project in early
November 2007. Bids were received on November 16, 2007 with a total of 4 bids accepted. The additional funding of
$2,045,701 that is being requested will cover the bid shortfall, provision of new water slides, and additional contingency. The
bid information is as follows:

$10,868,000 from Hagensen Pacific Construction
$11,158,000 from CLW Builders
$11,160,000 from Kenridge Builders
$10,980,000 from NBC Contractors

Therefore, the apparent low bidder is Hagensen Pacific Construction. The construction budget established for the project is
$10,450,000.

Background/Description:
Hamilton Recreation Center/Playground is a large multi-use facility located at the corner of Geary St. and Steiner St. Two
large structures built in 1956 house a community pool and gymnasium and a smaller building offices, community room
and kitchen. A children's playground is located to the south of the pool building along with tennis and volleyball courts
and parking. A grass play field is located directly west of the buildings. The dated facility does not conform with current
codes or current programmatic needs of the community. The project includes a seismic, access upgrades, and renovation.
This entails the renovation of the pool building and gymnasium. The existing recreation center building will be replaced
with a new one-story building and the pool lockers/restroom building will be replaced with a new one-story building. It also
includes multi room program spaces and new office spaces. Site improvements will include a new playground and play
structures. New accessible entrances will be constructed on Geary Blvd. and Post St. The building will include a new
gardener's storage room on the north face of the pool building, in addition "body flume" water slide and drop slides.
Adjacent sidewalks will be repaired and curb ramps added. The project also includes new electrical, plumbing and
mechanical systems.

Project Cost and Source of Funding:

Total Funding: $17,693,922

Sources:
2000 Neighborhood Park Bond $ 456,800
Open Space funds $ 943,200
Revenue Bonds $14,300,956
Total other GF/other funds $ 250,000
Revenue Bond $ 2,045,701 (additional appropriation)

Total Project Budget
Construction Budget $13,604,715 (construction, contingency, reserve)
Project Design/Controls $ 4,089,207
Construction Schedule: 455 days
Notice to Proceed: January 14 2007
Substantial Completion: April 13 2009

George Nejat with Hagensen Pacific Construction thanked the capital division staff for all of their hard work on this project.

On motion by Commissioner Harrison and duly seconded the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RES. NO. 0712-006

RESOLVED. That this Commission does: 1) request authorization to seek approval from the Board of Supervisors to use $2,045,701 of Recreation and Park Department Capital Bond Reserve and 2) awards a construction contract to Hagensen Pacific Construction, for the Hamilton Pool Recreation Project in the amount of $11,598,000 for the base bid amount and for Alternates 2, 3 & 4.

GOLDEN GATE PARK – SEGWAY TRIAL

Staff Report

Background:
Segway of San Francisco has approached Department staff about operating guided tours in Golden Gate Park on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The guided tours would originate in the Music Concourse area and strictly adhere to one of the two routes attached as Exhibit A. The routes have been submitted to both park staff and park patrol for review. The guided tours will follow suggested safety regulations by the manufacturer including a user to tour guide ratio of 8:1 (Please refer to "Segway Authorized Tours Program" addendum, attached here as Exhibit B.)

The San Francisco Traffic Code was amended in 2002 to prohibit the operation of Segways on sidewalks (Ord. 241-02, File No. 021643, App. 12/20/2002). The City Attorney has reviewed City and State law and has determined that our trails, which will partially be used as part of the tours, do not constitute the definition of a sidewalk. Segways are allowed on City streets, but due to the open feeling in Golden-Gate Park, the tours will take extra precaution when crossing thoroughfares and closed streets. Attached are two letters of support from satisfied users of the services provided by Segway of San Francisco. Segways also serve an educational tool by promoting a form of “green” transportation as well as providing an additional cutting edge form of recreation for park users.

As this request serves as a personal license to Segway of San Francisco for a 6-month trial period, it will not be eligible for or subject to extensions. During and after the 6-month period, the Department will evaluate the performance history to decide if a more permanent concession is warranted. If so, a Request for Proposals will be developed and brought before the Commission for approval in order to put a more comprehensive plan into effect.

General terms of the permit include:
Term: 6 months, no extensions
Rent: 28% of gross revenue
Rates: Segway is planning on charging $90 per person per 2-hour tour
Insurance: All standard insurance and indemnification language is included

Financial Impact:
The Department will receive 28% of gross revenue derived from this temporary concession.

Pros: This offers a more cutting-edge educational and recreational opportunity for Golden Gate Park. We will derive some revenue and a valuable trial-period history in determining if developing an ongoing concession is warranted.
Cons: Staff has received calls from a few concerned citizens about the use of Segways in the park. (This item has been on the upcoming list of items on the Agenda for the past few meetings.) To address those concerns, it should be reiterated that these will be guided tours under controlled circumstances and not individuals randomly riding in Golden Gate Park.

