History of the Establishment of the Recreation and Park Department

September 21, 1949
San Francisco Board of Supervisors resolution favors approval of charter amendment to consolidate separate entities, the Recreation Department and the Park Department into one Recreation and Park Department.

RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 183 of the Charter, the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the printing of a ballot argument favoring approval by the electorate of the proposed charter amendment relative to consolidated Recreation and Park Department, Proposition "E" on the ballot at the election to be held November 8, 1949; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the full text of said argument hereby authorized be as shown in the draft attached to the original of this resolution and hereby declared to be a part hereof; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That no part of the cost of printing said argument shall be paid from funds of this Board of Supervisors.
November 8, 1949

Proposition E passes with 53.6% of the vote, amending Section 10, 41, 42 and 11 of the City Charter, and creating the combined San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.
The initial meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission convened, where the official record reflected the Charter Amendment’s passage and ratification.