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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

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1. ROLL CALL

COMMUNICATIONS

Note: Each item on the Consent or Regular agenda may include the following documents:

- a) Legislation
- b) Budget Analyst report
- c) Legislative Analyst report
- d) Recreation and Park Department cover letter and/or report
- e) Consultant report
- f) Public correspondence
- g) Report or correspondence from other Department or Agency

These items will be available for review at McLaren Lodge, 501 Stanyan St., Commission Room. If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Recreation and Park Commission after distribution of the agenda packet, those materials are available for public inspection at McLaren Lodge, Commission Room, 501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA during normal office hours. The documents for each item may be found on the website at: <http://sfrecpark.org/about/recreation-park-commission/>.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with this Local Health Emergency, the "Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)," and the Citywide Health Order issued by the Department of Public Health, "Order by the Health Officer (No. C19-02)," aggressive recommendations have been issued to slow down or reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. People are especially encouraged to participate remotely by submitting comments rather than attending in person, to protect the vulnerable populations. If you must appear in person, systemic and individual changes are expected and required in the Commission Room, such as accommodating arm's length distancing between persons.

Please visit the Recreation and Park Commission website (<https://sfrecpark.org/411/Commission>) to obtain current information on submitting comments and participating in Commission meetings. As the COVID-19 disease progresses, please visit this website regularly to be updated on the current situation as it affects the business of the Recreation and Park Department.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (DISCUSSION ONLY)**
  - a) Openings and Events
  - b) Commission Administrative Matters
  - c) Acknowledgements
  
3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (DISCUSSION ONLY)**
  - a) Financial Matters
  - b) Capital Report
  - c) Property Management
  - d) Recreation Programs
  - e) Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee Report
  - f) Events
  - g) Legislation
  
4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - UP TO 15 MINUTES – THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED TO ITEM 16**  
 At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda. With respect to agenda items, you will have opportunity to address the Commission when the item is reached in the meeting.
  
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR (ACTION ITEM)**
  - A. **MINUTES**  
 Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the December 2020 Commission meeting.
  
  - B. **MINUTES – CORRECTED**  
 Discussion and possible action to approve the corrected minutes from the November 2020 Commission meeting.
  
  - C. **ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS**  
 Discussion and possible action to accept the following grants: 1) from HSB, LLC, a cash grant of \$40,000 to install aeration systems in Golden Gate Park lakes; and 2) from the USTA Foundation, a cash grant of \$21,000 to support the Tennis and Learning Center program.  
 Staff: Nathan Tinclair – 415-831-6842

**GENERAL CALENDAR**

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
 Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 2020, in accordance with the Recreation and Park Commission Bylaws. (ACTION ITEM)
  
7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOO**  
 Presentation and discussion only to update the Commission on operational and management issues at the San Francisco Zoo. (DISCUSSION ONLY)
  
8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK DOG TRAINING AREA RENOVATION – CONTRACT AMENDMENT**  
 Discussion and possible action to amend the construction contract with Robert A. Bothman Construction for the Golden Gate Park Dog Training Area Renovation (contract no. CON20-0051) to increase the contract amount by up to \$248,748, which is greater than 10% of the original approved contract amount of \$1,625,000, bringing the revised contract amount to \$1,873,748. (ACTION ITEM)  
 Staff: Lauren Chavez – 628-652-6643
  
9. **LET'SPLAYSF! RICHMOND PLAYGROUND RENOVATION – CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**  
 Discussion and possible action to approve a conceptual design for the Richmond Playground Renovation, located at 149 18th Avenue. Approval of this proposed action by the Commission is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31. (ACTION ITEM)  
 Staff: Alex Schuknecht – 415-215 9302
  
10. **321 FLORIDA STREET PROJECT**  
 Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution recommending to the Planning Commission regarding whether or not the net new shadow cast by the proposed 321 Florida Street project will have a significant adverse impact on the use of Franklin Square, pursuant to Planning Code Section 295 (the Sunlight Ordinance). (ACTION ITEM)  
 Staff: Chris Townes - 628-652-6612