Chris Rankin Planning Commission Chair for the City of Pacifica stated that they had followed this matter very closely over the past couple of years as the Segway of San Francisco has been giving a number of tours in the area. There were some people who were skeptical at first but all the tours had gone very smoothly Segway had done an excellent job running the tours. He stated that there had been no problems at all and they had been impressed with how they've been able to co-exist with the bicycles and pedestrians that go on the same trails that they do. Ernestine Weiss stated that she was very influential on banning the Segways on the waterfront sidewalks because of crowded pedestrian concerns and bikers and skateboarders and rollerbladers. She asked how the areas that other people use would be supervised.

On motion by Commissioner Harrison and duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RES. NO. 0712-007

RESOLVED. That this Commission does approve a revocable 6-month temporary and non-possesory permit to operate guided predetermined Segway tours in Golden Gate Park contingent upon seniors fees being set.
GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES EIR ADOPTION AND CONCEPTUAL PLAN APPROVAL

Background

The Equestrian Center at Golden Gate Park is located south of John F Kennedy Drive between Spreckles Lake, Golden Gate Park Stadium (Polo Field), and Lindley Meadow. The complex consists of five structures surrounding a central riding arena. On the south side of the site stands the longest structure, a concrete grandstand with horse stalls beneath the seating. The Grandstand structure was built in 1909, and the other four stable buildings were constructed in 1939 under the Work Progress Administration (WPA) program established by the Federal Government to provide work relief to Americans during the Great Depression. Before the stables were closed, GGP was one of the last urban parks in the country to offer horseback riding. The GGP Master Plan identifies a set of objectives and policies to "preserve Golden Gate Park's contribution to the diversity of cultural, natural, and recreational resources available to park visitors from San Francisco, the Bay region, and elsewhere. Golden Gate Park should be recognized as an important American cultural resource". The objective and policy applicable to the Proposed Project include the following:

Objective V— Recreational Uses and Facilities Ensure that recreational uses of Golden Gate Park are appropriate to the park environment and purpose.
Policy B — Equestrian Facilities The programs of the equestrian facility should serve a broad spectrum of users. Designated equestrian trails should be adequately designed and maintained to provide a firm surface and to minimize erosion. The existing equestrian facilities should be renovated to meet the requirements of building codes and regulations, accessibility, and animal welfare.

The GGP Master Plan identifies the GGP Equestrian Center as needing improvements, including the possibility of covering the arena, adding a perimeter fence for night security, and replacing temporary structures with permanent ones, including structures to house a caretaker's unit and other uses.

After the failure of the facilities operator in 2001, RPD elected to close the facility to the public and develop a plan to renovate the facility. In 2003 an assessment of the facility was issued by a BOS appointed task force, which recommended various modifications to the facility to improve operations. The plan included the demolition of the dilapidated grandstand structure and construction of a larger, covered arena, renovation of the other historic buildings on the site, and replacement the various support structures. A conceptual project plan, based on the recommendations of the task force was approved by the Recreation and Park Commission in June 2003 [Resolution No. 0306-014]. This plan is further referred to as the Proposed Project' or Project' in this report.

The objectives of the Proposed Project are as follows:
Rehabilitate the WPA stables to meet requirements of building codes and regulations;
Provide accessible riding instruction and programs to the general public;
Have a financially self-supporting facility; and,
Provide a healthy equine environment.

The Proposed Project components and corresponding actions and elements are as follows:

WPA Stables
- Seismic and building code upgrade
- Rehabilitation of structures,' including interior stall reconfiguration.

Arena
- Expansion and covering of existing arena.
- Installation of retaining wall along south end of expanded arena.

Grandstand and Ancillary Structures
- Demolition of entire grandstand and existing ancillary structures

New Construction/Other
- Construction of two apartments.
- Construction of barn and manure bunker
- Construction of tack room/office/classroom
- Construction of three boarding stable buildings with a total of 20 stalls.
- Resurfacing of pathways, road, and parking lot
- Landscape improvements
- Installation of perimeter fencing
- Roadway and parking reconfiguration

Use of Trails
- Use of multiple-use trails between GGP Equestrian Center, Redwood Ring, Bercut Equitation Field, Dressage Ring, and Little Speedway Ring.

Environmental Impact Report
Process Overview

The Golden Park Stables was identified as a contributing feature in the designation of Golden Gate Park as a site of historic significance on the National Registry of Historic Places. The Grandstand structure is considered part of that feature, as well as part of the Golden Gate Park Stadium, also identified as a contributing feature. The plan to remove the Grandstand structure, and to construct other new stable structures, would constitute a discretionary action with potential for significant
impacts on cultural resources which may not be mitigable, hence the San Francisco Planning Department determined that an Initial Study and focused Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance for this project is required.

