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SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE

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Completed by: Chris Rustom

Date: July 21, 2011

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**MEMORANDUM
PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL**

TO: Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
FROM: Jerry Threet
Deputy City Attorney
DATE: July 23, 2011
RE: *11049 George Wooding v. Recreation and Parks Department*

COMPLAINT

Complainant George Wooding alleges that the Recreation and Parks Department ("the Department") violated the Ordinance by failing to provide documents responsive to his two public records request, one dated June 3, 2011 and the other dated June 10, 2011.

COMPLAINANT FILES COMPLAINT:

On June 22, 2011, Complainant filed a complaint against the Department.

JURISDICTION

The Recreation and Parks Department is a charter department under the Ordinance. The Task Force therefore generally has jurisdiction to hear a complaint against the Department.

APPLICABLE STATUTORY SECTION(S):

Section 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code:

- Section 67.20(b) defines "public information".
- Section 67.21 governs responses to a public records request.
- Section 67.25 governs immediacy of response.
- Section 67.26 governs withholding of records.
- Section 67.27 governs written justification for withholding of records.

Section 6250 et seq. of the Cal. Gov't Code

- Section 6252(e) defines "public record".
- Section 6253 governs the release of public records and the timing of responses.

APPLICABLE CASE LAW:

- *CSU, Fresno Association, Inc. v. Superior Court (McLatchy)* (2001) 90 Cal.App.4th 810, 824-825 ["The mere custody of a writing by a public agency does not make it a public record, but if a record is kept by an officer because it is necessary or convenient to the discharge of his official duty, it is a public record."]

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- *Coronado Police Officers Association v. Carroll* (2003) 106 Cal.App.4th 1001, 1006 ["mere possession by a public agency of a document does not make the document a public record."]
- *Schill v. Wisconsin Rapids School District* (2010, Wisconsin Supreme Court) 327 Wis.2d 572, 587-588, 632 [private email on government computer is not a "public record" unless it relates to public business, collecting cases from other state courts with the same holding and noting no contrary holdings appear to exist.]
- *Griffis v. Pinal County* (2007, Arizona Supreme Court) 215 Ariz. 1, 11-13 [emails generated on public computer are not automatically public records without substantial nexus with government activities]

ISSUES TO BE DETERMINED

Contested/Uncontested Facts: It appears that the relevant facts are not in dispute. On June 3, 2011, Complainant made an Immediate Disclosure Request ("IDR") for certain documents from the Department related to a presentation at the Commonwealth Club related to Golden Gate Park. On June 8, 2011, Olive Gong responded on behalf of the Department, stating that it had no responsive documents. On June 9, 2011, Complainant emailed Gong and requested further clarification. Gong again responded that day by stating that the Department had no responsive documents.

On June 10, 2011, Complainant made a separate IDR requesting the persons who had been asked to respond to his original IDR, what questions Gong had asked them, and what their responses were. In response, on July 20, 2011, Gong provided emails between herself and Department staff, in which she forwarded Complainant's request and staff members responded that they had no responsive documents.

Complainant also has provided copies of several emails that he alleges demonstrate that the Department's failure to provide documents that are responsive to his first IDR. Some of these emails involve a City email address of a Department employee, while others involve a private email address of a Department employee or commissioner.

While the Department's July 19, 2011 response to the Complaint regarding the original IDR was provided, I received no Department response that addressed the second IDR. The Department response I received also did not address the documents Complainant provided that same day, which he suggest prove the Department did not provide responsive documents in its possession or control.

Complainant specifically requests that the Task Force order the Department to produce emails from the private email accounts of Department staff and commissioners that may be responsive to his IDR.

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QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT ASSIST IN DETERMINING FACTS:

- What was the nature and extent of the search the Department conducted with regard to emails responsive to the IDR?
- Did the Department search email back-ups for responsive documents?
- Did the Department request from relevant staff and commissioners their private emails related to the IDRs?

LEGAL ISSUES/LEGAL DETERMINATIONS:

- Are private emails related to City business "public records" under the PRA?
- Are they "public information" under the Sunshine Ordinance?
- If the facts alleged by complainants are true, was there a violation of the state and/or local public records or meetings law?

SUGGESTED ANALYSIS

Under Section 67.20(b) of the Ordinance:

- Determine whether private emails of Department staff or commissioners related to City business constitute "public information" under the Ordinance.

Under Section 67.21 and 67.25 of the Ordinance:

- Determine whether the Department timely responded to each of the two IDRs.

Under Section 67.26 of the Ordinance:

- Determine whether the Department "withheld" emails by failing to provide private emails related to City business, or by failing to conduct an adequate search for government emails.

Under Section 67.27 of the Ordinance:

- Determine whether the Department has adequately justified any withholding.

Under Section 6252(e) of the PRA:

- Determine whether private emails of Department staff or commissioners related to City business constitute "public records" under the PRA.