**11. PORTSMOUTH SQUARE, UNION SQUARE, AND CIVIC CENTER PLAZA – TEMPORARY ART INSTALLATION IN CELEBRATION OF CHINESE NEW YEAR**

Discussion and possible action to authorize the temporary installation of art exhibits in honor of Year of the Ox at Portsmouth Square, Union Square and Civic Center Plaza commissioned by various artists and sponsored by the San Francisco Chinese Chamber. (ACTION ITEM)

Staff: Dana Ketcham – 415-831-6868

**12. OPERATIONAL PLAN FY22-FY23**

Discussion and possible action to approve the Operational Plan for the upcoming two-year period FY22-FY23. (ACTION ITEM)

Staff: Taylor Emerson - 415-748-2871

**13. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN FY22-FY23**

Discussion and possible action to approve the Capital Plan for the upcoming two-year period FY22-FY23. (ACTION ITEM)

Staff: Stacy Bradley - 415-823-9120

**14. BUDGET FY21-22 AND FY22-23**

Presentation and discussion only of the Recreation and Park Department's current budget and developing budgets for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Staff: Derek Chu – 415-831-2703

**15. CLOSED SESSION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

A. Public comment on all matters pertaining to the closed session.

B. Vote on whether to hold closed session to confer with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation. (ACTION ITEM)

C. Possible closed session held pursuant to Gov't Code Section 54956.9(a) and Admin. Code Section 67.10(d):

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING/ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- i. *Luis Angel Garcia Valencia v. City and County of San Francisco, et. al.*  
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-18-571714 (filed on November 30, 2018)  
Plaintiff to dismiss claims in exchange for City payment of \$41,000
- ii. *Frank Villa v. City and County of San Francisco, et. al.*  
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-19-575979 (filed on May 14, 2019)  
Plaintiff to dismiss claims in exchange for City payment of \$64,250
- iii. *Katherine Ripley v. City and County of San Francisco*  
File No. 20-01695 (filed on January 31, 2020)  
Plaintiff to dismiss claims in exchange for City payment of \$75,000
- iv. Anticipated litigation as plaintiff - City to dismiss claims against PG&E pursuant to cost-sharing agreement whereby PG&E and City will cooperate on the environmental cleanup and reconstruction of the Marina Yacht Harbor; PG&E to pay up to \$190 million toward the cleanup and reconstruction, with RPD to repay PG&E up to \$29.4 million over 30 years solely out of marina revenues.

D. Reconvene in open session.

E. Possible report on actions taken in closed session (Gov't Code Section 54957.1 and Admin. Code Section 67.12) (ACTION ITEM).

F. Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussions held in closed session. (Gov't Code Section 54957.1; Admin. Code Section 67.12(a)). (ACTION ITEM)

**16. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED FROM ITEM 4 IF NECESSARY**

At this time members of the public who were not able to address the Commission on Item 4 may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission and that do not appear on the agenda.

**17. COMMISSIONERS' MATTERS**

This item is designed to allow Commissioners to raise issues they believe the Commission should address at future meetings. There will be no discussion of these items at this time.

**18. NEW BUSINESS/AGENDA SETTING (DISCUSSION ONLY)**

**19. COMMUNICATIONS (DISCUSSION ONLY)**

From Jaime Michaels regarding closed exercise equipment on the Panhandle.

From David Cary regarding playground closures.

From Dick Allen regarding Lake Merced.

From Patrick Traughber regarding closing Golden Gate Park to automobiles.

From anonymous regarding a gathering in John McLaren Park.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

For questions about the meeting please contact 415-831-2750. The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

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Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapters 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance, please contact:

Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Administrator  
City Hall – Room 244 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4683  
415-554-7724 (Office); 415-554-7854 (Fax)  
E-mail: [SOTF@sfgov.org](mailto:SOTF@sfgov.org)

Copies of the Sunshine Ordinance can be obtained from the Clerk of the Sunshine Task Force, the San Francisco Public Library and on the City's website at [www.sfgov.org](http://www.sfgov.org). Copies of explanatory documents are available to the public online at <http://www.sfbos.org/sunshine> or, upon request to the Commission Secretary, at the above address or phone number.

