

May 4, 2023

Dear President Peskin and Supervisors,

I am writing to you today, as the Chair of the San Francisco Parks, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) to respectfully ask for the continuance of File No. 230482, being introduced by President Peskin, and Supervisors Safai, Chan, and Walton to restructure the membership of PROSAC.

PROSAC is a body of 23 volunteer members, of which only 18 members are currently seated. The meeting that I believe prompted President Peskin's office to propose this legislation, is one of only three meetings in the past three years where we were unable to achieve a quorum. In the six years that I have served on this committee the last minute cancellation of a meeting due to lack of quorum has been a rare occurrence. The majority of the members who are currently serving, come to meetings and actively participate. Our current members write resolutions, give thoughtful feedback, champion policy, and engage their communities.

While I appreciate the sentiment of this proposed legislation and am in agreement that the appointment process for PROSAC has been deeply flawed for some time, specifically under the constraints of Resolution 393-13; I am incredibly disappointed that this legislation is being pushed through without any input or feedback from PROSAC's officers, members, RPD Staff, or members of the Recreation and Parks Commission. I was made aware of the legislation as an idea by Sunny Angulo, to which I asked that at the very least that she work with myself and outgoing Chair, Nick Belloni before moving forward. This did not happen. It was also never discussed with me by my Supervisor's office, which is co-sponsoring the legislation. I was only made aware of its existence on April 28th, after a PROSAC member was contacted by their appointing officer to ask their opinion on it. The remainder of sitting members were unaware of this legislation's existence until our May 2nd meeting, this week.

As an appointed representative, and the Chair of this committee as well as past chair of other Citizens Advisory Committees, one of my core values is accountability. I hold myself accountable to my immediate District 1 community, to my appointing officer, to my nominating organization and the communities which they serve, as well as to my fellow PROSAC members. To me, an integral piece of accountability is that when you decide to take action, you consult

with the communities you work with and that you do not leave them surprised. Every single appointed PROSAC member was left surprised by this legislation, including those members whose appointing officers are sponsoring it. This process of this legislation has been not transparent nor has it been in the spirit of good governance.

It is my belief that Resolution 393-13 which governs the appointment of 11 of our seats, is clearly outdated and in need of reform. Furthermore, it was written giving organizations from well-resourced communities the ability to nominate members, while only including a handful of the many organizations in this city and county which meaningfully advocate for equity and inclusion. Many of the organizations on this list have also ceased to either exist or contribute to our rec and parks system. In spite of this list, we have current members who actively represent communities which have the greatest advocacy needs within our Rec and Parks Department. This includes advocates for environmental justice, safe and accessible open spaces, seniors, low-income children, youth and families, immigrants, arts and events, and stewardship of our national parks within San Francisco. We have a wealth of knowledge and expertise among our seated members that will be disregarded by this legislation in its current form. Supervisor Preston's most recent appointment to District 5 is a transgender Black woman living with physical disabilities. She will be the only representative on PROSAC to serve the disability community. Supervisor Preston's other representative is an incredible advocate for the Tenderloin community. Many of our district seats have two currently seated members, each of which bring their individual perspectives, that bring value to the committee. To ask our members to compete for who represents their communities and guide the department as either a voting member or an alternate shows a lack of respect for their lived experience and their service.

Finally, I put the onus of responsibility back on the members of the Board of Supervisors to not only fill the five existing vacancies on PROSAC, but also set the expectations of their members to attend meetings and actively participate. Our PROSAC officers have made a concerted effort to help Supervisors fill vacancies. Our immediate past Chair, Nick Belloni has sent countless emails over the past three years, often with little to no response from Board staff. We have made recommendations to Supervisors on behalf of qualified candidates that have either been rejected or left to languish until the candidate lost interest, only for those seats to remain vacant. My day job is to train people from low income and BIPOC communities to develop their skills and serve on public boards and commissions with an equity lens and a commitment to their communities. As the current PROSAC Chair, I am committed to using my professional experience to collaborate with the Board of Supervisors so that we may continue identifying candidates to fill vacancies.