On March 2, 2006 the Recreation and Park Commission authorized the Capital Division to award a professional services contract to EDAW, Inc. for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the renovation of the Golden Gate Park Equestrian Center (Resolution No. 0603-010).

On X Planning published an Initial Study of the project's environmental impacts, as defined under CEQA. The study determined that the Project would have no significant environmental effects in the following areas: land use, aesthetics, population and housing, transportation and circulation, noise, air quality, wind and shadow, recreation, utilities and service systems, public services, biological resources, archeological resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, hazards/hazardous materials, mineral/energy resources, and agricultural resources. The Initial Study determined that further analysis in the area of impacts to historical resources should be studied within the environmental impact report.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was issued on August 31, 2007. In addition to the proposed Project (Conceptual Plan adopted by this Commission in 2003), the DEIR also included an analysis of the following 4 alternatives:

*Alternative 1: The No Project Alternative:* The No Project Alternative would involve no substantial changes to the project site;

*Alternative 2: The Preservation Alternative:* The Preservation Alternative would reserve and rehabilitate the existing WPA Buildings and Grandstand structure according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The arena and other support structures would not be demolition. No new structures would be constructed.

*Alternative 3: The Alternative Site Plan A: Expanded Administration/Education Facility.* Alternative A would include the construction of a new building to house educational, administration and support functions. The building would be located in the north-east comer of the site, facing west toward the historic WPA buildings. The historic WPA buildings would be renovated to house 32 stalls. Three new stable buildings containing 14 additional stalls would be constructed on the site. These new building would be located along the south property line, and will be sized and configured much the same way as those in the Proposed Project. Under Alternative A, the new stable building at the north of the site would be replaced by open horse turn-out space. The total stall count would remain at 46, the same as the proposed project. The hay barn and covered arena structures would be the same as those found in the proposed project.

*Alternative 4: The Alternative Site Plan B: Expanded Administration/Education Facility and Hay Barn.* Alternative B would include the construction of a new building to house educational, administration and support functions. The building would be located in the north-east corner of the site, facing west toward the historic WPA buildings. The historic WPA buildings would be renovated to house 32 stalls. Two new stable buildings containing 8 additional stalls would be constructed on the site. These new building would be located to the west and east of the covered arena in alignment with the historic WPA buildings, and will be sized and configured much the same way as those in the proposed project. A new hay barn would be constructed in the south-east corner of the site opposite the historic WPA stall buildings. The building's operational access will occur from the service drive to the east A mezzanine, accessible from the equestrian center grade level, will house 6 stalls and access to the manure bunker. The total stall count would remain at 46, the same as the proposed project.

Comments on the DEIR were collected between August 31 and October 16, 2007, and a public hearing on the topic was held before the Planning Commission on September 27, 2007. Planning Department published a Comments and Responses document on November 5, 2007. The Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), which consists of the DEIR and the Comments and Responses document, on November 15, 2007.

**CEQA Findings**

The Initial Study and the Draft EIR identified mitigation measures that would mitigate all significant environmental effects from the project. Mitigations measures to mitigate effects associated with Cultural Resources, Air Quality Hydrology and Water, and Biological Resources are discussed below.

**Mitigation Measures:** Under this action, the Recreation and Park Commission is being asked to approve and adopt the following Mitigation Measures:

Mitigation Measure Cultural (Archeological) Resources-1: This measure requires the construction contractor to distribute the Planning Department archeological resource ALERT sheet to all subcontractors, utility providers and other filed personnel who might accidentally discover buried or submerged historical resource. In the event an archeological resource is
encountered during soil or Bay-bottom disturbing activities, the construction work must stop until the Planning Department, in consultation with the California State Lands Commission has determined what additional measures should be taken.

Mitigation Measure Air Quality-1: This measure requires the construction contractor to implement measures recommended by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District during construction to control dust and other air pollution emissions associated with construction activities.

Mitigation Measure Air Quality-2: This measure requires that the SFRPD or their designated stable operator shall prepare a manure management, storage, and trail waste disposal plan to minimize resultant odors to surrounding areas to be submitted to the Department of Public Health for review and approval.

Mitigation Measure Hydrology and Water Quality-1: This measure requires that the manure bunker be constructed to insure the containment of contaminated surface water run-off.

Mitigation Measure Hydrology and Water Quality-2: This measure requires that water from stables be directed to the drains that connect to the combined sewer system by a system designed to prevent such runoff from going off-site.

Mitigation Measure Biological Resources (Nesting Raptors)-1: This measure requires that preconstruction surveys be conducted in areas of suitable nesting habitat within 500 feet of project activity should work commence during the nesting season (Feb 1-Aug 31).

Mitigation Measure Biological Resources (Nesting Raptors)-2: This measure requires the construction of a buffer zone around any active nests, and establishes protocols related to the completion of work within and around those buffer zones.