**ACCESSIBLE MEETING POLICY**

Per the American Disabilities Act and the Language Access Ordinance, interpreters will be available for American Sign Language, Chinese, Spanish, Filipino, and other languages upon request. Additionally, every effort will be made to provide a sound enhancement system, meeting materials in alternative formats, and/or a reader. Minutes may be translated after they have been adopted by the Commission. For all these requests, please contact Ashley Summers, Commission Liaison, at least 48 hours before the meeting at 415-831-2750. Late requests will be honored if possible. The hearing room is wheelchair accessible.

De acuerdo con la Ley sobre Estadounidenses con Discapacidades y la Ordenanza de Acceso a Idiomas, intérpretes para la Lengua de Signos Estadounidense, chino, español, filipino y otros idiomas estarán disponibles a petición. Además, se hará todo lo posible para proporcionar un sistema de refuerzo de sonido, los materiales de la reunión en formatos alternativos y un lector. Las actas se pueden traducir después de que la Comisión las haya adoptado. Para realizar todas estas peticiones, por favor contacte con Ashley Summers, Coordinadora de la Comisión, por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión al 415-831-2750. Si es posible, se honrarán las solicitudes tardías. La sala de audiencias es accesible para sillas de ruedas.

依據「美國殘疾人士法案」(American Disabilities Act)與「語言服務條例」(Language Access Ordinance), 傳譯員將根據請求予以提供美國手語、中文、西班牙文、菲律賓文或其他語言的傳譯服務。此外, 亦將竭誠提供音效增強系統、其他形式的會議資料, 和/或閱讀器。翻譯版本的會議記錄會在委員會通過後提供。所有的上述要求, 請於會議前最少48小時致電415-831-2750聯絡委員會聯絡員, Ashley Summers。逾期提出的請求, 若可能的話, 亦會被考慮接納。聽證室設有輪椅通道。

Ayon sa American Disabilities Act at Language Access Ordinance may nakalaang mga tagapagsalin sa American Sign Language, Intsik, Espanyol, Filipino at sa iba pang wika kapag ito'y ini-rekwest. Dagdag pa, pagsisikapan ang lahat upang mapahusay ang sistema para sa mas malinaw na maring ang mga ito, mga materyales ng pagpupulong sa alternatibong pormat, at/o tagapagbasa. Ang katitikan (minutes) ng pulong ay maaaring maisalin kapag ito'y inaprubahan na ng Komisyon. Sa lahat ng mga ganitong rekwest, kontakin lamang po si Ashley Summers, Commission Liaison, sa [415-831-2750](tel:415-831-2750) sa panahong di bababa sa 48 oras bago magpulong. Hangga't maaari, ang mga rekwest na nahuli (late) ay pagbibigyan. Ang silid pulongan ay may access para sa mga naka- wheelchair.

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#### CEQA APPEALS

CEQA Appeal Rights under Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code If the Commission approves an action identified by an exemption or negative declaration as the Approval Action (as defined in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31, as amended, Board of Supervisors Ordinance Number 161-13), then the CEQA decision prepared in support of that Approval Action is thereafter subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16. Typically, an appeal must be filed within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action. For information on filing an appeal under Chapter 31, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. If the Planning Department's Environmental Review Officer has deemed a project to be exempt from further environmental review, an exemption determination has been prepared and can be obtained on-line at <http://sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=3447>. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning Department or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

#### WRITTEN COMMENTS

Persons attending the meeting and those unable to attend may submit written comments regarding the subject of the meeting. Such comments will be made part of the official public record and will be brought to the attention of the Commission. Written comments should be submitted to:

Mark Buell, President

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**McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park**  
**501 Stanyan Street**  
**San Francisco, CA 94117-1898**  
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