To my knowledge, no other San Francisco citizens advisory committee is structured the way that the Board of Supervisors is suggesting PROSAC be restructured. My fellow PROSAC officers, members, and I have several ideas on how to restructure our committee so that we can not only meet within quorum and fill vacancies; but so that we may also better serve our most underserved communities and constituencies with the equitable representation and input they are owed. Therefore, I ask you to continue this proposed legislation by sending it back to be redrafted in full collaboration with PROSAC officers, members, and our staff liaison.

Sincerely,

Wendy Aragón

Chair and District 1 Representative

San Francisco Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee

Cc: Supervisor Connie Chan, District 1  
Supervisor Ahsha Safai, Rules Committee Chair  
Supervisor Matt Dorsey, Rules Committee  
Supervisor Shamann Walton, Rule Committee  
Supervisor Dean Preston, Rules committee in absence of Supervisor Walton  
Victor Young, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
Ashley Summers, Commission Liaison, Recreation & Parks Department  
Nick Beloni, PROSAC Chair Emeritus  
Cynthia Salazar, PROSAC 1st Vice Chair  
Therese Oxford, PROSAC 2nd Vice Chair

Attachments included

DISTRICT	SEAT	NAME	WILL ATTEND	NOT ATTENDING
1	13	Wendy Aragon	1	
1	14	Richard Rothman	1	
2	5	Nick Belloni	1	
2	6	Angela Leung	1	
3	15	Ken Maley	1	
3	16	VACANT		1
4	3	Valery Lapidus		
4	4	Erin Bank	1	
5	19	Cyntia Salazar	1	
5	20	Rafael Bortnik	1	
6	17	VACANT		1
6	18	Brian Pepin	1	
7	9	VACANT		1
7	10	Deval Patel	1	
8	7	VACANT		1
8	8	VACANT		1
9	1	Elisa Laird-Metke	1	
9	2	Karen Rhodes	1	
10	11	Ieeshea Romero		1
10	12	Roisin Isner		
11	21	John Somoza	1	
11	22	Steven Depont-Kalani	1	
At Large	23	Ancel Martinez	1	
TOTAL			15	6

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1	14	Richard Rothman		1
2	5	Nick Belloni	1	
2	6	Angela Leung	1	
3	15	Ken Maley	1	
3	16	Terry Oxford	1	
4	3	Valery Lapidus		1
4	4	Jan Scott	1	
5	19	Cyntia Salazar	1	
5	20	VACANT		
6	17	VACANT		
6	18	Brian Pepin		1
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7	10	Deval Patel	1	
8	7	VACANT		
8	8	Sophia Constantinou	1	
9	1	Elisa Laird	1	
9	2	Karen Rhodes		1
10	11	VACANT		
10	12	Kurt Grimes		1
11	21	John Somoza	1	
11	22	Steven Depont-Kalani	1	
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Seat	District	Name	1/7/2020	2/4/2020	3/4/2020	Number Attended	Percent Attended
<b>Total Members Present:</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>		
13	1	Wendy Aragon	P	P	P	3	100%
14	1	Richard Rothman	E	E	P	1	33%
5	2	Nick Belloni	P	P	P		
6	2	VACANT					
16	3	Rosa Chen	P	P	P	3	100%
15	3	Kenneth Maley	U	E	U	0	0%
3	4	Jordyn Aquino	P	P	P	3	100%
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20	5	Trevor McNeil	P	U	U	1	33%
19	5	James Falino	P	P	P	3	100%
18	6	Jane Weil	P	P	P	3	100%
17	6	Patrick Roddy		P	P	2	100%
9	7	Cally Wong	P	U	U	1	33%
10	7	Anthony Cuadro	E	P	P	2	67%
7	8	Mark Scheuer	P	P	P	3	100%
8	8	Robert Brust	P	P	P	3	100%
2	9	Karen Rhodes	P	P	P	3	100%
1	9	Elisa Laird-Metke	P	E	P	2	67%
11	10	Roisin Isner	U	P	U	1	33%
12	10	Ileeshea Romero	U	E	U	0	0%
21	11	VACANT					
22	11	Steven (Currier) Depont-Kalani	P	P	P	3	100%
23	At Large	Ancel Martinez	P	P	P	3	100%