Under Section 6253 of the PRA:

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CONCLUSION

THE TASK FORCE FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS TO BE TRUE:

THE TASK FORCE FINDS THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS TO BE **TRUE OR NOT TRUE.**

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ATTACHED STATUTORY SECTIONS FROM CHAPTER 67 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE) UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

SEC. 67.20. DEFINITIONS.

Whenever in this article the following words or phrases are used, they shall mean:

- (a) "Department" shall mean a department of the City and County of San Francisco.
- (b) "Public Information" shall mean the content of "public records" as defined in the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6252), whether provided in documentary form or in an oral communication. "Public Information" shall not include "computer software" developed by the City and County of San Francisco as defined in the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6254.9).

SEC. 67.21. PROCESS FOR GAINING ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS; ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.

- (b) A custodian of a public record shall, as soon as possible and within ten days following receipt of a request for inspection or copy of a public record, comply with such request. Such request may be delivered to the office of the custodian by the requester orally or in writing by fax, postal delivery, or e-mail. If the custodian believes the record or information requested is not a public record or is exempt, the custodian shall justify withholding any record by demonstrating, in writing as soon as possible and within ten days following receipt of a request, that the record in question is exempt under express provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 67.25. IMMEDIACY OF RESPONSE.

- (a) Notwithstanding the 10-day period for response to a request permitted in Government Code Section 6256 and in this Article, a written request for information described in any category of non-exempt public information shall be satisfied no later than the close of business on the day following the day of the request. This deadline shall apply only if the words "Immediate Disclosure Request" are placed across the top of the request and on the envelope, subject line, or cover sheet in which the request is transmitted. Maximum deadlines provided in this article are appropriate for more extensive or demanding requests, but shall not be used to delay fulfilling a simple, routine or otherwise readily answerable request.

SEC. 67.26. WITHHOLDING KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

No record shall be withheld from disclosure in its entirety unless all information contained in it is exempt from disclosure under express provisions of the California Public Records Act or of some other statute. Information that is exempt from disclosure shall be masked, deleted or otherwise segregated in order that the nonexempt portion of a requested record may be released, and keyed by footnote or other clear reference to the appropriate justification for withholding required by section 67.27 of this article. This work shall be done personally by the attorney or other staff member conducting the exemption review. The work of responding to a public-records request and preparing documents for disclosure shall be considered part of the regular work duties of any city employee, and no fee shall be charged to the requester to cover the personnel costs of responding to a records request.

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SEC. 67.27. JUSTIFICATION OF WITHHOLDING.

Any withholding of information shall be justified, in writing, as follows:

- (a) A withholding under a specific permissive exemption in the California Public Records Act, or elsewhere, which permissive exemption is not forbidden to be asserted by this ordinance, shall cite that authority.
- (b) A withholding on the basis that disclosure is prohibited by law shall cite the specific statutory authority in the Public Records Act or elsewhere.
- (c) A withholding on the basis that disclosure would incur civil or criminal liability shall cite any specific statutory or case law, or any other public agency's litigation experience, supporting that position.
- (d) When a record being requested contains information, most of which is exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act and this Article, the custodian shall inform the requester of the nature and extent of the nonexempt information and suggest alternative sources for the information requested, if available.

CAL. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (GOVT. CODE §§ 6250, ET SEQ.)

6252. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

- (e) "Public records" includes any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics. "Public records" in the custody of, or maintained by, the Governor's office means any writing prepared on or after January 6, 1975.
- (g) "Writing" means any handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, photocopying, transmitting by electronic mail or facsimile, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored.

SECTION 6253

- (a) Public records are open to inspection at all times during the office hours of the state or local agency and every person has a right to inspect any public record, except as hereafter provided. Any reasonably segregable portion of a record shall be available for inspection by any person requesting the record after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law.
- (b) Except with respect to public records exempt from disclosure by express provisions of law, each state or local agency, upon a request for a copy of records that reasonably describes an identifiable record or records, shall make the records promptly available to any person upon payment of fees covering direct costs of duplication, or a statutory fee if applicable. Upon request, an exact copy shall be provided unless impracticable to do so.
- (c) Each agency, upon a request for a copy of records, shall, within 10 days from receipt of the request, determine whether the request, in whole or in part, seeks copies of disclosable public records in the possession of the agency and shall promptly notify the person making the request of the determination and the reasons therefor. In unusual circumstances, the time limit prescribed

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in this section may be extended by written notice by the head of the agency or his or her designee to the person making the request, setting forth the reasons for the extension and the date on which a determination is expected to be dispatched. No notice shall specify a date that would result in an extension for more than 14 days. When the agency dispatches the determination, and if the agency determines that the request seeks disclosable public records, the agency shall state the estimated date and time when the records will be made available. As used in this section, "unusual circumstances" means the following, but only to the extent reasonably necessary to the proper processing of the particular request:

- (1) The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request.
- (2) The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records that are demanded in a single request.
- (3) The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein.
- (4) The need to compile data, to write programming language or a computer program, or to construct a computer report to extract data.