Improvement Measures: In addition to the mitigation measures above, the Commission is being asked to adopt additional improvement measures for implementation under the approved Project CEQA does not require the Recreation and Park Commission or other implementing agencies to adopt these measures. Nevertheless, the Recreation and Park Department has agreed to implement these measures to address effects of the project that are not significant environmental effects. Implementation of the improvement measures will further reduce these less-than significant environmental effects of the project Improvement measures include:

Improvement Measure Transportation and Circulation-1: Under this measure SFRPD agrees to install signs along the primary or designated trails that will be used between the project site and satellite arenas.

Improvement Measure Transportation and Circulation-2: Not Used.

Improvement Measure Transportation and Circulation-3: Under this measure SFRPD agrees to clear vegetation along trails that may have blind corners or sharp turns to provide a line of sight between different users.

Improvement Measure Historic Resources-1: Under this measure: Under this measure SERPD agrees that the rehabilitation of the WPA Stables shall comply with the State Historical Building Code to the extent possible.

Improvement Measure Historic Resources-2: Under this measure SFRPD agrees to document the GGP Grandstand prior to demolition.

Project Alternative
At the conclusion of this Environmental Review process, it has been determined that all environmental impacts associated with the Project can be mitigated with the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures. While some of the alternatives studied in the course of the EIR process were found to pose less environmental impact overall, from a CEQA perspective environmentally these variants provide no advantage over the proposed Project
Alternatives 1 (No Project) and 2 (Rehabilitation Only) are not believed to meet the project objectives adopted by this Commission, as articulated earlier in this report It is the opinion of staff that neither option would support a financially self-supporting operation, nor would they provide a healthy equine environment. Staff recommends that the Commission reject Alternatives 1 and 2.
Alternatives 3 and 4 represent enhanced versions of the proposed project, developed in coordination with the Parks Trust. These alternatives are described on page 3 of this report It is the opinion of staff that both options would meet the project objectives. However, it is also the opinion of staff that Alternative 4 is the preferable design option for the following reasons: Facility design that allows for operator flexibility in meeting program goals and financial stability Defines edges of the facility for public and horse safety while still connecting the site to the Park and existing view corridors, landmarks and park program areas.
Renovation of historic stables to create a healthy, humane environment for horses on the inside, with respect for the restoration of their historic fabric as contributing buildings to the Park's federal landmark status.
Provides two new turnout areas (paddocks) for horses to exercise and socialize which will improve and enhance their contribution to the riding program.

Positions new Education and Administration building as a community resource and as a welcoming gateway to the expanded Equestrian Center facility.

Provides a covered but day lit Arena to support diverse teaching and horsemanship activities, with sheltered gathering areas for instruction and observation that keep students, staff and horses safe.

Positions new Hay Barn, storage and support spaces to optimize efficiency of deliveries and minimize staff labor in transporting supplies and maintaining high standards for cleanliness throughout the facility. 

Incorporates potential development of on-site composting within the complex footprint, and other energy and resource management measures to fulfill city and project goals for sustainability.

Staff recommends that the Commission designate Alternative 4 as the approved conceptual plan for the renovation project (See Attachment D, Alternative 4: The Alternative Site Plan B: Expanded Administration/Education Facility and Hay Barn)

Project Budget and Schedule

Should the Recreation and Park Commission decide to accept these recommendations and direct staff to implementation of the Project as defined in Alternative 4, the project budget and schedule would be as follows:

Project Budget

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Project Schedule

On motion by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RES. NO. 0712-008

RESOLVED, That this Commission does adopt environmental findings in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, including a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, for the San Francisco Golden Gate Park Stables Renovation Project, and to approve and direct staff to begin working to implement conceptual design Alternative 4, as defined in the environmental document.

EASTERN NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION STRATEGY

The Planning Department is completing an area plan and rezoning for each of the Eastern Neighborhoods: East SoMa (South of Market), Showplace Square/Potrero Hill, the Mission, and Central Waterfront. Attached is a brochure, which describes this process in more detail. One of the key components of this area planning process is the open space discussion. Many of these neighborhoods are high needs neighborhoods and with a growth of between 7,000 and 10,000 housing units expected in all four neighborhoods over the next 20 years, the existing open spaces will be only further taxed. The Planning Department is working with the Recreation and Parks Department to achieve two main goals regarding open space acquisition:

- The acquisition of a new park site that is a minimum of % acre in size, but preferably 1 acre in size, in each of the four neighborhoods.
- The renovation of an existing park in each of the four neighborhoods.

The Planning Department has completed a needs assessment which identifies a need for a total of approximately 14.5
acres of open space. The Plan proposes to first set an objective of acquiring one public park site in each neighborhood. In order to obtain the total amount of needed open space, the Plan also proposes a number of streetscape improvements, increased private open space requirements, and incentives for private developers to provide public open space.