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14	1	Richard Rothman				0
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22	11	Steven (Currier) Depont-Kalani				0
23	At Large	Ancel Martinez				0

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13	1	Wendy Aragon	P	P	P	4	80%
14	1	Richard Rothman	P	P	P	4	80%
5	2	Nick Belloni	P	P	P		
6	2	VACANT					
16	3	Rosa Chen	U	P	U	2	40%
15	3	Kenneth Maley	U	E	P	1	20%
3		Jordyn Aquino					
4	4	Julia Pfeiffenberger	U			0	0%
4	4	Susan Ryan	P	E	P	3	60%
20	5	Trevor McNeil	P	P	U	2	40%
19	5	James Falino	P	E	P	3	60%
18	6	Jane Weil	E	P	P	3	60%
17	6	Patrick Roddy	U	P	P	2	40%
9	7	Cally Wong	U	U	U	0	0%
10	7	Anthony Cuadro	P	P	P	4	80%
7	8	Mark Scheuer	P	P	P	4	80%
8	8	Robert Brust	U	P	P	3	60%
2	9	Karen Rhodes	P		P	3	75%
1	9	Elisa Laird-Metke	P		P	3	75%
11	10	Roisin Isner	U	U	U	0	0%
12	10	Ileeshea Romero	E	P	U	2	40%
21	11	VACANT					
22	11	Steven (Currier) Depont-Kalani	P	P	P	4	80%
23	At Large	Ancel Martinez	P	P	P	3	60%



End 3rd Q. 2020



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PROSAC Park, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee	1/17/20	2/4/20	3/4/20	4/7/20	Number attended	Percent attended	5/5/20	6/2/20	7/7/20	8/4/20	Number attended	Percent attended	9/1/20	10/6/20	11/10/20	12/1/20	Number attended	Percent attended	1/5/21	2/2/21	[Mtg Date]	[Mtg Date]	Number attended	Percent attended	Annual Present	Annual Absent	Annual Total Number	Annual Percent Attended
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2	5	Belloni, Nick		X	X	X	X
8	8	Brust, Robert	X	X	X	X	X
3	16	Chen, Rosa					X
7	10	Cuadro, Anthony	X		X	X	X
11	22	Currier, Steven	X	X	X	X	X
	6	VACANT					
	2	Franz, Steffen	X	X	X		
6	17	Gee, Ana	X	X	X	X	X
10	12	Isner, Roisin				X	X
5	19	Jones, Katherine		X			X
9	1	Laird-Metke, Elisa	ABSENT	X	X		X
3	15	Maley, Kenneth	X	X		ABSENT	ABSENT
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11	21	McGary, Ken	X			ABSENT	ABSENT
5	20	McNeil, Trevor	X	X	ABSENT		X
4	4	Pfeiffenberger, Julia	X		X	X	
	3	Rainer, Gisele	X				
9	2	Rhodes, Karen			X		X
10	10	Romero, leeshea					
1	14	Rothman, Richard	X	X		X	X
8	7	Scheuer, Mark	X	X	X	X	X
	11	VACANT					
6	18	Weil, Jane	X	X	X	X	
7	9	Wong, Cally	X	X		X	ABSENT

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**From:** [Richard Rothman](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Monday May 8 Rules Committte item 3  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 6:46:36 AM

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Hello,

As a PROSAC from District One, I just learned of this legislation and am opposed to the rule change. We need diversity of the members on the committee.

The problem is that some Board of Supervisors members must appoint members to the committee. In several districts that have been waiting to have memberships for a long time, this is a problem. Supervisors need to appoint members to the committee. You should ask supervisors why they're not appointing members to the committee.

