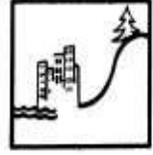




# SAN FRANCISCO PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## **Meeting Minutes REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, August 7, 2018  
Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, 501 Stanyan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

Chair Steffen Franz (District 2) called the meeting to order on August 7, 2018 at 6:30p.m.

### 1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Steffen Franz (D2); Wendy Aragon (D1); Jordyn Aquino (D4); Nick Belloni (D2); Robert Brust (D8); Anthony Cuadro (D7); Steven Currier (D11); Ana Gee (D6); Katherine Jones (D5); Elisa Laird-Metke (D9); Gisele Rainer (D3); Richard Rothman (D1); Jane Weil (D6); Cally Wong (D7)

Members Absent: Natalie Dillon (D4); Ken Maley (D3); Ken McGary (D11)

Members Excused: Ancel Martinez (At Large); Trevor McNeil (D5); Maya Rodgers (D10); Mark Scheuer (D8);

Recreation and Park Department (RPD) Staff Present: Gary McCoy, James Wheeler, and Tiffany Lin-Wilson.

There was no public comment on this item.

### 2. Review of the Minutes:

Discussion and Possible Action to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting.

The motion to approve the July 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

Amended and approved minutes are online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Minutes-July-10-2018.pdf>

There was no public comment on this item.

3. Chair's Report: Discussion only  
Chair Steffen Franz (D2) reported:
- a. I attended a community meeting at the Senior Center in Golden Gate Park for the design of the new dog play area, which will be the largest dog play area in the city. Richard Rothman was there. Assemblyman Phil Tang, who arranged for the \$2 million to renovate this dog play area. Supervisor Fewer and Phil Ginsburg were also in attendance. There was a lot of community feedback, ending with the people saying they wanted lights, which would require an EIR that might delay the project months, if not years. Supervisor Fewer asked stakeholders mid-meeting if they wanted the dog play area, or if the money should be rolled into a playground. Her willingness to be frank with the stakeholders was strong.
  - b. I was asked to attend the Alemany Farms CAC meeting that same week. I would like to help them form a Strategic Plan, and to hear them talk at PROSAC about what they're doing. In 2017, they donated eleven tons of food to the community.
  - c. I've heard from a couple of park advocates in D10 and D11, that in the 2012 bond planning, there were a lot of concessions made by individual groups who had ideas about projects that needed to be done in their district. We are approaching the next bond and I think these particular people feel concerned that they're going to get iced again. If you feel like there was something in your District that was left off the 2012 Bond that was promised to your community, speak to Robert Brust and that will be something we get RPD to listen to.
  - D. I attended the RPD Japantown Peace Plaza Planning meeting earlier this month. There must have been 200 people there. After the meeting, I spoke with Commissioner Low and he said to me that he hoped his comments that he made on the record reflected the Commission's desire to be more in the loop.

**Comment from Steven Currier:** District 11. As you well know also on the McLaren Park Collaborative that Tom is here which started this whole thing about the trees. I know Gary has some information but I would like to know and find out why four trees got cut down without notices give to either the public or the McLaren Park Collaborative and does this have anything to do with the project that's going in. They're coming to speak to us on September 18<sup>th</sup> and we have a member of the public, I don't know if he wants to say anything. (This is also found on page 5 of the transcript).

There was no public comment on this item.

4. New Business/Agenda Setting  
- SF Zoo Presentation  
- McLaren Park Collaborative

There was no public comment on this item.

5. Capital/Planning Monthly Update

Gary McCoy reported:

- a. India Basin has certified EIR, passed by the Planning Commission on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Commission is reviewing the concept plan this month and recommended approval to the Full Commission.
  - b. Water Conservation Improvements at Washington Square is at the Commission this month as well. Playground renovation is currently underway. Water Conservation project will start after the playground is reopened. Project includes replacement of the park's existing irrigation and drainage infrastructure, replanting of the main lawn, new drought tolerant landscaping. The project seeks to reduce existing water use by two-thirds from 3,308,760 gals to 1,000,000 gals a year. Thanks to Ken Maley for his support on the project, and to PROSAC for their support at the bond planning meetings. Stacy is still gathering information and will reach out to folks shortly.
  - c. We're working on funding the design and replacement for the Golden Gate Park Golf Clubhouse. There are temporary trailers as we develop a plan and staff is updating existing commitment spreadsheet.
  - d. Fall Class Registration begins August 4<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Friday is Gary's last day with Rec & Park. Beverly Ng will be the liaison for District 1-6, and Lamonte Bishop will be taking over Districts 7-11.
- There was no public comment on this item.

#### 6. Update on Camp Mather

James (Jim) Wheeler, Recreation Manager, provided an update on Camp Mather. The discussion can be found on pages 8-14 of the transcript. The transcript can be found online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-Transcript-August-7-2018.pdf>

#### Public Comment

Unnamed female: "I just wanted to give you a shout-out because I was up there at the senior week when the Rim Fire happened. We were evacuated but what was amazing to us was that we got the full refund."

#### 7. How to Build and Grow a Friends Of Group

PROSAC Chair, Steffen Franz, presented on how to build and grow a *Friends Of* group. His presentation can be found online below:

[http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Friends-of-Group-Presentation\\_Final\\_2018.pdf](http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Friends-of-Group-Presentation_Final_2018.pdf)

*Item not originally on the Agenda.* The September meeting will be moved from September 4<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>.

There was no public comment on this item.

#### 8. Announcements

Wendy Aragon, D1, announced that this will be her last PROSAC meeting until January 2019, as she will be returning to school.

Richard Rothman, D1, commented on contacting the Board President regarding moving the PROSAC meetings back to City Hall. He said that he will try again in the new year to get in touch with the Board President's office.

Steven Currier, D11, announced that he wanted to thank the Committee for their patience last month in the presentation from the Supervisor's office on Persia Triangle. He said that he moved it back to the Supervisor's office to push it forward, since a letter of recommendation or EIR is probably needed. He will update PROSAC when he has more information.

Jordyn Aquino, D4, announced that Outside Lands is this weekend. There was no public comment on this item.

9. Public Comment

Tom Borden commented on the Park Code 3.02 that states Recreation and Park can put anything on a sign, and if it's on a sign, you need to obey it. It doesn't have to be codified and some examples of these things are in natural areas that say no bicycles, you're not allowed to ride a bicycle in a natural area or bring one in. There are signs in McLaren Park that say, "No Alcohol". In natural areas, there are signs that say to stay on designated trails, and the Natural Areas Manager says you must stay on designated trails. McLaren Parks also says no glass containers. Park Patrol citations are written on SFPD forms and they don't tell what the person actually did. It doesn't specify if they were drinking out of a glass jar, smoking, or climbing a tree, etc. So there's a real issue here of abuse of creating a broad sweeping regulation with no process. (His full comment can be found on pages 25-26 of the transcript).

Tom Borden commented on the McLaren Park community meeting that RPD was considering putting up a ropes course in McLaren Park. A few days later, they had cut down seven and a whole bunch of other trees, and then put colored stakes all over the area. When a reporter from the Ingleside Light questioned RPD, they said the trees were cut down because they were unhealthy, dying, and unsafe, and it had nothing to do with the Challenge Course. There had been no process with the ropes course. (His full comments can be found on page 26 of the transcript).

10. Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.