<complaints@sfgov.org>
06/22/2011 02:51 PM

To <sotf@sfgov.org>
cc
bcc
Subject Sunshine Complaint

To:sotf@sfgov.orgEmail:complaints@sfgov.orgDEPARTMENT:recreation and park department
& recreation and park commission

CONTACTED:Olive Gong

PUBLIC_RECORDS_VIOLATION:Yes

PUBLIC_MEETING_VIOLATION:No

MEETING_DATE:

SECTIONS_VIOLATED:67.24 & 67.26

DESCRIPTION:I requested all communications and documents related to the Commonwealth
Club of California presentation (Golden Gate Park under siege) of May 11th, 2011. The date of
the document request was April 15th - May 30th, 2011. We requested these documents from
specific members of the recreation and Park Department and the Recreation and Park
Commission. I have forwarded these requests through a separate email.

HEARING:Yes

PRE-HEARING:No

DATE:June 21, 2011

NAME:George Wooding

ADDRESS: Dellbrook

CITY:San Francisco, CA 94131

ZIP:94131

PHONE:415 - -

CONTACT_EMAIL: @bigeds.com

ANONYMOUS:

CONFIDENTIALITY_REQUESTED:Yes



George Wooding
<[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
06/21/2011 05:35 PM

To: chris.rustom@sfgov.org
cc: sotf@sfgov.org
bcc:
Subject: Fwd: Response to your request dated 6/3/2011

Hi Chris,

I was not aware of the Sunshine deadline dates for July until late this afternoon. I requested a sunshine complaint hearing and sent them to you in two separate formats. I wanted to make sure that you received my original sunshine request to Olive Gong at the RPD and her subsequent response. I am absolutely certain that the requested documents exist. This will be the first of two exchanges between myself and Olive Gong.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to either send me an email or call me at 415 [REDACTED]-[REDACTED]

Best Regards,

George

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Olive.Gong@sfgov.org
Date: June 8, 2011 1:43:28 PM PDT
To: George Wooding <[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
Subject: Response to your request dated 6/3/2011

Dear Mr. Wooding,

Staff has searched in their records and there are no documents in response to your request dated 6/3/2011 (also copied below).

Thank you for your interest in SF Recreation and Parks,
Olive Gong

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Olive Gong
San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
McLaren Lodge

501 Stanyan St., SF CA 94117
415.831-2708 direct
415.831-2096 fax
olive.gong@sfgov.org email

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From: George Wooding <[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
To: Olive.gong@sfgov.org
Date: 06/03/2011 12:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Re: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Ms. Gong,

This is a Sunshine Request. Please send to me the following information:

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Correspondence: Should include all emails, correspondence, reports, proposals, notes, letters, memoranda, and other documents pertaining to the Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011 on Golden Gate

Park between, to, and or from the following persons:

- Recreation and Park Department and Commission: Sarah Ballard, Mark Buell, Phil Ginsburg, Elton Pon, Staci White,

- Commonwealth Club: Officers, staff, program directors, and volunteers

Please let me know when this information will be available. I would prefer this to be in electronic format. Please let me know if there will be any costs associated with this request.

Sincerely,

George Wooding



George Wooding
<[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
06/21/2011 05:40 PM

To chris.rustom@sfgov.org
cc sotf@sfgov.org
bcc
Subject Fwd: Sunshine requests of 6/03/11 and 6/09/11. This is an immediate request

Hi Chris,

this is my second letter to Ms. Gong

George

Begin forwarded message:

From: George Wooding <[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
Date: June 10, 2011 8:51:49 AM PDT
To: olive.gong@sfgov.org
Subject: Sunshine requests of 6/03/11 and 6/09/11. This is an immediate request

Dear Ms. Gong,

RE: This is an immediate request to find out how the RPD decided (process) that there were no documents that would adequately respond to my sunshine requests of 6/03/11 and 6/09/11.

Pursuant to the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance and the California Public Records Act, I want to know the process you used to determine that there were no documents in response to my Sunshine Requests of 6/3/11 and 6/9/11.

1. Name all people asked.
2. Tell me the question asked.
3. Tell me the response from each person asked each question.

This includes verbal as well as written communications.

George Wooding

From: Olive.Gong@sfgov.org

Date: June 9, 2011 2:19:04 PM PDT

To: George Wooding <[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>

Subject: Response to your request dated 6-9-2011

Dear Mr. Wooding,

We do not have any further documents in response to your request dated 6/3/2011 and 6/9/2011.

Thank you for your interest in SF Recreation and Parks,

Olive

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From: George Wooding <[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>

To: olive.gong@sfgov.org

Date: 06/09/2011 11:41 AM

Subject: This is in reference to my May 11th immediate disclosure
request for RPD memo/documents on the Commonwealth Club Program

RE: This is in reference to my May 11th immediate disclosure request
for RPD memorandums/documents on the Commonwealth Club program and
your inadequate response that no such documents exist.

Dear Ms. Gong

It is unclear to me what you mean by your statement that "staff has searched in their records and there are no documents in response to your

request dated 6/3/2011".

