CALL TO ORDER:
The regular meeting of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Citizens Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:33pm by Jill Stavosky, Acting Citizens Advisory Committee Chairperson, in the Conference Room of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Administrative Office.

PLEDGE TO FLAG:
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Stavosky.

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
The minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting were approved as read.

NEW BUSINESS:
District Update
Park Superintendent Dan Giamonna presented a slide show of the completed/in progress projects this past year. The kitchen at Castro Valley Community Center has been renovated with new flooring, appliances, countertops and cabinets. The Sorensdale Recreation Center kitchen is stainless steel commercial grade with new appliances, countertops, fixtures and an outside walk-in freezer. The center is now available for facility rental. The Weekes Community Center kitchen has also been upgraded.

The DMT restrooms had ADA upgrades. There is a beautiful tile mural on the wall. The inside of the theatre had ADA upgrades for wheel chair seating. The sound booth was upgraded as well as the parking lot and sidewalk. The Hayward Plunge had ADA upgrades in the men’s and
women’s restrooms including new lockers and radiant floor heat. There are new prefab restrooms installed at Birchfield, Earl Warren and Meek Estate parks. The restrooms have skylights and all stainless steel fixtures to be as vandal proof as possible.

The Hampton Road Dog Park (small and large dog locations) construction has been approved by the H.A.R.D. board. There is parking but hopefully this will be a park that people will walk to rather than drive to.

There is an adopted master plan at Fairmont Terrace, two homes were purchased and they will be removed and a small playground and parking lot will be built. The Greenwood Park master plan has been approved and will be adopted by the Board on March 9th. A new housing development will be built up to the park. Kennedy Park master plan will have the same feel as the current park but with more amenities including an event pavillion. San Lorenzo Park will have four new baseball/softball fields, a synthetic soccer field to replace the existing field plus two small grass and one large grass soccer field. The existing pond will also be moved and used for retention of rain water.

Master planning is currently in progress for: EBMUD site, 24 acre parcel the District purchased in 2014. Two community meetings were held and many ideas were discussed as what to do with the property. The next step is for the architects to come back with three different scenarios to be presented to the community. San Felipe Park has had two community meetings with two plans presented. The next step for this project is for the board to have a work session. Weekes Park has had two master plan meetings and a work session is planned for the Board.

Superintendent Ely updated the Cherryland Community Center project. Staff has been working with Alameda County Staff and Supervisor Nate Miley’s office for the past three years to open a community center. The center will be located on Boston and Hampton roads. The District and Alameda County have purchased the land. The center will have a room that will hold up to 250 persons. Noll and Tam architects (also designed the Castro Valley Library) have been hired by Alameda County for this project. This is a “net zero” building which means it produces renewable energy to cover the annual utilities cost.

Superintendent Ely introduced the new Asst. General Manager – Todd Trimble. Todd stated this is his third month at H.A.R.D. and the transition has been very easy. He has been in the public recreation field for the past 25 years at three different agencies, Piedmont, Pleasanton and Walnut Creek. Superintendent Ely also stated that Dennis Waespi received a position at EBRPD as a director and introduced Rick Hatcher who was appointed as new Board Director.

**Election and Appointment of CAC Officers 2015**

Superintendent Ely explained job of each position.

Chairperson – Justin King  
Vice-Chair – Jill Stavosky  
Secretary – Christina Chin-Newman  
New slate of officers unanimously approved.
2015 Sub-Committee Appointments
Marketing and Partnerships – Justin King – chair, Steven Kirk, Guillermo Nevarez, Christina Chin-Newman members.
Dog Parks – Sally Holt – chair.

The 2015 CAC calendar of meetings was distributed to all members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Ms. Holt shared a power point presentation. She stated the water bowl at the large dog park shows good installation; it can be placed on the ground and emptied and rinsed. The shade canopy at the small dog park needs attention. The gate latch is a frequent target for vandalism. The drinking fountain at the large dog park is plugged with dirt and DG and can’t drain. Ms. Holt suggested a ball washer may help remedy the problem. The water bowl at the small dog park is tethered too tightly so it is not easily emptied and cannot be placed on the ground. At the last CAC meeting it was suggested that an eye bolt and cable be installed – a solution is needed.

The ABCD Newsletter was distributed to all members. The crepe myrtles planted last year were thriving but with less watering now are not doing well. The new trees have been ripped out and the small plants need continued watering. Ms. Holt inquired what the park attendant hours are at the dog park.

STAFF UPDATES:
Superintendent Ely reported on the new technology center at Sorensdale Recreation Center. The H.A.R.D. Foundation received a grant of $100,000 from Fremont Bank and 30 new computers were installed. CAHR issued a $50,000 grant to Sorensdale (for a living skills lab – converting a classroom into a studio apartment to teach the students independent living skills) and a $60,000 grant to Sulphur Creek Nature Center to provide outreach programs for the next five years.

The District won the state award for best website from CPRS. The District also won an award from District III for a youth development element that was added to the East Avenue Camps program – Junior Counselor Excellence.

Spring registration started Feb.18 with 2931 people enrolling in programs. Summer camp registration also began with 1263 people enrolling so far. The spring brochure has the summer camps brochure also included in it. The 52nd Battle of the Bands had ten bands participate and was a success with over 600 in attendance. The Big Flea Market at Kenneth Aitken Senior Center is March 7th from 8:00am. – 2:00pm.
The collaboration between Union City Leisure Services, New Haven Unified School District and H.A.R.D. is going well. Volleyball, basketball and futsal is offered at Conley-Caraballo School. Superintendent Ely stated H.A.R.D. is hiring aggressively for summer programs and part-time staff. Park Superintendent Giammona stated both Skywest and Mission Hills golf courses are in excellent condition. The Mission Hills senior caretaker retired and the position will be replaced soon. Also, new golf carts will be leased at both facilities.

**STAFF UPDATES:**
Jill Stavosky has been promoted to Director of Leisure Services at Union City.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Mr. Kirk announced that San Lorenzo Community Association is having a free landscape expo at San Lorenzo Village Hall on April 25. Ms. Holt announced the American Cancer Society is having a fundraiser March 3 at Rigatoni’s in Castro Valley.

**NEXT MEETING:**
June 1, 2015 at 6:30pm at the District Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

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Christina Chin-Newman, Secretary