Recognizing the challenges of finding funding especially for long-term maintenance, accompanying the areas plans is a program for funding acquisition and maintenance of these open spaces. The Planning Department and Recreation and Parks Department staff recognize the challenges in finding funding and the difficult decisions that policy makers will need to make to prioritize funding for open space, but the need for open space in these areas is critical and must accompany any rezoning in the area.

Park Site Acquisition
In order to acquire one new public park site in each neighborhood, the following methodology determines which sites are most appropriate. The first priority is to work with other public agencies on the use of public parcels. After determining that there are inadequate resources with public parcels alone, private parcels will be considered. Private parcels shall be in the areas identified as not having access to an existing open space. These areas are identified as yellow circles in the proposed open space map on fifth slide of the attached Power point presentation, The Eastern Neighborhoods Open Space Network map. These areas are 1) not within 1/8 mile of a park less than one acre in size ("sub-neighborhood park"), 2) not within ¼ mile of a park of one to 10 acres in size ("neighborhood park"), 3) not within 3/s mile of a park of 10 or more acres in size ("district park") or 4) are areas within the distances denoted above, but are isolated from proximal parks by obstructions such as highways or railroad tracks. The sites must be a minimum of 1/4 A of an acre in size, but a one acre park is highly preferable. The sites must also meet all of the Recreation and Park Department's acquisition policy requirements. The acquisition criterion includes but is not limited to slope, pre-existing uses, size, sunlight, traffic volumes, security, pedestrian safety, noise, waterfront access, connectivity to the open space system and access to public transit.

Streetscape Improvements
In a built out neighborhood such as the Eastern Neighborhoods, acquiring sites for new large parks can be difficult. For this reason, in addition to the acquisition of at least one park site in the neighborhood, the Area Plans propose an open space network of "Green Connector" streets, with wider sidewalks, places to sit and enjoy, significant landscaping and gracious street trees that would provide linkages between larger open spaces and diffuse the recreational and aesthetic benefits of these spaces into the neighborhood. Reconfiguring many of the Eastern Neighborhood's wide, heavily trafficked streets that currently satisfy the needs of private vehicles over the needs of pedestrians and cyclists would go far to create a more livable neighborhood for residents, workers, and visitors.

The East SoMa Area Plan calls for a fundamental rethinking of how the city designs and uses its streets. In addition to Green Connector streets, smaller streets and alleys can provide a welcomed respite from the busy activities along major streets. These alleyways are proposed to be converted into "living streets," where through-traffic is calmed and paving and landscaping are designed to reflect what is envisioned as the pedestrian primacy of these streets. The Planning Department is currently working with the Redevelopment Agency and the Department of Public Works on the redesign of Minna, Natoma and Russ Streets between 6th and 7th Streets. These streets will set the standard for additional living streets to be designed throughout the Plan areas.

The East SoMa Area Plan also calls for an intervention that is aimed at connecting East SoMa's open space network to that of the city as a whole. This would be a Civic Boulevard such as Folsom Street, connecting the emerging Transbay and Rincon Hill Areas, East and West SoMa, and the Mission District. A Civic Boulevard would be a green street linking public open spaces, cultural and social destinations, and transit connections. It would be heavily landscaped with a strong design aesthetic, with pocket parks, plazas, and spaces for cafes and neighborhood retail lining the entire corridor, with wide sidewalks and a distinctive lighting character.

Private Open Space Requirements
Many of the Eastern Neighborhoods are previously industrial areas and the private open space required as part of any new development in those areas is currently very low. The Area Plans propose to increase this amount of open space to more than double what is currently required (from 36 square feet per unit to 80 square feet per unit, excluding Single Room Occupancy hotels). The Area Plans also provide incentives for this space to be publicly accessible, by allowing a reduction in the required amount (from 80 square feet to 52 square feet per unit) if the space is publicly accessible.

Pros
The neighborhoods in the city's Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan will experience dramatic population growth over the next ten years. At the same time, open space and park lands are already scarce, and highly impacted by the existing population. Additional parks will greatly improve the livability and quality of life for residents in the Eastern Neighborhoods.

Cons
Open Space acquisition is costly, and the Department has limited capital funds. In addition, maintenance funding has not yet
been identified for new parks developed as part of the Eastern Neighborhoods plan.

Commissioner Harrison requested a report come back to the Commission in regard to the number of funds there are, how many are available for parks, the amount in each fund, the amount set aside in each fund for parks and how the money is transferred to the Department.

Ernestine Weiss stated that she thought is was encouraging and that the City needed housing.

There was no action taken on this item.

CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS AND COUNTY FAIR BUILDING

Staff Report

Background

During an analysis and evaluation of facility use fees for the Conservatory of Flowers (COF) and the County Fair Building (CFB) at the San Francisco Botanical Garden (SFBG), it was realized by staff that facility use fees were in need of updating and restructuring to come into compliance and attain consistency with other recently adopted fees within the Department. As the Conservatory of Flowers (COF) adds a new events pavilion to support and enhance facility rental business and increase revenues to sustain its annual operational costs, the COF has identified several rate structure improvements that will bring the fees in line with the current hourly structure, minimum blocks of time and general nature of some events. No increases are proposed for current COF rental rates, but it is important to note that these rates need adoption for incorporation into Park Code. Market rates were developed in 2003 when the COF was reopened following major remodeling and have been maintained to date. The change to this fee structure is in alignment with RPD minimum hours timeframes for rental and hourly rates. There are no tiered prices for the COF proposed.

The San Francisco County Fair Building and Botanical Garden maintains a range of interior and exterior event spaces that are available for rental. Primary rental activity has been within the CFB with user groups classified and eligible for tiered pricing per historic definitions that are not proposed for change. Definitions of these user groups are as follows:

Tier I: Garden Clubs or Flower Societies engaged in horticultural activities in which there are no monetary transactions (admission charge, donation, ticket sales, or product sales) during or in connection with the activity.

Tier II: Non-profit, 501 (c ) 3, individuals or groups engaged in community or social activities in which there are no monetary transactions during or in connection with the activity; and Garden Clubs or Flower Societies using the San Francisco County Fair Building for fundraising activities.

Tier III: All private functions and all non-horticultural groups engaged in activities in which funds are raised (admission charge, donations, ticket sales or product sales) during or in connection with the activity.

The current fee structure for outdoor event sites and interior use rates for facilities is not consistent with the fee structure of RPD. The proposed changes are designed to bring fees in line with established structure of RPD. The proposal also includes increases to the CFB facility use fees that were last set in 1992. No changes have occurred to facility use rates over the past 15 years and a significant disparity has been created between reasonable revenues and notable increases in expenses over time. In addition to modifying the facility rental fee structure, staff proposes the creation of several fees to facilitate administration of the facility use program. The fees, which will include charges for actions such as withdrawal from a program and cancellation of a facility reservation, are designed to capture administrative costs and make the department's business run more smoothly and cost effectively.

Proposal

San Francisco County Fair Building & San Francisco Botanical Garden Outdoor Event Sites

The Department divides its outdoor event sites into two groups depending on capacity and desirability. The four outdoor event sites within the botanical garden can be defined in a similar manner. The table below indicates the two groups with recommended pricing based upon current fee structures within RPD. Staff proposes to change the fee structure from one in which the first two hours cost one rate and the succeeding hours cost another rate. The new structure would include both a mandatory reservation fee and a standard hourly rate. All sites require a two-hour minimum reservation. Fees would be codified for first time through this proposal based upon rates that have been in place for a number of years. While some fees remain unchanged, others increase within an average range of 20% to 30%. There are no recommended increases in the outdoor event sites as listed. Fees for outdoor event sites and facility spaces were last set in 1992.

Pros

Park Code will have a complete set of facility use fees in place for the COF, CFB and SFBG. These changes to fee structure will allow the facilities to run a more efficient business renting its meeting and event spaces and maximize the potential of these business activities to help offset operational costs. In addition the enhanced fee structure that will be in line with other RPD facility use fees, it is expected to generate between $20,000 and $50,000 in additional revenue for the department in the next fiscal year at the CFB and between $35,000 and $60,000 for the COF in the next fiscal year.

Cons

Increased fees may result in a reduction in facility rentals.
Opposition: A Public Meeting was held on Monday, December 3, 2007 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the County Fair Building Auditorium. A list of those who attended is included in this update packet. In general there was no expressed opposition to the recommended fee structure for the Conservatory of Flowers facilities or the San Francisco Botanical Garden outdoor event sites. Individuals representing several of the garden clubs and flower societies who have regularly rented and held meetings, shows and sales at the County Fair Building expressed significant concern over the degree of increases being proposed for the use of CFB spaces. Many were concerned that the increased costs would cause their groups to either relocate or fold. They acknowledged that it was reasonable to expect some level of increases recognizing that no increases had occurred over the past 15 years, but felt that the % increase was too high. Several also voiced concerns over the high reservation fee costs. The groups representing these concerns included the Orchid Society, Rose Society, Gesneriad Society, Fuchsia Society, Begonia Society, Cacti and Succulent Society, Cal Hort, the Vegetarian Society and a private promoter that has held a Vintage Paper Show at the CFB in recent past. Several emailed letters were received and are included with this summary of public comment.

Response: Staff considered the concerns expressed at the Public Meeting and responded with a major reduction in the reservation fee for Tier I groups as well as a reduction in the hourly rental rates for various CFB spaces. A series of CASE STUDIES was developed to gage the impact of the increases and were analyzed to help determine a more modest and reasonable group of hourly use fee increases for Tier I. A reservation fee was eliminated for the commercial kitchen as another accommodation to the garden clubs and flower societies groups.