Pursuant to the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance and the California Public Records Act, please identify the staff who searched and what specific

documents were reviewed in their search including all electronic communication sources, e-mails, correspondence, reports, proposals, notes,

letters, memoranda and other electronic and non-electronic documents pertaining to the Commonwealth Club of California May 11, 2011, program

about Golden Gate park (also known as Golden Gate Park Under Siege) in which Mark Buell participated.

My request includes all electronic and non-electronic communications, documents and correspondence sent and received by San Francisco Recreation

and Park employees and members of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission, including but not limited to Mark Buell, President of the

San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission, Phil Ginsberg, General Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department and Sarah Ballard,

Director of Policy and Public Affairs.

I understand that if documentation is not forthcoming, I have the right to file a Sunshine complaint as well as to take action as provided by

the California Public Records Act.

If the records and documents are not in your possession, I request respectfully your assistance in directing me to the proper office, staff,

administrator, public appointee, public official and person(s).

Regards,

George Wooding

415 [REDACTED]

[attachment "How RPD revenue to be used.doc" deleted by Olive

Gong/RPD/SFGOV]

De

George Wooding
Dellbrook Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94131
Phone: (415) [REDACTED] • e-mail: [REDACTED]@bigeds.com

July 5, 2011

Chris Rustom
Task Force Administrator
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Complaint Regarding Failure to Provide Records

Dear Mr. Rustom,

Complaint against which Department or Commission:

- Recreation and Parks Department
- Recreation and Parks Commission

Name of individual(s) **responsible** at Department or Commission

- Philip Ginsburg, Recreation and Parks Department
- Mark Buell, Recreation and Parks Commission
- Sara Ballard, Recreation and Parks Department
- Olive Gong, Recreation and Parks Department

Alleged Violation: Public Records Access Public Meeting

Sunshine Ordinance Section(s) §67.24 and/or §67.26

Do you want a public hearing before the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force? Yes No

Do you want a pre-hearing conference before the Complaint Committee? Yes No

I request confidentiality of my personal information Yes No

Please describe alleged violation.

1. Description

As the then-president of the West of Twin Peaks Central Council, I was invited to be a panelist on a Commonwealth Club forum led by its Environment and Natural Resources committee, a member-led group of volunteers. The May 11 panel discussion was titled "Golden Gate Park Under Siege!" and initially was scheduled to have five panelists.

On May 3, the title of the event was changed to "Golden Gate Park Under Siege?" [changing the exclamation point to a question mark] and a fifth panelist — Mark Buell, President of the Recreation and Parks Commission — was added at the last minute.

Clearly, the Recreation and Parks Department must possess some type of correspondence and/or e-mails scheduling Mr. Buell for the Commonwealth Club's panel discussion.

- a. On June 3, I placed an immediate disclosure request for public records with Olive Gong, whom I had previously been instructed to submit public records requests to (see Enclosure 1). Ms. Gong is a 1446 Secretary II at RPD. I specifically asked for any correspondence, e-mails or other documents between April 15 and May 30 pertaining to the May 11 Commonwealth Club program, and specified I was seeking any correspondence between RPD employees Sara Ballard, Phil Ginsburg, Elton Pon, and Staci White and Mr. Buell to or from each other, and/or exchanged with officers, staff, program directors and volunteers of the Commonwealth Club.

I requested any records involving the subject matter of the forum, information or comments on panelists, RPD participation, Rec and Park Commission participation, and all other issues related to the May 11 program.

- b. On June 8, Ms. Gong responded (see Enclosure 2) indicating RPD staff had searched their records and there were no responsive records.

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- c. On June 9, I followed up with Ms. Gong (see Enclosure 3), indicating that her response was unclear. I asked her to identify the staff who had searched for documents, and what specific document(s) were reviewed in their search of records. I requested all electronic and non-electronic communications and correspondence. I also asked that if the records were not in her possession that I be directed to the appropriate staff who may have responsive records.
- d. Also on June 9, Ms. Gong responded (see Enclosure 4), saying only that "We do not have any further documents in response" to my June 3 and June 9 records requests. She did not direct me to any other staff members.
- e. On June 10, I submitted a second follow-up request (see Enclosure 5) that I marked as an "immediate request," asking Ms. Gong for the name of all people she had asked, what question(s) had been asked of staff, and the response each person provided to each question asked. I attempted to find out the process RPD used to determine that there were no responsive records. As of today's date, I have received no reply from Ms. Gong to my June 10 e-mail.
- f. I spoke with Olive Gong by phone, and told her there must be some written communications between the RPD and the Commonwealth Club. She verbally told me again that there were no corresponding documents.

I have reason to believe that RPD staff did, in fact, exchange e-mails with Commonwealth Club staff and volunteers prior to the Commonwealth Club's May 11 member-led forum. For over 30 days, RPD has failed to provide the requested records that I believe exist.

