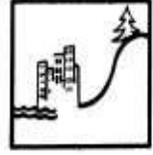




# SAN FRANCISCO PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## **Meeting Minutes REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, October 2, 2018  
Commission Room, McLaren Lodge, 501 Stanyan Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

Chair Steffen Franz (District 2) called the meeting to order on October 2, 2018 at 6:35p.m.

### 1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Steffen Franz (D2); 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); Ken Maley (D3); Trevor McNeil (D5); Ken McGary (D11); Julia Pfeiffenberger (D4); Gisele Rainer (D3); Richard Rothman (D1); Mark Scheuer (D8); Jane Weil (D6); Cally Wong (D7)

Members Excused: Wendy Aragon (D1); Ancel Martinez (At Large)

Recreation and Park Department (RPD) Staff Present: La Monte´ Bishop, Taylor Emerson, and Tiffany Lin-Wilson.

Guests: Joe Fitting (SF Zoo) and Drew Becher (SF Parks Alliance)

There was no public comment on this item.

### 2. Review of the Minutes:

Discussion and Possible Action to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting.

The motion to approve the September 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes passed unanimously.

Amended and approved minutes are online at:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Minutes-September-11-2018.pdf>

There was no public comment on this item.

### 3. Chair's Report: Discussion only

Chair Steffen Franz (D2) reported:

- a. November PROSAC Meeting – November 13, 2018
- b. I attended an event at Alta Plaza two weeks ago, which was the reopening after extensive renovations most to their sprinklers or drainage issues, concrete issues. There wasn't a huge amount of money allocated to them either in the 2008 or 2012 bond. The opening was attended by Commissioner Low, Commissioner Anderson, Phil Ginsburg, and various Rec & Park officials. There were about 150 people in attendance on a Sunday morning at 9:30am. It was really nice to see the people of that area who really depend on that park, and it was a great opening.
- c. I attended the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Packard testimonial dinner, and the guest of honor was Bill Gates, who spoke about how philanthropy is very easy to route when it's a great cause. You ask what you can do to help, you're doing it right now. Every little bit helps, and I want to honor that. Your service is a big part of that, and I just wanted to say thank you.
- d. Volunteer Appreciation Day is this Saturday, and every PROSAC member is invited to that.
- e. McLaren Park's Movie Night, produced by Parks Alliance, was the first one in over 23 years. There were over 1,000 people, and 30% of them had never been to McLaren Park before. McLaren Park has become a safer place and there is more understanding on that part of the Police Department and others that this is a huge open space that needs to be cultivated and that there was demand.

**Ken Maley:** We had a very tragic event in Washington Square Park in that a 61-year-old Canary Island pine tree, ten trees, had to be removed due to the destruction of their root system by the contractor and the lack of oversight by the Department. It's a very tragic thing for our park because the trees are adjacent to the newly renovated playground and so now the playground is extremely exposed to sunlight and wind that these trees provided a windbreak and shadow. Friends of Washington Square and The Telegraph Hill Dwellers are cooperating with the City Attorney's Office because we believe that there's a liability issue here for the destruction of these trees; it was unnecessary and could have been prevented. We are trying to work with the Department, who in my view, is trying to push forward trees that are really inappropriate for this space. We feel that the Department has some responsibility for it as well, so it's an ongoing situation with the City Attorney in terms of liability and the costs and the impact. (His full comments can be found on pages 3-4 of the transcript).

There was no public comment on this item.

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- Ropes Course
  - Infrastructure vs. Programming

There was no public comment on this item.

## 5. Capital/Planning Monthly Update

La Monte' Bishop reported:

- a. Let'sPlaySF – following the presentation from last month, here are the next updates: 1) Juri Commons concept plan approved, 2) Merced Heights out to bid, expect to award contract later this year, 3) Planning has started at Herz, Buchanan and Golden Gate Heights
- b. Alta Plaza had a successful opening last week
- c. Construction has begun at Willie “Woo Woo” Wong
- d. Updates on Community meetings:
  - 1) Gene Friend – Community meeting last month went well. Project has now progressed under environmental review
  - 2) Central SoMa is moving through the Board process and CEQA appeal. The EIR was upheld at the Board last week. Supervisor – and staff-initiated changes were then approved at the Planning Commission. The Plan was recommended to move to the Full Board at the Land Use Committee yesterday.
  - 3) India Basin is moving through the Board process. It was heard at Land Use yesterday and its CEQA appeal is being considered at the Board today.
  - 4) As we continue improving our tree protection standards, the Capital team had an excellent presentation from Denny Kern today on tree protection elements to ensure that we capture during the design phase and construction
  - 5) HOPE SF @ Sunnydale – There was a community open house on Sunday, which was well attended by Sunnydale and Vis Valley neighbors. We received a lot of feedback on the project's Community Hub

There was no public comment on this item.

## 6. Strategic Plan Update FY19-23: Year 4!

Taylor Emerson, Recreation and Park Department, led a guided discussion. To share and collect suggestions from all members for new or revised initiatives in support of the ongoing Objectives and Strategies in the Department's Strategic Plan Update for FY 19-23. The full comments can be found on pages 8-18 on the transcript.

The Strategic Plan can be found online at:

<https://view.joomag.com/rpd-strategic-plan/0230791001453414745?short>

There was no public comment on this item.

## 7. SF Zoo Update

Joe Fitting, Deputy Director, San Francisco Zoological Society, presented on the upcoming expansion of the Madagascar region of the Zoo. His presentation can be found online:

[http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-Presentation-Miller-Updates-October-2018\\_02.pdf](http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/PROSAC-Presentation-Miller-Updates-October-2018_02.pdf)

There was no public comment on this item.

8. SF Parks Alliance Strategic Plan

Drew Becher, CEO, SF Parks Alliance, updated the Committee on the SF Parks Alliance Strategic Plan. His presentation can be found online:

<http://sfrecpark.org/wp-content/uploads/Parks-Alliance-Presentation-Aug-2018.pdf>

There was no public comment on this item.

9. Public Comment

Jim Hayden, District 2 resident, commented on the Golden Gate Park Golf Clubhouse that had burned down in July 2018. He said he would hate to see nothing done for four or five years, and would like to see it replaced very shortly. He asked whether there were plans for a more permanent structure and how much it is going to cost. (His full comments can be found on page 40 of the transcript.)

Jude Deckenbach, Friends of Jackson Park, has worked with Recreation and Park, city agencies, communities, community of Jackson Park is a huge community of users because we have two of the only nine lit ball fields. We had our seventh community meeting on Thursday, and we had over a hundred people there to see the plan we designed that's quite ambitious. Even though we raised a little over \$6 million, we're not going to build that park unless we get bond money. Therefore we are rolling out a community outreach program to advocate for funds. (Her full comments can be found on pages 40-41 of the transcript.)

10. Adjournment: 9:08 p.m.