Best,  
Richard

**From:** [Nick Belloni \(PROSAC\)](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Summers, Ashley \(REC\)](#); [Wendolyn Aragon](#); [DPH-Cyntia.Salazar-mff](#); [Therese Oxford](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed legislation for changing Prosac membership  
**Date:** Friday, May 5, 2023 2:33:34 PM

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Victor if you could please forward this to the rules committee thank you

Supervisors Dorsey, Walton, and Safai,

I am writing to you today about the legislation for changing the membership to Prosac. While I appreciate the sentiment about working to help get the body a more consistent quorum, I feel this legislation is not the right path. It would basically halve the voting members and make alternates that seems a bit drastic. Members on this committee are park advocates, all have diverse backgrounds and bring different viewpoints to this committee. Making them alternates seems, in my opinion, to lessen their input and disfranchise them. It also divides the group and starts to make things more adversarial than one of advocacy.

Furthermore, it is concerning that Prosac was not informed or given any input. This group knows its membership and best practices as well as institutional knowledge of this group and its rich history. Not tapping into that seems a bit short-sighted and not inclusive.

I hope you see that the group is willing to work with the sponsor and the board to create a solution that will be beneficial to the Board of Supervisors, the Rec Park Department, and to the members of Prosac.

- Nick

David Pilpel  
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Chair Matt Dorsey and Members, Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors  
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May 5, 2023

Re: Mon 5-8-23 Rules Committee Item 3 BOS 230482 REC Park Code, PROSAC Membership

Dear Chair Dorsey and Members,

1. I support the idea of reducing the size of the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) but disagree about several aspects of the proposed ordinance. First, I would set the size of PROSAC at 15 voting members, with one member appointed by each Member of the Board of Supervisors, each with a designated alternate, both of whom reside in the Supervisor District, and four members appointed by the Mayor, each with a designated alternate, all of whom reside in San Francisco, one of whom represents business or neighborhood merchant interests, one of whom represents environmental or park interests, one of whom represents neighborhood or neighborhood organization interests, and one of whom represents playground or recreation user interests. I would have all of these members appointed by letter, not subject to Board of Supervisors approval, and serving a two (or four) year term but also at the pleasure of the appointing authority (who could remove or replace them at any time without cause). Second, I would transition from the existing PROSAC membership by terminating all incumbent PROSAC members on a transition date (September 1, 2023, for example) and provide that each appointing authority make new appointments no less than 30 days prior to the transition date.
2. The changes I propose here would make PROSAC more like the Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) Citizens' Advisory Council and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Citizens' Advisory Committee, while avoiding the awkward transition language and process in the current version of the ordinance. It would also avoid any formal Board of Supervisors approval for new members in the future, whether through the Rules Committee or the Adoption Without Committee Reference Calendar.
3. The current version of the ordinance appears to have no Section 2. Also, please clarify whether current Park Code section 13.01 (d), regarding the duties of PROSAC, would continue or be deleted.
4. I urge you to continue the ordinance to the call of the chair in committee and consider these ideas.

Thank you, as always, for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

/s/  
David Pilpel

cc: Aaron Peskin, President, Board of Supervisors  
Victor Young, Rules Committee Clerk, Board of Supervisors

**From:** [Steven Currier](#)  
**To:** [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [shaman.walton@sfgov.org](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Barnes, Bill \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [alisalaird@gmail.com](#); [wendolyn aragon](#); [John Somoza](#); [Summers, Ashley \(REC\)](#); [stevencurrier@icloud.com](#); [Nick Belloni \(Gmail\)](#)  
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Dear Supervisors Dorsey, Walton, Safai, and Peskin:

This note is in response to the hearing above-referenced.

I am a member of PROSAC representing District 11. I can say, with great pride, that since my appointment and re-appointment, that I have never missed a regular PROSAC meeting. I personally take my appointment to PROSAC very seriously, as should any appointee take seriously.

I have been very concerned, especially since covid-19 hit, that we have had a difficult time acquiring a quorum at our meetings. This makes it difficult in having a meeting on record and voting on specific items brought to us on agenda.

I understand the argument that having 12 voting members may be easier in reaching a quorum that having 23 voting members. One has to keep in mind, there are some positions that have been unfilled by some of the supervisors.

I propose that we have this hearing on Monday, May 8, look at other options, including having all positions filled, as the Charter states, and see what happens for a six month period. Also, there are rules on unexcused absences and the dismissal of those members not attending meetings regularly. This committee is important to the Recreation and Park Department regarding open space and recreational space for the residents of San Francisco.

I would also recommend that this item, after it is heard, to be continued at call of the Chair.

Thank you.

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**From:** [Ken Maley](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** May 8th Rules Meeting Agenda Re: PROSAC Mwmbwrship Changes  
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Mr. Young would you please fwd these comments from PROSAC D-3 representatives, Ken Maley and Terry Oxford to members of the Rules Committee?

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Members of the Rules Committee:

As PROSAC committee members only recently (May 2nd) learned of the proposed changes to the committee's membership, no discussion or official position by the committee has been possible. The proposal was only sent to the Recreation and Park Department on May 4th, so members have not had an opportunity to review the proposed changes before you.

As committee representatives from D-3, we request Rules consider postponing action until the full committee can discuss the proposed changes with the Supervisor's staff in order to better understand the proposed changes and the committee's comments may be presented to the Rules Committee.

The full committee meets again June 6th. We will request PROSAC's agenda committee add this item to the June agenda, As Rules meets weekly, we can present our comments shortly for the next available Rules meeting..

It is vital for PROSAC members to have the opportunity to review these proposed changes in membership and present their response to Rules.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration of our request for a delay of action on this proposal.

As representatives for Supervisor Peskin's D-3, we certainly appreciate our supervisor's concerns for PROSAC's performance and functionality as public advisors to the Department on Open Space issues.

Ken Maley  
Terry Oxford  
D-3 PROSAC Representative



**From:** [Elisa Laird](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Herrera, Ana \(BOS\)](#)  
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Supervisors Dorsey, Walton, and Safai,

I am a PROSAC member representing District 9, and I write regarding the proposed changes to the Parks and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) membership, which although well intentioned, will cause unintended negative consequences that will hurt the mission of the Committee.

**The proposed legislation undermines the voters' intent in creating the Committee.**

PROSAC is unusual in that it has two representatives per District for an important reason. The Committee was created through a ballot initiative, which established two ways that members are nominated: in each district, one member is nominated directly by the Supervisor and a second is proposed to the Supervisor by a local community organization. Of those proposed by the nominating organizations, four PROSAC members are required to be from an organization representing environmental interests. The proposed legislation would strip the voters' intention of having community input and individuals with particular environmental knowledge for this important oversight committee.

**The changes proposed will not address the primary reasons for the occasional lack of quorum.**

Seven Districts have consistently had two active and regularly attending PROSAC members. The inability to consistently meet quorum requirements happened only occasionally, and was primarily due to the small number of Districts in which no member was seated. However, additional members were appointed in those Districts in the past month, making quorum much easier to consistently achieve. Despite this recent improvement, the proposed legislation will remove the ability of seven currently active members to vote (and count towards quorum), not effectively addressing the underlying quorum issue, which is resolved most effectively without legislation action, but instead by simply continuing to fill the remaining empty seats.

**Reducing voting members to one per District will harm the geographic and demographic diversity of the Committee.**

Many Supervisorial Districts are very diverse internally, with quite disparate neighborhoods contained within one District. Despite our efforts, we as volunteer members are not able to adequately understand and represent the park needs across all of a District's neighborhoods. Even if the alternate, non-voting, representative is permitted to attend meetings, it does not change the fact that only one person will be able to represent the interests of the entire District in a vote.

**Updating the list of nominating organizations would help fill the remaining empty PROSAC seats and resolve the quorum issues.**

Despite the mandate in 13.01(c) that the list of nominating organizations shall be updated by the Parks Commission and approved by the BOS annually, the list was last amended in 2013.

A substantial number of the existing nominating organizations on the list are no longer operating, and many newer groups have formed and remained active in the past decade. However, those community groups that aren't expressly named on this list do not have the ability to nominate potential PROSAC members. This is impacting the ability to find PROSAC members to serve, especially in the underserved Districts, where new advocacy groups have only formed more recently, and don't currently have the ability to recommend potential PROSAC representatives for their Districts.

If a legislative fix is desired, adding nominating organizations that fairly represent the variety of constituencies and interests within all Districts would be an effective action that could help address the quorum issue without creating structural change that risks exacerbating the problem it is trying to solve. It would also facilitate more robust representation of current constituent interests throughout the city.

Thank you for considering the perspectives of current PROSAC members in weighing the need for the current legislation.

Elisa Laird  
District 9 PROSAC Representative

Current nominating organizations (last amended in 2013): <https://sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/resolutions13/r0391-13.pdf>

Below text found at: <https://sfrecpark.org/420/PROSAC>

### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER SECTION 16.107**

#### **SEC. 13.01. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

(a) **Membership.** There is hereby established a Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee ("Committee") comprised of twenty-three members. Twenty-two members shall be appointed by the members of the Board of Supervisors and approved by the full Board, with one member appointed by each Supervisor from his or her supervisorial district and one member appointed by each Supervisor from a list, maintained by the Recreation and Park Commission ("Commission") of individuals nominated by organizations having as a primary focus park, environmental, recreational, cultural, sports, youth or senior citizen issues. Four of the members chosen from the list maintained by the Commission shall be individuals nominated by an environmental organization. If the system of district elections set forth in Charter Section 13.110 is discontinued, each Supervisor shall appoint one member of the Committee from the list maintained by the Commission and one member without restriction. One member of the Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor.

(b) **Terms.** The Committee members shall serve for terms of two years, at the will of the appointing authority, except that at the first meeting of the Committee the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department ("Department") shall, by lot, designate twelve members to serve terms of one year. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed to two-year terms and no member shall serve more than four consecutive terms.

(c) **Transition Period.** From the effective date of Proposition C, which appeared on the March 7, 2000 ballot and until January 31, 2001, the Open Space Advisory Committee created by former Charter Section 16.107 shall serve as the Committee created in section (a) above. During this transition period the Open Space Advisory Committee shall take all steps necessary to ensure a smooth transition to the new

Committee. The Mayor and the members of the Board of Supervisors may fill vacancies on the Committee that occur during this transition period according to the requirements of former Administrative Code Section 590(a). By July 1, 2000, the Commission shall prepare, and the Board of Supervisors shall approve or modify, a list of organizations qualified to nominate individuals for Committee membership. Changes to the list shall be made by the Commission and approved or modified by the Board of Supervisors annually. The Board of Supervisors and the Mayor shall make their first appointments to the Committee by February 1, 2001.

(d) **Duties.** The Committee shall have the following duties:

(1) The Committee shall submit written comments to the Department on its proposed Strategic, Capital and Operational Plans, and all updates to such plans. The Committee shall submit comments on each such plan within 30 days after the plan is delivered to the Committee.

(2) The Committee shall assist the Department in conducting at least two public hearings on evenings or on weekends to permit the public to comment on the Department's full budget and programming allocations prior to adoption by the Commission.

(3) Members of the Committee appointed from supervisorial districts shall serve as liaisons between the Commission and the residents, neighborhood groups and organizations dedicated to park and recreational issues in their districts. Members may also serve as liaisons to the public at large and to citywide organizations that are concerned with park and recreational issues, and may assist the Department to arrange meetings with neighborhood groups, citywide organizations and the public at large to discuss such issues.

(4) The Committee shall select a representative of the Committee to make the Committee's quarterly report to the Commission on all significant park and recreational issues that have come to the attention of the Committee or its members.

(5) The Committee shall hold meetings at least once a month and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

(6) In addition to the duties described in Charter Section 16.107 and set forth below, the Committee shall have such duties as maybe fixed by the Commission or the Board of Supervisors. (Added by Ord. 118-00, File No. 000478, App. 6/2/2000)