Alex Rigg with the San Francisco Cactus and Succulent Society and the California Horticultural Society, thanked staff for reconsidering the expenses for the non profit gardening societies and believed that the increase would be within their budgets. Dan Carlson with California Horticultural Society thanked everyone who had worked on the proposal. He stated that the first set of fees would have threatened the existence of many of the garden clubs and he appreciated that those fees had been adjusted.

On motion by Commissioner Lee and duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted; RES. NO. 0712-009

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a new facility use fee structure as amended by staff at the meeting and create new administrative and service fees for the Conservatory of Flowers, the San Francisco Botanical Gardens and the County Fair Building for wedding venues, special events and meetings spaces.

VICTORIA MANALO DRAVES PARK

Staff Report

Description:
The Recreation and Park Commission has granted a temporary encroachment permit for the temporary art installation of Stan: Submerging Man at Victoria Manalo Draves Park. It has been in place since July 20, 2007. It was reported by the Black Rock Arts Foundation that this structure has been a great success with the public and with the immediate neighbors. Please see attached for more information on this project.

History:
This is a first time event at the Victoria Manalo Draves Park. However, the Black Rock Arts Foundation has placed other temporary art installation on Recreation and Park facilities at the Panhandle, Golden Gate Park, the Indian Basin and many other areas.

Pros:
Supports the City's goal of more public art in public space.

Cons:
This particular artwork may become a target for graffiti and possible vandalism.

On motion by Commissioner Lazarus and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a request from Black Rock Arts Foundation to extend the temporary encroachment permit for the exhibition of Stan: Submerging Man by Finley Fryer to April 15, 2008 at Victoria Manalo Draves Park.

GOLDEN GATE PARK – PLACEMENT OF PLAQUE

Staff Report

Proposed Plaque Information:
The Recreation and Park Department proposes to install a plaque mounted on a boulder to be placed in Speedway Meadow in Golden Gate Park recognizing Warren Hellman for generously organizing and sponsoring the annual Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, a free, three-day concert that attracts as many as a million attendees each October. Outside donors will
purchase and provide the plaque and the boulder to the Recreation and Park Department.

The proposed plaque will be in conformance with the Recreation and Park Commission Gift Policy which states, "Plaques are either simple plates, disks, or slabs of metal or other material affixed to a statue, ground, wall, stone or other material with an inscription or ornamentation. The size should be a maximum of 2’ x 2’."

The proposed text for the plaque is below and the outside donors have secured written permission to reprint the Emmylou Harris lyrics featured in the plaque (she performs at the concert each year). The proposed recognition plaque will symbolically designate a portion of Speedway Meadow as "Hellman’s Hollow" and will be placed on a 3’x3’ boulder at the base of a tree at the site, close to where the music festival’s main stage is located.

Hellman Recognition Plaque
Size:
x2’ maximum
Material: Bronze
Location: Set beneath a large tree in Speedway Meadow

Hellman's Hollow
Birthplace of the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival

You feel the thirst but none can make you drink
The answer's waiting for you here but it's not what you think
   It won't steal your soul or leave you blind
   It was just a cup of kindness all the time
   - Emmylou Harris

In Recognition of Warren Hellman's Generosity and Great Taste in Music. Thanks for the Good Times.

Love,

A Million of Your Closest Friends and Family December

December 2007

Louis Dillon urged the Commission to remember that Golden Gate Park was not a place that you buy your way into and it's not a place where you buy your way into pointing something with your name on it. A representative with the Neighborhood Parks Council stated that the Council was in favor of the installment of the plaque for Warren Hellman, that the Council was appreciative of Mr. Hellman's park advocacy over the years and felt that he deserved the recognition.

On motion by Commissioner Lee and duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RES. NO. 0712-011

RESOLVED, That this Commission does 1) accept a gift-in-place valued at $3,000 for a plaque recognizing Warren Hellman for his founding and sole sponsorship of the annual Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival and 2) approve the placement of this plaque in Speedway Meadow, Golden Gate Park.

Item number 12 – Balboa Park was removed from calendar.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT – CAPITAL BUDGET

Katie Petruccione, Director of Administration and Finance, made the following presentation to the Commission in regard to the Capital Budget:

I am here this evening to make an initial presentation about the Department's capital budget and this is really in preparation for coming to you in January with the capital budget that we intend to submit to the mayor. This is to provide you with what the budget process will look like. The Board of Supervisors about two and half years ago adopted legislation that mandates that the City develop a 10-year capital plan. The plan is an attempt to prioritize what are limited resources for capital. The plan attempts to schedule out general obligation bonds. All requests that we submit have to be consistent with our portion of the 10-year capital plan. All of our capital, regardless of funding source have to be included in our capital submission. Requests fall into three categories--facility maintenance which is defined as routine maintenance, facility renewal with the City Administrator's office defines as investments in facilities that are designed to extend the useful life of that facility or infrastructure. And the third category is enhancements which are large-scale projects. These are reviewed the by the City Administrator's staff. Usually the request that we submit is pared down. This slide is an
overview of all of our funding sources in the 2007-08 budget. We have $5.8 million worth of capital funding in the current year budget. The biggest slice of this pie is $13 million associated with the second round of open space revenue bonds. You'll recall that in 2006-07 there was $25 million approved in open space revenue bonds and the we came before you last spring with a request to increase that amount to about $38 million. There are also various funding sources including general obligation bond interest and others. The Marina fund is particularly large this year because it includes $1.2 million in one-time funding. You'll also note that for reasons I don't understand the Recreation and Park is the City Department that is the vehicle for the general obligation bond financing. While the Department is always happy to receive additional capital funds these were not projects that we specifically requested in the budget. Of our $2.3 million in facility maintenance funding in the current fiscal year $600,000 is just in a general facility maintenance project, $200,000 is appropriated for Camp Mather, almost $1.5 million maintenance out at the stadium and them $25,000 each for fencing projects and repair of surfaced areas. Our budget request in FY 07- 08 was $3.1 million. We only received 2.3 and just to put this in context the comet system estimates that the Department would need at least $6.1 million in maintenance funding in the current year simply to maintain our buildings at their current condition which we all know is not stellar. So the $2.3 million really is not enough to do the maintenance we need to do. We generally set aside between $50,000 and $75,000 for turf project and then we do projects that come up over the course of the years. So, for example, last fiscal year we spent $53,000 doing work on the carousel and other projects. That's just a sample. General fund facility maintenance have hovered about at $2.3 million over the past five years. The increase between what we received in FY 03- 04 and where we are in the current year really is because facility funding at the stadium increased by half a million dollars over the past five years. I'm going to conclude with a slide that looks at open space capital funding. You'll see that funding has gone up and down over the years. The very low years were associated with the time when there was a reserve in the fund because the Controller's office placed a assessment appeals reserve on the open space fund because it a property tax funded reserve and this helps match the funds. That is a quick overview of the budget.

Louis Dillon felt that the reason the Golden Gate Park stables had taken so long to rehabilitated was due to the fact that the mayor had too much broad power in these issues. He felt that there should be a change in the way the city delegates that money to capital improvements.

This item was for discussion only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally Stevens brought up two issues. The first was that the Dog Advisory Committee had, almost five years ago, approved professional dog walker's permits which would put limits on the number of dogs they could walk and things like that. The Department had done nothing. Finally people went to the Animal Control Welfare Commission and a proposal which has passed which had not yet gone before the Board of Supervisors. The second was timed use. She requested that the Department address these issues and believed that once addressed the dog-human tensions would be reduced. Dawne Bernhart with Friends of Washington Square, informed the Commission that in their packet was a letter written about the permit process with a response letter from Sandy Lee. She felt that the permit process was an incredibly valuable resource to Recreation and Park, to the relationships with the community, to the health of the park and for fundraising. But that it was not consistently being applied. She requested that an item be added to the agenda in regard to the permit process. Tony Patch with Friends of Camp Mather gave an update on what they were doing. They had gotten some response and some work done from Recreation and Park. He thanked staff for following up on the permits that weren't being take care of the with Forest Service. He also announced that the annual Friends of Camp Mather meeting would be held on February the 9th. Bill Wilson spoke about the successful opening of Sunnyside Playground on November 17th. He stated that he had yet to be there any time of day where there weren't at least 20 kids playing on the playground and not the same 20 kids. He read into the record three letters he had received: “If there is anybody on this list who has been even tangentially involved in making the new Sunnyside playground happen please accept a round of applause from our family. The next one is yes, same for us, thanks for seeing it through, it's been a highlight of our year watching it come together. The third person wrote Sunnyside playground makes us happy, we not longer have to drive to Miraloma. The kids love the playground. Thank you.” Louis Dillon believed there was a historical obligation in Golden Gate Park and an obligation to McLaren. He felt the truth was being compromised and I felt it was being translated into what was going on Golden Gate Park.
Commissioner Harrison requested that upcoming item on the Open Space Contingency Fund policy be continued to the January 3rd meeting even if it's just for the discussion purposes thus giving an opportunity for the rest of the Commissioners to hear about the fund and for PROSAC to look at it. He also requested that an item be put on the agenda to receive a report from the staff on the vending machines in the recreation centers, covering the income we receive, the cost to run them, such as the power usage and the cost, and the improvement of food provided to a more healthy type.

NEW BUSINESS/AGENDA SETTING
Commission Sullivan requested that in the near future that staff make a presentation on fees and especially the fees that are material to the budget of the Department, what the Department is doing, what the policy is in terms of period review of fees and whether these fees are keeping in place with inflation.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison