Commission President Gloria Bonilla called the regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to order on Thursday, September 15, 2005 at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present
Gloria Bonilla, President
Tom Harrison
Jim Lazarus
David Lee
Meagan Levitan
Larry Martin
John Murray

President Bonilla announce that item numbers 5, 7,8, and 9 were removed from calendar.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Bonilla presented the following people with certificates of retirement: Mike Morlin, Mary Nimitz, Paul Wilson and Norma Morena.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Events of Last Month
Quadrant 1

Golden Gate Park Highlights:
August 2005, MONTHLY REPORT

Section 1—Weeded Conservatory Valley. The Valley flowerbeds are putting on a great show and will put on a strong show in September. The beds will needed to be fallowed out in October and will be replanted in late October, so Conservatory Valley needs to be fallow during the DeYoung Museum’s grand Opening. Irrigation troubleshooting continues, with staff fixing and cleaning Hunter heads in the Panhandle and Sharon Meadow. The Arguello entrance was graded and irrigation heads moved to new grades. Edging and weed management continues in all beats. Water pressure improved with the reconnection of the 8” main at the Concourse, although several blowouts caused East End shutdowns. Challenges: Illegal campers and drug users present a safety risk to Gardeners. Alvord Lake is still dry, awaiting gate valve replacement or repair. Sharon Meadow has sinkholes from poor contractor work and the issue is apparently in litigation and unresolved. Panhandle drainage problems can be partly resolved by Gardeners’ strategies but dips in the asphalt path require a Capital project. Extensive irrigation malfunctions are due to a broad spectrum of causes, most of which are beyond horticultural staff’s ability to correct and we are working on all fronts to make progress. One Gardener (Stanyan beat) is frequently absent due to Workers’ Comp leaves, and his beat is covered by other Section Gardeners. Gardener Robert Swanson who retired in Spring has not been replaced.
Section 2—General: this has been a very busy month with many volunteer and crew projects, coordination meetings, construction impacts, continued all-time low staffing shortage impacts, and continuing water delivery shortages. All of this combined with performance pressures ramping up to meet expectations for quality park landscapes in time for the de Young reopening this fall and Concourse reopening this winter has made for a very challenging period. Custodial shortage has impacted the park greatly. One custodian is now on extended FMLA leave for a family illness. Staff continues to meet the challenges to the best of their ability and show their commitment to the city’s parks and public.

Japanese Tea Garden: Last minute construction impacts and changes have altered the entry plantings and grade of entry walk. Further alterations are necessary to ensure a seamless connection with the de Young landscape. Pond cleaning efforts have exposed deterioration of teahouse drains. Sunken Garden Pond drain has sprung a leak that will create new challenges for next month. Gardeners replaced numerous fence posts this month. Staff completed Concourse elm sucker removal and participated in two crew projects outside the Tea Garden in preparation for the de Young soft opening. Tea Garden currently has only 2 Gardeners, with the third Gardener on long term sick leave.

Rhododendron Dell: water pressure impacts have undermined efforts to keep rhodies alive. More have died due to lack of available water and staffing, retired Gardener has not yet been backfilled. There is abundant weed growth due to staff shortage. Meanwhile some maintenance continues and was supported by two separate volunteer efforts addressing weed control, one with 8 volunteers and one with 11.

Humanitarian Garden: standing volunteer workday saw continued brush removal, hand weeding and wood chip spreading, but there were not enough working volunteers to justify continued Saturday supervision by a Gardener.

JFK/Concourse area: six crew projects in this area coupled with work by the Job Training staff at 8th and Fulton have made some progress. Much more effort is needed to meet self-imposed goals.

Fern Dell: tree ferns were stressed by lack of water availability. There is a leak awaiting repair, which needs a backhoe.

National Aids Memorial Grove: workday this month was very productive generating numerous piles of weeds and debris. Water shortages have browned some lawn edges and have stressed the plantings.

Big Rec: in spite of water issues ball fields continue to look good. Homeless impacts have been very severe, with campfires, and an entrenched population of substance abusers, with also a few arrests.

Bowling Greens: Sod Crew assisted in establishing turf edge prior to the tournaments.

Tour bus parking/Bandshell: renovations in this area have progressed beautifully in preparation for the de Young Grand Opening. The Job Training Crew has transformed the area by weeding, pruning, edging and chipping. Potholes were patched in parking lot.

Shakespeare Garden: Volunteer intern has begun work in renovating/preparing perennial beds for fall planting. Weeding, pruning and removal of inappropriate plantings are setting the stage for some potential strides forward in improving this neglected jewel, although retired Gardener has not yet been replaced. CAS construction impacts are posing a significant threat to tree edge, with mitigation strategies and negotiations in progress. This Garden continues to be a popular wedding destination, with several occurring each weekend day.

Park entry at 9th and Lincoln: renovation efforts by Job Training Crew continue with weed removal and chipping in preparation for more refined and appropriate plantings this fall.

Sunbather’s Meadow: California Academy of Science has taken over the meadow as planned. They have fenced the area, retrofitted existing irrigation to meet RP needs, laid down filter fabric, laid road gravel, and begun importing excavation fill into the meadow. Area will be out of commission for the next two-plus
years. Construction impacts are soon to require removal of more of the tree perimeter between CAS and the Rhododendron Dell with the negotiated input from the Forestry Division.

Challenges: Three Gardeners retired in June. Another Gardener is still out on long term sick leave. Staff shortage is severe. Retired Custodian (Simon Wong) needs to be replaced ASAP for upcoming Concourse maintenance.

Section 4—
Rose Garden is still blooming and looks great. New entrance design is thriving and adding a significant visual impact. Roses that have finished blooming are covered with bright red rose hips. At dawn and dusk, scores of swallows can be seen swooping over the garden scooping up insects. Rough area between Rose Garden and Rose Garden Meadow is being opened up to discourage illegal encampments, promote use by park patrons and improve light for redwoods.

13 Colonies Meadow-automatic irrigation controllers are not working and need to be retrofitted with surge protectors. Gardener is keeping the meadow green by hand set sprinklers.

Pioneer Log Cabin-Hawthorn grove receiving trimming and brush removal. Gardener is also focusing on picnic area, with general improvements.

Strawberry Island- pruned stairway sides to the top of Huntington Falls. Drinking and abuse of the Chinese Pagoda by illegal campers continues. Stair rail ½ painted.

Stow Lake/ MLK slope- Gardener is continuing with weeding and pruning around the lake. New memorial bench installed in memory of long time Rec-Park employee Paul Whang.

Rainbow Falls/Doughboy Meadow- restored Rainbow Falls are powerful and spectacular and operating steadily thanks to Leon Smith and the Stationary Engineers. Whole crew is helping to get this large area into maintenance condition in anticipation of a Gardener’s return from maternity leave in September.

Cedar Alley/Elk Glen areas getting consistent care, looking green and well tended. Floral feature at JFK and Crossover is remarkable with bright red begonias under blue Atlas Cedar. Irrigation system was not adequate along Crossover. Area is experiencing unrelenting pressure, trash and vandalism from illegal campers and junk collectors who continuously cut access to the fenced dumpster yard.

Mallard Lake and picnic grounds- Gardener continued with clearing and improvements around lake. Trees and shrubs near road signs along Lincoln Way were pruned for visibility.

Section 5—
Senior Center-Gardener hand weeded surrounding beds.
Speedway Meadow- pruned along bike path.
Spreckels Lake-ground prep is underway for turf renovation.
Lindley, Speedway and Marx Meadows many hours devoted to irrigation system troubleshooting and supplemental watering.
Lindley Meadow- under intense pressure from illegal campers around picnic tables with much time spent on daily cleaning.
Metson Lake-cleaned up 6 large abandoned campsites.
Bison Paddock- had an irrigation break. Animals need to be moved by Zoo Keeper for high mowing by HEO.
Rhododendron Island and Anglers’ Lodge-looking good, flowery and up to date.

Section 6—
Bercut Equitation Ring –was prepped for an equestrian event.
North Lake-Staff assisted with the reintroduction of native chorus frogs to the island.
Lincoln Way- pruned areas along street signs for visibility.
Archery field- replaced bales at targets.
Great Highway-crew project thinned shrubs near restrooms. Neighbors have been cutting down windbreak plants without authorization ostensibly to remove cover for illegal activity but possibly also to improve their views.

Irrigation- troubleshooting continues at a high time allotment.

Weed management- ground prep work done in anticipation of mulching projects in Sept.

One Gardener out on WC, one out on SDI, and one Custodian frequently absent on medical leaves. Encampment and malicious landscape vandalism continues in the west end of the park and Police have had a presence addressing illegal sex activities.

**Horticultural Goals** for the near future is to continue concentrating on some of the entrances and highly visible areas near the Music Concourse, with some park-wide crew projects planned. Planning is ongoing for Fall/Winter turf renovations and drainage work is also on the agenda. Focus is still on irrigation until the rainy season begins.

**Assistant Superintendent**

**Quadrant 1**

Highlights for the month of August 2005 can be summarized: providing quality recreation programs and services and maintaining clean, well maintained parks. Volunteer projects continued at Alamo, Hamilton, Buena Vista, and Duboce Park as well as summer outings for children to destinations such as Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk, Great America and Golden Gate Park.

**Glen Park/Bernal Heights Complex**

**St. Mary’s Recreation Center**
Renovation of one ball diamond

**Special Project**
Complex Staff worked with the plumbing shop to troubleshoot and begin repair and restoration of the irrigation system at Dolores Park.

**Bernal Heights/Hamilton Satellite, Recreation Supervisor: Gilberto Rocha**

**Bernal Heights Playground**
Staff organized and coached three teams to play in the Jr. Giants Baseball Program.

**Douglass Playground**
End of Summer Celebration with 30 children and their families

**Upper Noe Recreation Center**
The seniors hosted a community “white elephant sale”
Seventy-five girls participated in the Upper Noe Summer Basketball Clinic
Upper Noe conducted a Basketball League for Boys 13 and under. Six teams participated.
Staff coached three teams, which participated in the Junior Giants Baseball League

**Mission Satellite**
**Mission Recreation Center**
Thirty-one children learned to play tennis as part of a citywide tennis-training program.
Youth fellows from CORO of Northern California presented a series on “healthy eating for Life” to thirty-one children participated.

**St. Mary’s Recreation Center**
Sixteen youth went deep-sea fishing on the “Lovely Martha”
Special event – “Art in the Park Day” at Holly Park in conjunction with the San Francisco Children’s Museum. 30 pre-schoolers created masterpieces.
St. Mary’s hosted the first Basketball co-ed League for adults.

**Dolores Park Clubhouse**
The first ever art camp for children was conducted over an eight-week period by the San Francisco Children’s Art Museum.

**Christopher/Noe Complex**

**Field Renovation**
Randall, Grattan and State Streets

**Preparation of Property for school year programs**
Peixotto Playground

**Special Projects**
Eureka Valley Library 15 truckloads of brush hauled away, area chipped.

**Quadrant Challenges**
Homeless encampments continue to be a chronic problem which results in undue burden and expense to our quadrant due to repeated clean up and maintenance – especially in the Mission and Western Addition areas. Staffing levels continue to be a challenge not only in landscaping and maintenance where staff is attempting to manage the maintenance needs of multiple facilities with 50% (and less) staffing levels, but also in recreation services where recent retirements and staff illnesses have us scrambling to provide coverage.

Quadrant 2
August 2005 Highlights from Quadrant 2 & part of Quadrant 3 are as follows:

All the playgrounds and recreation centers in Quadrant 2 & parts of Quadrant 3 scheduled weekly outings for the youth during the summer. Outings included: Heather Farms, Waterworld, Concord Pool, Great America, Marine World, barbecue picnics, deep sea fishing, bowling, movies and Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk.

Many of the facilities also participated in the Mayor’s Summer Lunch Program, where lunches and snacks were served to youth, ages 18 and under, Monday through Friday.

**Tenderloin Children’s Playground**

**Wednesdays, August 3 and 10: Mission Cliffs.** An additional 6 children had the opportunity to experience rock climbing for the first time. This program was initially described in Q-2’s July 2005 report. We are happy to report that the popular program is continuing and expanding.

**Friday, August 5: Chocolate Exhibit.** Twelve children, accompanied by one of our Recreation staff took a leisurely walk to the Steinhart Aquarium, located on 4th and Howard Streets to visit their special chocolate exhibit. Andy, a volunteer at the Tenderloin Children’s Playground coordinated the event. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the tasting portion of the exhibit.

**Tuesday, August 9: Stanford Medical Van.** Provided medical services, including physical exams, pregnancy testing, HHIV testing and free medication to approximately 20 teens and young adults. The van visits once a month.

**Monday, August 15: Visit from the Bookmobile of the San Francisco Public Library.** Within the 90-minute visit, at least a dozen children went into the Bookmobile to read books and/or to return borrowed books and checkout new books. Staff selects up to 30 new books every month to use for the reading and homework program.

**Wednesday, August 17: Finale to the summer baseball and basketball leagues.** The Majors and AAA Baseball teams and the 13 & under Basketball team had successful seasons, ha a lot of fun and learn a lot
about their respective sports. For many of the participants, this was their first experience participating on an organized team, in an organized league.

Saturday through Tuesday, August 20 – 23: Yosemite Trip. A selected group of youngsters, accompanied by Recreation staff enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, sightseeing and playing in the cool river.

**Boeddeker Park**
The Computer Lab has been increasing in popularity. Al Wimberly, Recreation Director, oversees this program, with the assistance of Skip Combs, a volunteer from the community.

“Music In the Park” continued this summer. It was a very popular event, with people from the community enjoying concerts covering different types of music, such as jazz, the blues and classics.

The Saturday Boeddeker Bike Club continues to be a fun and popular program, where the children learn about safety, bike maintenance and go on outings. Robert McDaniels, Recreation Director, is in charge of this program.

**Gene Friend South of Market Recreation Center**
Monday through Friday, August 1 through 5: Sea Camp, sponsored by the Farallones National Sanctuary Association, was attended by 14 children, supervised by Adela Baker, the Recreation Director.

Tuesday, August 2: National Night Out at the Yerba Buena Gardens. The SOMA Hip Hop Dancers performed and the Recreation staff conducted a face painting booth.

Saturday, August 13: All Day Tournament – Indoor Girls Soccer.

**Civic Center Complex**
August has been a month of transition. The Park Section Supervisor is on a one-year leave of absence, there are only three gardeners in the Complex (one of which is now the Acting Supervisor and a second is on Workmen’s Comp.). Fortunately, last week, we were “loaned” a gardener, who has some work/physical restrictions, from the Mowing Crew.

Chinese Recreation Center
Friday, August 12: “End of Summer Barbecue and Carnival”. Conducted at the Chinese Recreation Center gym and courtyard. Carnival games were conducted with prizes for participating, raffle and door prizes and a trophy presentation for different activities were presented. A slide presentation of the youngsters participating in various activities was shown and all the youngsters received a CD to take home in remembrance of the summer. Over 160 participants, volunteers and guests attended.

Saturday, August 27: S.F. Safe, S.F. Recreation and Park Department, S.F. Neighborhood Safety Partnership, S.F. Police Department and the S.F. Police Association hosted a community outreach event with safety information, community resources and a basketball game between the Chinese Recreation Center All Stars and the SFPD. Door prizes, flashlight keychains, T-shirts, and lunch were provided after the game. Police Chief Heather Fong addressed over 165 people who attended the event.

Chinese Playground
Saturday, August 6: The 23rd Annual Wah Ying Club Youth Table Tennis tournament was conducted. Trophies were presented to the top four places in each age division of separate boys and girls groups. Lunch was also served to the participants. Over 75 participants and spectators were in attendance.

Saturday, August 13: The Chinese Athletic Association held an adult volleyball tournament in preparation for the annual Labor Day National Tournament to be held in Toronto this year. Over 88 participants and 75 spectators were in attendance for this event.
Helen Wills Park
Monday, August 15: A table tennis tournament was conducted for 10 to 12 year olds. Awards consisted of paddles and balls. There were 12 participants and 30 spectators.

Wednesday, August 17: The Helen Wills Girls Softball Team played the Helen Wills Boys Baseball Team at the Moscone Recreation Center. This has been a Helen Wills tradition and everyone always has a good time.

Friday, August 19: The Girls Softball Team took the City Championship by defeating Sunset Recreation Center by a score of 10-3. 20 girls participated on this team. CONGRATULATIONS!

Joe DiMaggio Playground/North Beach Clubhouse
Wednesday, August 10: An “End of Summer” pizza party was held, with 20 boys and girls attending. T-shirts were given to the youth.

Friday, August 19: The teens from the cooking class made linguine with red clam sauce and garlic bread for all the regular participants to celebrate the end of summer. Twenty-seven youth attended and they ran out of sauce and pasta.

Portsmouth Square
Saturday, August 6: Annual Community Clean Team Event. John Miller, Acting Park Section Supervisor, led a group of volunteers, picking up litter and weeding.

Monday, August 8: Chinatown Senior Health Day Fair. Conducted by CCHP, SF Recreation and Park Department, and CCDC. The program included presentations on various topics, including “Medicare Part D”, Dental Care, Screening and Health Resources, and health screenings for dental, blood pressure and cholesterol. Over 250 seniors participated.

Community Workshops conducted every Tuesday this month were:
Tuesday, August 2: “Medicare Part D”. Catherine Lewis, from the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program spoke about the new rules regarding the 2005 Drug Discount Program, new changes to Medicare in 2005 and Medicare beneficiaries with Part D.

Tuesday, August 9: “In-Home Supportive Services”. Peggy Liao, from IHSS Public Authority, discussed what is the in-home supportive service program, what services are provided through this program, who is eligible and how is eligibility and need for IHSS determined. 70 seniors were in attendance.

Tuesday, August 16: “Para Transit”. Jen from ATG SF Para Transit explained transportation for group shopping, protective individual escorting to clinics, banks, appointments and who is qualified for free transportation services. Over 80 people attended.

Tuesday, August 23: “Citizenship and Naturalization Program”. Angel Yuen from Self Help for the Elderly discussed who is qualified to become a citizen of the United States, what the benefits are of becoming a citizen, and what citizenship and naturalization programs provide. Over 75 seniors attended.

Tuesday, August 30: “Elder Abuse and Alzheimer’s”. Jessie Li from Self Help for the Elderly discussed various types of abuse towards elders, what to do about it and how to deal with Alzheimer’s. 65 seniors attended.

Woh Hei Yuen
Wednesdays, August 3 & 10: In-house chess and checkers tournaments were conducted for youth, ages 15 years and under. Fifteen youth competed in the checkers tournament and 17 youth competed in the chess tournament. There were at least 20 spectators at each event. Refreshments were served following each event.
**Huntington Park**
Wednesdays, August 10 & 17: Crew projects. Weeded, dug out blackberries, spread chips on grisillinea hedges and began I.P.M. measures with a goal of not using pesticides in North Beach Complex parks.

**Washington Square**
Tuesday, August 30: Outdoor Movie Event.

**Alta Plaza**
Thursday, August 18: Crew Project. Hedging.

**Lafayette Park**
Continued planting in the lower meadow and the steps at Gough and Clay Streets, in preparation for the NPC Gala, scheduled for October of this year.

**Moscone Recreation Center**
Paul McGloin, Gardener, led a group of Mormon Elders volunteers on park maintenance projects.

**Richmond Library**
Thursday, August 4: Crew Project. Reduced Pittosporum to approximately 15’ at the front entrance, pruned Myoporum at the 9th Avenue garden, removed dead wood, hedged Laurel on the front walkway and homeless encampment clean-up.

**Mountain Lake Park**
Saturday, August 6: “One Brick” and Friends of Mountain Lake Park Volunteer Party. Cleaned playground, prepared native display garden for an upcoming mulching project, removed all non-natives and loaded trucks with debris. Twenty volunteers.

Tuesday, August 30: Volunteer Party with HSBC group on Lakeside clean-up. Removed non-native plants around the Lake, mulched 25 yards of redwood fir, cleaned the playground, weeded the front flower beds, cleaned the beach of vegetation, picked up litter on 15 acres, cleaned paths and stairs and cleaned and removed garbage from bushes along the water. Seventy-one volunteers, four RPD staff and four Presidio Trust staff.

**Holocaust Memorial @ the Palace of The Legion of Honor**
Thursday, August 11: Crew Project. Pruned Ceonothus, string trimmed tall grasses, cleaned pathways, removed non-natives from garden and hauled debris.

**Palace of The Legion of Honor**
Saturday, August 13: Legion Volunteers with RPD gardeners. Weeded and cultivated annual beds, cleaned walkways and service roads, weeded northside perennials and picked up litter of the perimeter.

**Anza Library**
Thursday, August 18: Crew Project. Cleaned tree wells, removed dangerous leaning Leptospepmum, pruned Myoporum, hedged border shrubs and hauled debris.

**Athletics**

**Adult Softball**
- Spring Championships were held with 16 games finally ending the season July 14th.
- Adult Summer Season in progress with 291 teams and 5800 adults participating.
- Summer Girls Softball League began at the end of July and continuing into August with Helen Wills Playground winning as Intermediate Champions and Glen Park Playground winning as Midget Champions.

**Youth Athletics**
- June held the San Francisco Youth Baseball League Playoffs and Championships. The Junior Giants rosters are in with the schedules made and equipment delivered to 6 sites.
July saw the Junior Giants baseball season begin with 65 teams.
SFYBL sponsored all-star teams finished their participation in various invitational tournaments throughout Northern California.
Junior Giants teams participated in festivals/tournaments in San Mateo and Ukiah.
A successful 2005 Junior Giants season culminated w/ athletes, coaches and parents attending Junior Giants week festivities @ SBC Park.

**Women’s Athletics**
- June saw Women’s Volleyball Playoffs and Championships.

**Kezar Stadium**

**June**
- SF Nighthawks Women’s Semi-Pro Soccer (2) dates
- United Youth Soccer (1) date
- DC Renegades Men’s Football (3) dates
- Bay Area Scores Youth Soccer (1) date
- Cathedral School for Boys Field Day (1) date
- SF Open Track Meet (1) date
- Gaelic Athletic Association (1) date

**July**
- Men’s Semi-Pro Football Norcal Finals and 1st round state playoffs (Golden State Amateur Football Conference) 250 Attendance
- International club soccer (Club team from El Salvador vs. Club team from Guatemala) 2500 Attendance
- SF Nighthawks Women’s Semi-Pro soccer, 200 Attendance
- SF 49ers Family Fest, Attendance 2300
- Women’s Semi Pro Football (SF Stingrayz) 150 Attendance

**August**
- Stingrayz: Women’s semi-pro football, 1 date, 35 in attendance
- DC Renegades: Men’s football, 1 date, 100 in attendance
- Mission Youth Soccer League Championships, 150 participants

**Kezar Pavilion**

**June**
- Athletic Day Camp daily 8 AM- 3 PM
- SF Pro City Basketball (Men’s) M-TH, 8 PM Starts, (14) dates
- SF Pro City Basketball (Women’s) Sat. 10, 12, 2 Starts, (2) dates
- USF High School Basketball tournament (2) dates
- Women’s Volleyball Playoffs (3) dates
- Drop-in Volleyball (2) dates

**July**
- USF high school basketball tournament, 40 attendance
- Pro City Basketball 22 dates, 500-1000 attendance
- Athletic Day Camp M-F 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM
- Hosted a one-week volleyball camp for the Day Camp Division.

**August**
- Pro City Men’s and Women’s Playoffs and Championships, over 4000 in attendance.
- American Youth Circus Organization had 3 dates with 2000 in attendance.
- Midnight Basketball premiered on Friday nights for the male, 18-25 year-old age group, averaging 80 per night.

**Boxer Stadium**

**June**
- San Francisco Soccer Football League (1) date
- Gaelic Athletic Association (6) dates

**July**
- Gaelic Athletic Association 14 dates, 20- 200 attendance
- Hosted a one-week soccer camp for the Day Camp Division
- Deportivos Alaves soccer practice (Premiere League 1st division team from Spain) 40 attendance

August
- Gaelic Athletic Association: 4 dates including playoffs and championships, 800 in attendance
- La Fraternidad Soccer Championships, 1 date, 800 in attendance
- Papy Soccer Championships, 1 date, 500 in attendance

Tennis
June
- SFRP Youth Tennis League has started play. There are eight teams with 125 participants.
- Completed USTA NorCal program grant for $1500.00 to fund SFRP Youth Tennis League expenses.
- Completed Summer youth/adult tennis lesson schedules (available on parks.sfgov.org).
- Completed 2006 USTA sanction applications for SF Jr. Open, SF NTRP and SF City Open.
- Sent out information on upcoming SF Jr. Open and Jr. Novice tennis tournaments.

July
- Completed administrative tasks for upcoming SF Jr. Open scheduled for Aug. 1-Aug. 5.
- Still accepting entries for SF Jr. Novice scheduled for Aug. 3-Aug. 5. We expect nearly 200 participants for both tournaments.
- SFRP Youth Tennis League playoffs are scheduled for July 28. Over 100 children participated in this program.
- Received $1000.00 for USTA program grant to cover costs of t-shirts, awards and balls for SFRP Youth Tennis League.
- In the process of scheduling USTA Adult Combo league teams at GGPTC.
- Still deciding where to locate in calendar year a new USTA sanctioned novice tennis tournament. Deadline is 7/31.
- High schools are now submitting requests for team practice on SFRP neighborhood tennis courts.

August
- 104th SF Jr. Open Tennis Tournament-155 participants
- SFRP Summer Youth Novice Tennis Tournament-70 participants
- 104th San Francisco City Championships-200 participants
- SFRP Summer Youth Tennis League-110 participants (Cal Club, 1st place)

Randall Museum

Exhibits:
Endless Energy Exhibit: June 4 – Oct.22 - 21,000 visitors
A lobby exhibit designed to educate visitors about the importance to the environment of choosing renewable energy sources instead of burning fossil fuels. The exhibit a revolutionary wind turbine designed specifically for urban or high population density environments and photovoltaic panels to generate electricity. This is the first AEROTURBINE on the West Coast, and the only functioning turbine of any kind in San Francisco. The exhibit features an interactive city model that allows visitors to turn their neighborhood “GREEN” by using wind or solar energy. The exhibit opened on World Environment Day, Saturday June 4.

Theater Performances:
Teen Musical Theater July 28 - Aug 7 / 8 performances, 1,600 visitors
The Young Peoples Teen Musical Theater Company performed the Stephen Sondheim musical “A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum” and an original musical revue titled “The British Invasion”. Performers were all high-school students under the direction of Diane Price.

Cine Club – Film Camp August 23 – 85 participants
An all day introductory program featuring classic films for teenage audiences at the Randall Museum. Ronald Chase, media critic for KALW and curator of this program selects the films and leads discussions. This event kicked off the new season for this school year.

**SF Natural History Series: 3 presentations, 125 visitors**
Presentations by expert naturalists: Featured topics included: **Amphibians& Reptiles of the SF Peninsula, Nature in the City, and Conservation Outlook on Treasure Island.**

**Public Events:**
**Sun and Wind Day:** June 4, **650 visitors**
The Randall celebrated World Environment Day and the opening of the Endless Energy exhibit with a family day featuring many hands-on crafts activities, games, and exhibits.

**Astronomy Day & Night:** August 27, **700 visitors**
The Randall hosted an international 90th birthday party celebration for Bay Area astronomy celebrity John Dobson. Mr. Dobson was the inventor of a revolutionary telescope for amateur astronomers. Mayor Newsom proclaimed Aug.27 as John Dobson Day in San Francisco. **Astronomy Day & Night:** The event featured many activities for children and adults, and a day long series of presentations in the auditorium. In addition the event featured an evening star party and an inflatable planetarium.

**Other Programs:**
**Art and Science Summer Camps:** June/August **260 campers.**
The Randall continued its very popular summer day camps featuring twelve different subject and activity groups of twenty campers in addition to a week long overnight camping trip to Camp Mather.

**Corona Heights Bird Survey:**
In collaboration with the Golden Gate Audubon Chapter, the Randall staff has initiated a bird survey for Corona Heights to determine what impact if any there may be from the installation of a new wind turbine. So over **100 species of birds in three months** have been identified, and no incidents of damage to birds have been observed.

**Excellence Awards:**
This summer the Randall has received recognition from three different Bay Area organizations for excellent programs and exhibits:

SF BAY GUARDIAN: **“Best Place for Arts and Crafts with Kids”**

BAY AREA PARENT MAGAZINE: **“Best of the Best Award”** for the live animal exhibit.

SAN FRANCISCO BEAUTIFUL: **“SF Beautification Award”** for the new landscaping and teaching gardens with the addition of the Aeroturbine exhibit.

**Special Services**
2005 Day Camp Program was almost filled to capacity as the variety of programs increased this year. The new location for Pac Art proved to be quite successful. All staff related well to the campers.

The Golden Gate Senior Center had its longtime Director, Mary Nemetz retire after many years of service to the City. A trip to Thunder Valley for the first time was very successful.

The two trips to Camp Mather with the City Wide Senior Program again were very well attended as well as creative in its programming for all the campers.

After interviewing over 400 youngsters, the Workreation program was very successful this summer as reports from the field and Day Camp staff were very positive.
Once again, the Project Insight Program was outstanding in its diverse programming. The deaf and visually impaired youngsters highlight was a river rafting trip to the American River.

Assignment Desk
Hired 40 3280 As Needed Assistant Recreation Directors to help staff Day Camps, Latchkey and Daily Sub requests.

Distributed over 2600 theme park tickets (Great America, Marine World, Raging Waters, Santa Cruz and WaterWorld) to all Assistant Recreation Supervisors for distribution to the their various recreation facilities. Ticket monies were returned to the Assignment Desk, recorded on a tracking sheet and deposited with Accounting.

Latchkey: Under the direction of the Program Coordinator, the Latchkey program enrolled 582 children at 16 sites for summer 2005. Visitacion Valley P/G hosted a "Summer Luau" on August 17th from 12 noon to 6pm with 40 children and 15 parents in attendance. Activities included games, raffle, luau, food, dances and a visit from staff of the Mayor's Office. Richmond P/G and Douglass P/G got together for a "sister site play-date" featuring various games and activities.

Turf Management
Candlestick Park
Prepared playing field for 49er Football Season.
Hosted home games on Aug. 13 and Aug. 16.

Polo Field
Upgraded irrigation system (by adding 25 quick-couple valves during the June-July closure). The athletic field has deteriorated, due in part to two unprecedented occurrences: (1) inadequate water pressure/flow for the irrigation system, and (2) for the first time ever, flocks of dozens and dozens of ravens have pecked at and torn up hundreds and hundreds of divots on the athletic field (Phil Rossi at IPM is investigating possible remedies).

Mobile Turf Crew
In addition to on-going work at various athletic fields and turf areas, the crew performed significant turf repairs/installations:
(1) Buchanan Mall – On June 1, installed 5500 sq. ft. of sod to complete the renovation of the northern-most block.
(2) Potrero Hill Playground – in early August, renovated the entire infield.
Steve Castile has been hired as a permanent Park Section Supervisor to fill the vacancy created in February by the retirement of Ken Hoppe.

Mowing Crew
Many mowing “cuts” around the City have been missed due to on-going staffing deficiencies. The problem has improved somewhat through the case-by-case use of overtime to make up the missed cuts.

Kezar Stadium
Hosted dozens of soccer matches and football games.
Hosted the San Francisco 49ers for a Field Day in July.

Aquatics
Summer Learn to Swim Lessons*
Over 500 children participated in the learn to swim program which teaches the youth of San Francisco how to swim. Mostly, these lessons are taught by youth who participate on our swim teams or who were themselves in the learn to swim lessons at one time. They are supervised, and guided by an experienced Water Safety Instructor.
Learn to Swim Showcase*
Over 150 children and parents participated in our 2nd annual Learn to Swim showcase where the learn to swim participants demonstrate the skills they learned during the summer to their parents and the public.

Aquatic Boot camp*
In the first every SFRPD boot camp, all of our part-time and as-needed lifeguards participated an intensive two-day training to re-fresh skills and develop teamwork. The program was well received by staff and supervisors and is already being prepared to be conducted twice a year.

Hamilton Pool*
Hamilton Pool brought over 30 learn to swim participants (advanced class) to an novice swim meet held at St.Ignatius in SF. All those who participated enjoyed the experience. Hamilton Pool's showing was strong.

Permits and Reservations
The Mime Troop at Glen Park, Joseph Alioto Piazza, Mission Dolores Park, Precita Park and Washington Square were a huge success. There were outdoor movie nights at Washington Square Park, Mission Dolores Park, Bernal Heights Playground, Precita Park and St. Mary's Playground, which were enjoyed by many participants.

June 2, 2005
Joseph Alioto
World Environment Day opening ceremony
Martha Cohen, Mayor’s Office, 415-554-6487
*over 20,000 participants attended

June 4, 2005, 5:30 P to 11:00 P
Union Square
World Environment Dinner
Rita Barela, 415-651-1810
*Al Gore was the feature speaker

June 5, 2005
Joseph Alioto
World Environment Day closing ceremony
Martha Cohen, Mayor’s Office, 415-554-6487

June 11, 2005, 9 AM to 1 PM
Sharon Meadow, GGP
2 mile walk
Emily Montgomery, Alpha Pregnancy, 415-584-6800

June 11, 2005
Joseph Alioto
Black & White Ball
Sarah Myers, Hartman Studios, 510-970-3214
*3,000 participants attended

June 11, 2005 (12 PM to 6 PM pre-race) June 12, 2005 (8 AM to 4 PM post-race)
Marina Green, GGP, Great Hwy
Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon
Terry Davis, Tri-CA Events, Inc. 831-373-0678
June 11-12, 2005
Douglass Playground Clubhouse
SF Night & Day Challenge
Feet First, David Levinger, 206-652-2310
*1st time event

June 12, 2005, 5 AM to 2 PM
Sharon Meadow
Lymphoma 5K Walk
Stephanie Coolich, Lymphoma Research Foundation, 212-349-2910

June 18, 2005, 7 AM to 1 PM
Duboce Park
Juneteenth Parade
Dexter Woods, African American Art & Culture 415-931-2729

June 18-19, 2005, 12 PM to 6 PM
McLaren Park
Friends of McLaren Park (FOMP) Festival
Tony Atkins, 415-738-8681
* 500 participants

June 18-19, 2005
Joseph Alioto Piazza
Filipino Fiesta
Dennis Broughton, 650-871-6647
* 5000 participants

June 25, 2005, 3PM to 8PM
Mission Dolores Park
Dyke March
Susan Levinkind, 510-383-9858
*2000 participants attended
*problems with clean up and complaints from the neighbors

June 25, 2005 (11AM to 6PM), June 26, 2005 (11AM to 7PM)
Joseph Alioto Piazza
34th Annual Gay Pride Parade/Festival
Joe Wagenhofer, 415-864-0831

July 2-4, 2005, 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Mission Dolores
Mime Troop
Joan Johnstone, 415-285-1717
*1500 participants

July 9-10, 2005, 5:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Golden Gate Park, Marina Green, Ocean Beach Parking Lot, Lafayette Park
AVON Breast Cancer Walk
Samantha Petrie, 415-834-0404
* 2000 participants

July 16, 2005, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Mission Dolores Park
Animal First Aid Seminar
Ron Whitney, 415-701-9620
* 200 participants
July 16, 2005, 1 PM to 4 PM  
Precita Park  
Mime Troop  
Jean Johnstone, 415-285-1717

July 17, 2005, 10AM to 1:30 PM  
Golden Gate Park (Sharon Meadow for start/finish)  
AIDS Walk  
Erika Zlatkoff, 415-615-9255  
*14000 participants

July 17, 2005, 11AM to 5PM  
Japantown Peace Plaza  
Summer Obon Festival  
Richard Hashimoto, Japantown Merchant Assoc., 415-567-4573

July 24, 2005, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Mission Dolores Park  
SF Symphony  
Tim Carless, 415-503-5201  
*8000 participants attended

July 29-30, 2005, 9 AM to 6 PM  
Speedway Meadow in GGP  
Tour de Fat Festival  
Karen Kidwell, Bay Area Ridge Trail, 415-561-2595  
*1000 participants

July 30, 2005, 11 AM to 3 PM  
El Parque de los Ninos Unidos  
Health Rodeo Fair  
Oscar Grande, PODER, 415-431-4210

July 30 (11AM to 9PM), July 31 (11AM to 6PM)  
Washington Square  
North Beach Jazz Festival  
Alistar Monroe, Sunset Promotions, 415-971-5640  
*1st time sound extended to 9 PM

August 6, 2005, 11AM to 5PM  
Joseph Alioto  
Blues Festival  
Bobby Webb, 415-437-6616
August 6, 2005, 3 PM to 4:30 PM
Union Square
Kung Fu and Lion Dance Demonstration
Josephine Ma, Self Help for the Elderly, 415-982-9171 x 175

August 6, 2005, 10 AM to 3 PM
Alamo Square
Great Dogs in the Park CGC Testing
Matt Magana, D5DOG, 415-864-4794

August 6-7, 2005, 1PM to 3PM
Mission Dolores Park
Richard III Performance
Tiffany Holland, Women’s Will, 510-594-7490

August 7, 2005, 12 PM to 6 PM
McLaren Park
Concert
Franco Mancini/Tom Murphy, Friends of McLaren Park, 415-272-2012
* 700 participants

August 13, 2005, 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Union Square
Indonesian Day
Christ F. Komari, 925-726-7279
* 1500 participants

August 13, 2005, 3 PM to 5PM
Japantown Peace Plaza
60th Anniversary Commemorating the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
Rosalyn Tonai, National Jap Amer Historical Society, 415-921-5007

August 13-14, 2005, 1PM to 3PM
Mission Dolores Park
Richard III Performance
Tiffany Holland, Women’s Will, 510-594-7490

August 14, 2005, 11 AM to 7 PM
Joseph Alioto
Pakistan Independence Day & Cultural Events
Inam Choudhary, 415-863-9636
* 3000 participants

August 14, 2005, 12:30 PM to 3 PM
Lincoln Park, Holocaust
Day of Remembrance
Lorraine Marshall, Jewish Relations Council, 415-957-155

August 14, 2005, 12 PM to 8 PM
Sharon Meadow, GGP
Festival of the Chariots
Jerry Macchia, 510-649-8619
* 2000 participants

August 14, 2005
Legion of Honor / Marina Green
Alcatraz Triathlon  
David Horning, Envirosports, 415-868-1829  
August 20, 2005, 10 AM to 2 PM  
Precita Park  
Animal First Aid Seminar  
Ron Whitney, 415-701-9620  
August 20, 2005, 12 PM to 6 PM  
La Raza Park  
Sock It To Me Concert  
Tony Imperial, NextArts, 415-282-7636  
* 200-300 participants  

August 20-21, 2005, 11 AM to 6 PM  
Justin Herman Plaza  
Psychic Fair  
Miles Newcombe, Déjà vu Publishing, 510-848-2381 x 119  

August 27, 2005, 9 AM to 5 PM  
Lindley Meadow, GGP  
Polynesian Festival  
Julio Muao, United Territories of Polynesian Islanders Alliance, 916-451-1332  

August 27-28, 2005  
Speedway Meadow  
Renaissance Faire  
Bill Waters, 415-354-1773  

August 27, 2005, 12 PM to 5 PM  
Crocker Amazon  
Skateboard contest / award ceremony  
Emile Janicot, 105 Shotwell SF CA, no phone #  

August 27, 2005, 8 AM to 3 PM  
McLaren Park  
Gravity Race Adventure  
John Chan / Don McAllister, 949-399-5394  

August 27, 2005  
Excelsior Park  
Health Fair  
Charlie Sciammas, PODER, 415-431-4210  

August 27, 2005, 10 AM to 3 PM  
Milton Meyers Park  
Fun Day for Children in Bayview  
Hannah Perry, Shekinah Christian Fellowship, 415-646-0747  
August 28, 2005, 12 PM to 4 PM  
Corona Heights  
Dog Event/Fundraiser  
Elisa Baker, Social Restoration Club, 415-515-9999  

September 3, 2005, 11 AM to 5 PM  
Japantown Peace Plaza  
Island Jam
Richard Hashimoto, Japantown Merchants, 415-567-4573  
September 3 (12 P to 5 P) Sept 4 (8 AM to 3 PM), 2005  
Justin Herman Plaza for Exp – will also go through Wash Sq/Marina/ Joseph Conrad / Union Square  
SF Grand Prix Expo  
Craig Mintzlaff, 303-926-9221  
*3,000 participants

Monster Park
- ESPN film shoot was held on June 10, 2005.
- Octagon Marketing (BMW) held a ride & drive on July 6-11, 2005.
- Auto Ed (VW Passett) held a ride & drive on July 11-15, 2005.
- A Filipino concert was held in the parking lot on July 23, 2005.
- Thomson Learning held a corporate event on the field on July 27, 2005.
- Lay Low Magazine held a low rider car show on July 31, 2005.
- The Cooking Camp ended on August 11th, 2005.
- The upper concourse waterproofing (Angotti & Reilly) project was completed on August 6, 2005.
- Two football games were held on August 13, 2005 and August 26, 2005.

Golf

**HARDING/FLEMING**
- Work continues to prepare course for AMEX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF GOLF  
- Sandy Tatum Clubhouse grand opening  
- Potassium sulfate applied to entire course.  
- All green collars spiked and topdressed  
- All Pro tees spiked and topdressed  
- Unidentified damage following Pro Biotic application healed. Course responded favorably to Pro Biotic application with great color and vigor.  
- Organized Over Time projects continue, three projects completed in this time period, rough areas string trimmed and chipped, entire course divot bombed, cart paths edged, rough edges sprayed out.  
- Lawn on West side of Clubhouse installed.

**LINCOLN/ GOLDEN GATE**
- Lincoln continues to function with a 33% reduction in its normal work force.  
- All greens spiked, fed, and topdressed.  
- Hedges trimmed along 34th & Clement and surrounding parking lot.  
- Major bunker renovations begun at Golden Gate Golf. Bunker on #8 completed.  
- PUC Water project begins along 7th and 6th fairways. Project is for duration of 400 days and includes construction of new pump station, new water tank and water supply to Legion of Honor.

**SHARP PARK**
- Sharp Park continues to function with a 33% reduction in its normal work force.  
- Due to prolonged rainy season Sharp Park was able to irrigate with its own water supply up until June 30. Course went on North Coast Water District Water on July 1, 2005.  
- San Mateo County Mosquito Abatement District sprayed Laguna Salada and surrounds on June 22, July 12, August 2 and August 23.  
- Rough areas mowed and raked up in June and July. Prolonged rainy season had kept the course wetter than normal and grass growth more vigorous throughout spring.  
- Heavy fog in June and July lead to fungus attack on greens, greens spiked with solid times, topdressed and treated with EM 1 repeatedly. Greens fed with blood meal and Pro Biotic and have recovered dramatically.
Marina/Yacht Harbor

**June**
- Quarterly newsletter and bills mailed to tenants
- Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon
- Gate 19 repairs continue
- 13 guest berthers (various lengths of stay)
- Transferred two berths
- Assigned four temporary berthers
- Golden Gate Yacht Club
  - YRA-WBRA Races
  - GGYC Friday Night Races
- Saint Francis Yacht Club Regattas
  - Madcap Regatta (STFYC vs NYYC)
  - Intraclub Regattas
  - Woodies Invitational

**July**
- Fee increase approved by Mayor Gavin Newsom and the Board of Supervisors
- Successful Fourth of July fireworks and celebration
- Brad Gross’ unfortunate and untimely ‘Tour de Sonoma’ accident
- Gate 19 repairs continue
- 28 guest berthers (various lengths of stay)
- Five temporary berthers assigned
- Golden Gate Yacht Club
  - GGYC Friday Night Races
- Saint Francis Yacht Club Regattas
  - 29er World Championships
  - RONSTAN Bay Challenge
  - Albert T. Simpson
  - Team Race PCC’s

**August**
- Steve Parks met with Saint Francis Yacht Club regarding regattas
- Steve Parks and Parkman Lew met with Fleet Week 2005 coordinators (Steve Teatro & Chris Schuster)
- Gate 19 repairs continue
- Sent over 630 notifications to permanent tenants and month-to-month tenants regarding fee increase and new fees
- 14 guest berthers (various lengths of stay)
- Transferred four berths
- Golden Gate Yacht Club
  - GGYC Friday Night Races
- Saint Francis Yacht Club Regattas
  - Aldo Alessio Regatta
  - SF Classic/UN Challenge
  - 470 World Championships
  - 18 Skiff International

Midnight Music, Photo Center, and Special Projects

**The Midnight Music Program** started the Guitar and Drums Lessons citywide. Nine Recreation Centers have been benefiting from these amazing programs. The classes are taught once a week at different sites.

**July 7**, Special Projects once again coordinated the San Francisco Parks Trust Kids Day. Pat Wiley, Manuel Fernandez, and Diana Chin coordinated an event that hosted more than 1200 children from around the city. The children, directors and parents enjoyed a day full of music entertainment, activities, games,
carnival and more. Organizations such as KQED Education Network, The Randall Museum, The Academy of Science, the S.F. Zoo and other participated.

**On July 7**, “Elevator Love Letters”, an all girl rock band from the Midnight Music Program, performed at the Kids Day at Sharon Meadows.

**Musical Tiny Tots**, held every Friday from 10:30 to 12:00 pm, is capturing the ears of all the Moms and babysitters around the neighborhood. Children ages 1 and up come and enjoy an hour and a half of planned free play, games and musical instruments. There is a circle time in which parents and children get to sing and play little percussion instruments together. This class keeps increasing participants every week.

**On July 19**, The Midnight Music Program and Midsummer Mozart hosted a Mozart workshop at the Harvey Milk Arts Building. Children from Mission Recreation Center, J.P. Murphy and Tenderloin Recreation Center attended the workshop. They learned about Mozart who he was and what he did. 33 children attended this workshop.

**On July 20 and July 25**, The Midnight Music Program and Blue Blanket Improv offered free Improv comedy Workshops at Margaret Hayward Plgd. Sunnyside Plgd. Presidio Heights Plgd. and Gilman Recreation Center also attended these workshops. The children learned how to improve Drama Theater skills.

**On July 22**, Getting’ Out There, a Midnight Music Program, and Midsummer Mozart brought children from Tenderloin and Mission Recreation Center to a Mozart concert at the Palace of Fine Arts for free.

**On July 27**, “Elevator Love Letters” A midnight Music all girl rock band performed at Union Square for the Union Square Park Concert Series. Once again the girls were admired and congratulated for such a great performance.

**Young People Theater Musical Company** has been rehearsing really hard for their performance on July 28, 29, and 30 at the Randall Museum. Under the direction of Diane Price and the musical direction of Othello Jefferson and Sean Bart, these talented teens have been showing dedication and commitment for this act. The play is called British Invasions. Costumes, scenes and music; everything is ready for the show.

**Capoeira for teens.** Omulu Capoeira has extended its lessons an extra day to Wednesday afternoons this month due to a nice increase of participants wanting to learn Capoeira. Capoeira, directed by Master Preguica, is an Afro-Brazilian art form that combines martial arts, acrobatics and music. The extra class each week will be from 4 to 6pm every Wednesday serving at least 15 new members.

**Rhythm and Motion** held classes twice a day two times a week this month. It is well attended. This aerobic, dance, music class is a perfect fit to this drama, dance and music center. The energy this class brings is very high and normally it keeps not only the people who are participating dancing but everyone who is watching.

The new **Yoga class** is growing slowly. At the request of the Duboce neighborhood association Manuel has organized this class taught by a certified volunteer.

**Photo Center**

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<td>Opening reception for &quot;A View From The Bridge&quot; exhibit. One of the most well attended receptions to date with approximately 150 to 180 guests.</td>
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Friends of the Park Day - the Photo Center provided a sungram table for the children.

July 9       "A Trek To Dolpo" - A scenic slide show exploring the edge of the Tibetan Plateau in Northwest Nepal.

July 14      Photo Salons - slide shows of, by and for our community

Michael Rauner - the history of sacred architecture, spirituality and consciousness in California
Victoria Heilwell - relationships and intimacy through the symbolic reinterpretation of stereotypes.
Andrew Faulkner - thoughts on a train.

July 19      BAPC general meeting - Bay Area Photographer's Collective's general meeting for the public to view members work and generate possible interest for new members.

July 23      "Alaska's Inside Passage" - cruise the Inside Passage and see mountains, whales, eagles a and glaciers.

San Francisco Marina Project Update
9/6/05

In November 2004, the Dept. of Boating and Waterways (DBW) staff recommended approval of a $16.5M loan to renovate the West Harbor. The DBW Commission approved the staff recommendation and disbursement of funds over 3 to 5 years. The DBW Commission approved the first $1.5M in their 2005-2006 Fiscal year budget. In October 2005, the DBW Commission will consider approval of the next phase of funding, $3.7M, which is part of the approved $16.5M. Given that the City’s Controllers offices does not allow RPD to certify a construction contract until we have all the funds available, the earliest we could start construction is 3 years from now (2008), and could be as late as 2010. If DBW's budget allows, they could also fund the balance of the loan in one year, which is not likely, but possible.

The East Harbor renovation is on a separate schedule, which anticipates starting construction after the West Harbor renovation is underway.

The fee increases approved by the Board of Supervisors in June 2005 will fund on-going maintenance at the Marina. Before the City can begin to use the approved loan funds, the City must sign and agree to the terms of the DBW loan contract.

Once the loan documents are signed, there will be a separation of revenues generated by each harbor, east and west. West harbor revenues will go toward the build up of the fund balance to cover the upcoming debt service for the west harbor loans, as required by DBW. Payment for the west harbor loan will be made in accordance with a payment schedule to be outlined in the loan contract.

One last item that also must be completed prior to receiving funds, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The draft EIR (DEIR) will be posted on the Marina website at www.sfmarina.org, and will be available to the public Sept. 6, 2005.

The draft DEIR covers both the east and west harbor and building improvements in anticipation of potential project funding for the east harbor from DBW also.

The east harbor is on the DBW's list for future projects, but no more information is available from DBW at this time.
Once revenues are separated, all funds generated in the east harbor will be pooled. Those funds will be earmarked for east harbor projects. Priority for those projects will be set based on need and budget.

The first project that must be completed prior to any other will be ADA access ramps. ADA laws require access be provided before additional upgrades be made. Once access improvements are complete, other improvements will follow such as replacement of 90 plus damaged pilings, maintenance dredging, fire suppression upgrades, electrical upgrades and dock improvement will be considered and prioritized based on need and budget.

Katie Petrucione gave the Commission a report on the Golf Fund and an overview of the 2005-06 Fiscal Year Budget. Isabel Wade spoke of her concerns of the golf courses and the Golf Fund. Tom Weather with the Lincoln Golf Club addressed two points: 1) the number of rounds have gone down and 2) that some sort of a year to year agreement be made with the operators of Lincoln and Sharp Park. Emeric Kalman asked questions about the Marina Fund and who approved the budget. Bill Wilson discussed the Sunnyside Park. He stated that volunteers had planted over 300 plants but now the hill was down to an inch because the plants weren’t taken care of. He stated that it was not about gardeners not doing their job or about the volunteer office not coordinating – it is that the Department has too few people to do the job.

CONSENT CALENDAR
On motion by Commissioner Murray and duly seconded the following resolutions were adopted:

RES. NO. 0509-001
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the minutes from the July and August 2005 meetings.

RES. NO. 0509-002
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a road closure on John F. Kennedy Drive from 30th Avenue to Chain of Lakes Drive for the Strictly Blue Grass Concert from 6:00 a.m. on October 1, 2005 to 8:00 p.m. on October 2, 2005.

RES. NO. 0509-003
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve the Golden Gate Park Pedestrian Improvements Study.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Item number 4D was removed from the consent calendar.

Laura Chase stated her concerns that the Commission would not have the time to read the arborists report before making a decision on the disc golf course in Golden Gate Park. She also spoke of natural space and that Marx Meadow should be a shared space between disc golf and open space. Rich Abrahamsen spoke of his concerns with disc golf and stated that the Department had allowed the destruction of Marx Meadow in Golden Gate Park. Chris Paquloag a gardener in Golden Gate Park spoke about the damage done to the trees and the number of people who no longer come to the park because they don’t feel safe anymore.

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

RES. NO. 0509-004
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve an amendment to the existing MOU between the Recreation and Park Commission and the San Francisco Disc Golf Club to extend the time period through October 31, 2005.

KORET FOUNDATION CHILDREN’S QUARTERS
Staff presented this item to the Commission. It is for discussion only. On September 16, 2004 the Commission rejected all bids received on June 23, 2004 due to the bids exceeding the engineers’ estimate. After value engineering, DPW re-bid the construction documents. Bids will be received on August 31, 2005. At that time, a list of bidders and their bids will be available for review. The HRC bid protest period will end on September 7, 2005. Barring a bid protest, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder will be determined at that time. Staff has determined that additional Proposition 12 funds are available to award
this contract and that will be confirmed with the State prior to that time. The item will be coming to the Commission next month for an award of contract.

SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS
The 49ers are proposing to use a portion of Monster Park to create a space for a portable food, beverage, and merchandise area managed by Center Plate in some of the space that was formerly the Giants offices.

The estimated value of the capital improvements to the Permit Area is $200,000. The improvements include replacing walls, replacing the ceiling, electrical work, painting and carpeting.

Current fair market rent is $1.00 per square foot and may be adjusted annually as determined by the City’s Real Estate Department. The rental fee is $100.00 per day for 24 days of use per football season for 3,000 square feet. Permittee will pay $250.00 per season for utilities. The Permittee will be responsible for keeping the Permit Area clean and free of garbage during the Term of the Permit.

In addition, an undetermined amount of incremental revenue will be received as part of the percentage rent received from food and beverage sales under the current Lease with the 49ers.

Highlighted terms of the proposed Agreement are:

- Term is September 15, 2005 upon approval and authorization of Permit by the Commission and shall be coterminous with the current Forty Niners Stadium Lease, provided that the Term of this Permit shall not extend beyond May 31, 2013.
- Permit Area is the space occupied by Rooms 428 (partial), 425, 426, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, and 434 of the Stadium.
- Rental fee is $100.00 per day for 24 days of use per football season.
- Permittee will pay $250.00 per season for utilities.
- Permittee shall be responsible for keeping the Permit Area clean and free of garbage during the Term of the Permit.

The Department will receive annual revenue in the amount of $2,400 and an estimated $200,000 in improvements to the Premises.

On motion of Commissioner Martin and duly seconded the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 0509-010
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a revocable permit with San Francisco Forty Niners (“49ers”) to allow 49ers to use a portion of Monster Park to create a space for Center Plate to set up a portable food, beverage and merchandise service area.

CAMP MATHER STORE
On February 19, 2004 the Recreation and Park Commission approved a two-year and seven-month Lease for Evergreen Destination Holdings, LLC to occupy and use the Camp Mather Store at Camp Mather. This included an option to extend the term by three years with city approval. All the current terms and conditions will remain in effect, including the annual 2.5 percent increase in the rent through the three-year extension period.

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

RES. NO. 0509-011
RESOLVED, That this Commission does approve a three-year extension to the current Lease with Evergreen Destination Holdings, LLC to occupy and use the Camp Mather Store at Camp Mather, California.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Andrea O’Leary discussed enforcement policy of the dog policy. She stated that her concern was that everyone wanted out on the Dog Advisory Committee and that people are talking about sunsetting the committee. Sue Chang stated that she felt that the Department had been misleading in regard to the proposed harbor renovation, beginning with the design to funding of the pathways and parking lot design. She requested an appointment with Commissioners to discuss this further. She stated that she was in full
support of a harbor renovation and would like a beautiful marina. There is a coalition called Save the
Marina. Their mission is to preserve the character of the small craft harbor and to fight the
commercialization. Alan Silverman also spoke about the marina harbor and stated that he felt there was a
legal problem – specifically the commercialization of the harbor. Joan Girardot spoke about the harbor and
her concerns with the project – she spoke on commercial boats in the harbor and felt this was going in the
wrong direction. Bill Carlin spoke about the DAC and the failure to have a timed use policy. Emeric
Kalman spoke of his concerns in regard to the harbor and he stated that he had asked the harbormaster for a
list of the rules and regulations of the harbor.

COMMISSIONERS’ MATTERS
There were no Commissioners’ matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. McArthur
Commission Liaison