2. Remedies Sought

Should the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force find that this complaint has merit, I specifically request that the Task Force's Order of Determination be worded to order that:

- a. The Recreation and Parks Department and the Recreation and Parks Commission release any and all e-mails, correspondence or other documents regarding the Commonwealth Club's May 11 panel, to include any e-mails internal to RPD and any e-mails from Mr. Buell's, Mr. Ginsburg's, and other RPD staff member's personal e-mail accounts sent to the Commonwealth Club regarding the May 11 forum.
- b. The RPD provide any and all e-mails and correspondence received from Commonwealth Club staff or volunteers regarding its May 11 forum, whether to RPD or Recreation and Park Commission staff at their City e-mail accounts or addressed to RPD staff's personal e-mail accounts.
- c. The Recreation and Parks Department provide a list of all staff members who were asked by Ms. Gong to search their records for materials responsive to my initial records request.

Sincerely,

George Wooding

Enclosure 1: George Wooding June 3, 2011 Records Request to RPD

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I understand that if documentation is not forthcoming, I have the right to file a Sunshine complaint as well as to take action as provided by the California Public Records Act.

If the records and documents are not in your possession, I request respectfully your assistance in directing me to the proper office, staff, administrator, public appointee, public official and person(s).

Regards,

George Wooding
415 [REDACTED]

[attachment "How RPD revenue to be used.doc" deleted by Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV]

Enclosure 4: Olive Gong June 9, 2011 Second Response to George Wooding

From: Olive.gong@sfgov.org
Date: June 9, 2011 2:19:04 PM PDT
To: George Wooding <[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
Subject: **Response to your request dated 6-9-2011**

Dear Mr. Wooding,

We do not have any further documents in response to your request dated 6/3/2011 and 6/9/2011.

Thank you for your interest in SF Recreation and Parks,

Olive Gong

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Enclosure 5: George Wooding June 10, 2011 Second Follow-Up to Olive Gong

From: George Wooding <[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 8:52 AM
To: Olive.gong@sfgov.org
Subject: **Sunshine requests of 6/03/11 and 6/09/11. This is an immediate request**

RE: This is an immediate request to find out how the RPD decided (process) that there were no documents that would adequately respond to my sunshine requests of 6/03/11 and 6/09/11.

Pursuant to the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance and the California Public Records Act, I want to know the process you used to determine that there were no documents in response to my Sunshine Requests of 6/3/11 and 6/9/11.

1. Name all people asked.
2. Tell me the question asked.
3. Tell me the response from each person asked each question.

This includes verbal as verbal as well as written communications.

George Wooding



George Wooding
[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
07/19/2011 02:56 PM

To chris.rustom@sfgov.org
cc sotf@sfgov.org
bcc

Subject Soft complaint #11-049, Wooding Vs. The Recreation and
Park Department

History: This message has been replied to.

Dear Mr. Rustom,

Attached are additional supplementary materials regarding my sunshine request against the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) and the Recreation and Park Commission (RPC) for consideration by the full task force when it hears complaint number 11-049 on July 26th.

Although RPD's Ms. Gong has claimed that there were "No responsive records" to my records request, several emails have surfaced which suggest evidence otherwise.

REQUEST: I am handicapped and have difficulty sitting or standing for long periods of time. Due to my condition, it would be a kindness if my complaint #11-049 could be one of the first complaints considered by the task force on July 26th. Please advise.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible

Best Regards,

Geor W ng
415 [REDACTED]



11049 George Wooding Supplementary to SOTF 11-07-19.pdf

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San Francisco, CA 94131

Phone: (415) [REDACTED] • e-mail: [REDACTED]@bigeds.com

July 19, 2011

Chris Rustom
Task Force Administrator
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: SOTF Complaint #11-049 Supplementary Materials

Dear Mr. Rustom,

Enclosed are additional supplementary materials regarding my Sunshine Complaint against the Recreation and Park Department and the Recreation and Park Commission for consideration by the full Task Force when it hears complaint #11-049 on July 26.

Although RPD's Ms. Gong has claimed there were "no responsive records" to my records request, several e-mails have surfaced which suggest evidence otherwise:

- Figure 1 in this document shows RPD's Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Sarah Ballard, wrote to the Commonwealth Club on April 20 from her City e-mail account, the day after placing a phone call to the Commonwealth Club on April 19, claiming that the proposed panelists for the Commonwealth Club's May 11 forum on the Recreation and Park Department were "likely to incite an audience," may have not been able to "rationally discuss" the issues, were "deeply biased," and had "no interest in discussing facts." She requested that the forum be canceled.
- Figure 2 in this document is another April 20 e-mail from Ms. Ballard using her City e-mail account to a second Commonwealth Club member, alleging that some of the proposed panelists did not have member meetings, by-laws or formal meetings, and the panelists would be "heavily skewed."
- Figure 3 shows that Recreation and Park Commission president Mark Buell also alleged on April 25 that the Commonwealth Club's May 11 forum's proposed panelists were "biased." Notably Buell cc'd both Phil Ginsburg, RPD's General Manager (at either Mr. Ginsburg's City e-mail address or personal e-mail address, which is unclear), and also Jim Chappell.
- Figure 4 is a response from the Commonwealth Club's Kerry Curtis in reply to Mr. Buell, and to Mr. Ginsburg, at Ginsburg's private e-mail address.
- Figure 5 is an e-mail from Susan Hirsch, Director of the *City Fields Foundation* and CEO of *Hirsch and Associates, LLC, Philanthropic Advisors*, to forum moderator Jim Chappell claiming the May 11 forum panelists were only representative of people who oppose change. Hirsch's e-mail shows that a "partner" in a public-private partnership may have been attempting to influence the public on behalf of a Department's business.

Given the evidence presented in these five figures, it is unlikely that there are **not** other e-mails exchanged in RPD's and the City's internal e-mail system, or in personal e-mail accounts, between Mr. Ginsburg, Mr. Buell, Ms. Hirsch, Ms. Ballard, and other RPD or other City employees relating to the Commonwealth Club's forum that should be produced.

Based on the new evidence enclosed that has become available to date showing that RPD and RPC, in fact, had in its possession e-mail records withheld from my records request, I ask that the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force find in my favor, and order the Recreation and Parks Department and the Recreation and Parks Commission to search their records again — including the private e-mails of Mr. Ginsburg, Mr. Buell, and any and all other RPD or City officials, and including the Deputy City Attorney assigned to the Recreation and Parks Department and the Recreation and Parks Commission — and produce any and all communications that I had initially sought to obtain in my initial records request.

Sincerely,

George Wooding

Figure 1:

RPD Employee Sara Ballard April 20 E-mail to Commonwealth Club Member Ross Lawley

From: Sara.Ballard@sfgov.org [mailto:Sara.Ballard@sfgov.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 2:40 PM
To: Ross Lawley
Subject: GGP Under Siege

Mr. Lawley,

Thank you for your help yesterday and for suggesting that I connect with Mr. Curtis to discuss the City's concerns with the member-led forum entitled, "Golden Gate Park Under Siege." Could you please forward this to him?

As we discussed, the headline, summary of the talk and the panelists all suggest an overall tone that is more likely to incite an audience than it is to rationally discuss the facts and merits of the Recreation and Parks' current direction. We were all deeply surprised to see the Commonwealth Club's name attached to something that was so clearly hyperbolic.

The Recreation and Park Department has faced over \$45 million of budget cuts in the last six years. Instead of continuing to slash services to the public, the Department has attempted to increase our earned revenue streams, which will enable us to continue to serve the people of San Francisco. We have done this through increasing philanthropy, special events and amenities in our parks (such as the ability to rent a bike in one park, ride it to another and leave it there). Our focus has been on site-appropriate park amenities that enhance the user's experience while giving us a dedicated revenue stream, a revenue stream that will help keep our parks clean and our rec centers and pools open.

While we understand that there is a legitimate debate about amenities and special events in parks, we feel this will be near impossible given the current makeup of the forum panel, which includes individuals who have recently resorted to some very personal vitriol directed at both our Commission and our staff.

I write in the hopes that the Commonwealth Club will see that this is a deeply biased panel that has no interest in discussing facts. I am hopeful that you can cancel the panel and perhaps work to put on a more balanced forum that focuses on problem solving. In an era of shrinking resources, it is impossible for the Parks Department to continue to provide the same level of heavily subsidized services to the public without thinking creatively about how to both fund and deliver those services. We are well aware that our current approach is one of many valid approaches and think a conversation about that fact would be much more appropriate.

Again, thank you for your time.

Best,
Sara

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Figure 2:
RPD Employee Sara Ballard April 20 E-mail to Commonwealth Club Member Kerry Curtis

>>> On 4/20/2011 at 3:41 PM, in message <OF12823D27.F3EBFF62-ON88257878.007C7627-88257878.007CB8DF@sfgov.org>, <Sarah.Ballard@sfgov.org> wrote

Thank you, Mr. Curtis. We appreciate it. At least one of the panelists, if not two, speak only for themselves. Their "organizations" do not appear to have member, by-laws or formal meetings, so I am confident the discussion would be heavily skewed.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Sarah

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Figure 3:
RPD Commission President Mark Buell April 25 E-mail to Commonwealth Club Member Greg Dalton

-----Original Message-----
From: mbuell@aol.com [mailto:mbuell@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 2:24 PM
To: Greg Dalton; jim@sfbbeautiful.org; phil ginsburg
Subject: May 11

Greg, I have been informed that the Commonwealth Club is hosting a panel on May 11 entitled "Golden Gate Park under siege"! Claiming that there are plans for privatization and industrial development. I assume these relate to a water plant and providing additional food vendors. I find the title inflammatory, the participants biased and the fact that no one from the Rec and Park department invited hard to understand. As president of the Commission I would like to urge the club to both alter the title of the event to "issues facing the Park" and have the club ask a representative of the Department to be on the Panel. Thanks, Mark
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

Figure 4:
Commonwealth Club Member Kerry Curtis April 26 E-mail to RPD Commission President Mark Buell

RE: May 11 Tuesday, April 26, 2011 12:43 PM

"Kerry Curtis" <kcurtis@ggu.edu>
mbuell@aol.com, gdalton@commonwealthclub.org, pginsburg@sbcglobal.net,
jim@sfbbeautiful.org
msitcosk@yahoo.com

Hi Mark,

I hope you can bear with me for a day or so while I get my arms around this a little better. I'll get back to you when I have a more coherent position, and today is pretty busy for me

Kerry

Kerry Curtis
Professor Emeritus, Golden Gate University
Co-Chair, Environmental Forum, Commonwealth Club

Figure 5:

Susan Hirsch¹ May 3 E-mail to "May 11 Forum" Moderator Jim Chappell

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Susan Hirsch <susan@hirschassoc.com>

To: "Chappell_jim@att.net" <Chappell_jim@att.net>

Sent: Tue, May 3, 2011 6:34:26 PM

Subject: follow up

Hi Jim:

Hope you are doing well.

I wanted to follow up to the phone message I left you regarding the upcoming Commonwealth Club discussion about Golden Gate Park. I am pleased that there is an opportunity to discuss current issues affecting kids and families in San Francisco; I am surprised though, that the panel is only representative of those who oppose change, and the City Fields Beach Chalet renovation. You know better than many from your days at SPUR that change can be complicated and often mis-communicated; it is the responsibility of those who care about an engaged public, to present more than one perspective.

You and I discussed this project years ago; the private sector is contributing far more than \$20 million to provide safe, accessible, and yes, environmentally sound fields for kids all across san francisco to use. We have a unique public/private partnership with Rec and park; it's too bad the focus is on something negative, rather than the positive impact.

I look forward to discussing this with you further.

Regards,
Susan

Susan Mayer Hirsch
Hirsch and Associates, LLC

¹ Ms. Hirsch is Director of the *City Fields Foundation* and CEO of *Hirsch and Associates, LLC, Philanthropic Advisors*.



Edwin M. Lee, Mayor
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

July 19, 2011

Honorable Members
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
c/o Frank Darby, Administrator
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Complaint #11049 George Wooding v Recreation and Park Department

Dear Task Force Members:

This letter is in response to Complaint #11049, filed by George Wooding against the Recreation and Park Department, a copy of which was received by the Department on June 24, 2011.

The complaint concerns Mr. Wooding's request for all communications and documents related to the Commonwealth Club Program of May 11th, 2011. The time period requested for documents was April 15th - May 30th, 2011.

On June 8, 2011, Department staff responded to Mr. Wooding's request "Staff has searched in their records and there are no documents in response to your request dated 6/3/2011". (Exhibit A)

On June 9, 2011, Mr. Wooding sent a followup request:

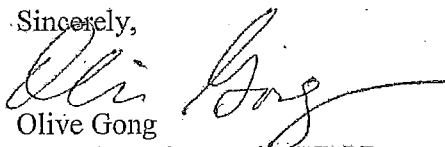
"Identify the staff who searched and what specific documents were reviewed in their search including all electronic communication sources, e-mails, correspondence, reports, proposals, notes, letters, memoranda and other electronic and non-electronic documents pertaining to the Commonwealth Club of California May 11, 2011, program about Golden Gate park (also known as Golden Gate Park Under Siege) in which Mark Buell participated.

My request includes all electronic and non-electronic communications, documents and correspondence sent and received by San Francisco Recreation and Park employees and members of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission, including but not limited to Mark Buell, President of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission, Phil Ginsberg, General Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department and Sarah Ballard, Director of Policy and Public Affairs."

On June 9, 2011, Department staff responded to Mr. Wooding's request "We do not have any further documents in response to your request dated 6/3/2011 and 6/9/2011". (Exhibit B)

If I can be of further assistance to the Task Force, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Olive Gong
Custodian of Records, SFRPD



Response to your request dated 6/3/2011
Olive Gong to: George Wooding

06/08/2011 01:43 PM

Dear Mr. Wooding,

Staff has searched in their records and there are no documents in response to your request dated 6/3/2011 (also copied below).

Thank you for your interest in SF Recreation and Parks,
Olive Gong

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George Wooding | Re: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memo... | 06/03/2011 12:35:47 PM

From: George Wooding <mother_ed@bigeds.com>
To: Olive.gong@sfgov.org
Date: 06/03/2011 12:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Re: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Ms. Gong,

This is a Sunshine Request. Please send to me the following information:

Time Period: from April 15th, 2011 through May 30th, 2011

Subject Matter: The Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011 on Golden Gate Park. Content should include but is not limited to subject matter of the panel, information or comments on panel members, Recreation and Parks Department participation, Recreation and Park Commission participation, and all other issues related to this program.

Documents requested: All emails, correspondence, reports, proposals, notes, letters, memoranda, and other documents pertaining to the Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011 on Golden Gate Park.

Correspondence: Should include all emails, correspondence, reports, proposals, notes, letters, memoranda, and other documents pertaining to the Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011 on Golden Gate Park between, to, and or from the following persons:

- Recreation and Park Department and Commission: Sarah Ballard, Mark Buell, Phil Ginsburg, Elton Pon, Staci White,
- Commonwealth Club: Officers, staff, program directors, and volunteers

Please let me know when this information will be available. I would prefer this to be in electronic format. Please let me know if there will be any costs associated with this request.

Sincerely,

George Wooding



Response to your request dated 6-9-2011
Olive Gong to: George Wooding

06/09/2011 02:19 PM

Dear Mr. Wooding,

We do not have any further documents in response to your request dated 6/3/2011 and 6/9/2011.

Thank you for your interest in SF Recreation and Parks,
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George Wooding > RE: This is in reference to my May 11th imme... 06/09/2011 11:41:45 AM

From: George Wooding <mother_ed@bigeds.com>
To: olive.gong@sfgov.org
Date: 06/09/2011 11:41 AM
Subject: This is in reference to my May 11th immediate disclosure request for RPD memo/documents on the Commonwealth Club Program

RE: This is in reference to my May 11th immediate disclosure request for RPD memorandums/documents on the Commonwealth Club program and your inadequate response that no such documents exist.

Dear Ms. Gong

It is unclear to me what you mean by your statement that "staff has searched in their records and there are no

Pursuant to the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance and the California Public Records Act, please identify the their search including all electronic communication sources, e-mails, correspondence, reports, proposals, not documents pertaining to the Commonwealth Club of California May 11, 2011, program about Golden Gate p Buell participated.

My request includes all electronic and non-electronic communications, documents and correspondence sent a members of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission, including but not limited to Mark Buell, Pi Ginsberg, General Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department and Sarah Ballard, Director of

I understand that if documentation is not forthcoming, I have the right to file a Sunshine complaint as well as

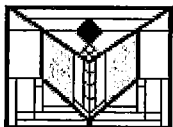
If the records and documents are not in your possession, I request respectfully your assistance in directing me official and person(s).

Regards,

George Wooding

415 695-1393

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Olive Gong/SPD/SFGOV
07/20/2011 01:35 PM

To George Wooding <mother_ed@bigeds.com>

cc SOTF/SOTF/SFGOV@SFGOV

bcc

Subject Re: Sunshine Complaint Received: #11049_George
Wooding v Recreation and Park Department

Dear Mr. Wooding,

In response to your complaint below, I am just reiterating that we do not have any documents nor any correspondence related to the Commonwealth Club Presentation of May 11, 2011, from the time period of Apr - 15 through May 30, 2011.

The only correspondence I have are emails from staff affirming that they do not have any documents-- this is outside the time period you have specified in your complaint, but I am including them as you expressed interest in them in our conversation on the phone today.

Sincerely,
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From: SOTF/SOTF/SFGOV
To: Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Date: 06/24/2011 04:10 PM
Subject: Sunshine Complaint Received: #11049_George Wooding v Recreation and Park Department

This e-mail is to confirm that the attached complaint and support documents have been received. The Department is required to submit a response to the charges to the Task Force within five business days of receipt of this notice. Please refer to complaint number #11049 when submitting any new information and/or supporting documents pertaining to this complaint.

If the Department contests jurisdiction or if the parties request a prehearing conference a hearing will be scheduled with the Complaint Committee of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force who will determine whether the Task Force has jurisdiction over this matter, and/or to focus the complaint or to otherwise assist the parties to the complaint.

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Location: City Hall, Room 406
Time: 3:30 P.M.

Any support documents to be considered by committee members, prior to the hearing/meeting, must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

If the Department does not contest jurisdiction or if the parties don't request a prehearing conference a hearing will be scheduled with the full Sunshine Ordinance Task Force who will hear the merits of the complaint and issue a determination.

Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2011
Location: City Hall, Room 408
Time: 4:00 P.M.

Complainants: Your attendance is required at this meeting/hearing.

Respondents/Departments: Pursuant to Section 67.21 (e) of the Ordinance, attendance by the custodian of records or a representative of your department, who can speak to the matter, is required at the meeting/hearing.

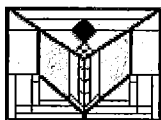
Any support documents to be considered by Task Force members, prior to the hearing/meeting,

must be submitted by 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

Also, attached is the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force's complaint procedures.

[attachment "11049_Complaint.pdf" deleted by Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV] [attachment "1_Complaint Procedures_4-28-09_Final.pdf" deleted by Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV]

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Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV
07/20/2011 01:35 PM

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cc SOTF/SOTF/SFGOV@SFGOV
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From: Staci White/RPD/SFGOV
To: Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Date: 06/06/2011 11:35 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Hi Olive,

Neither I nor Phil have any documents responsive to the request below.

Staci

Staci L. White
Executive Assistant to the General Manager
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501 Stanyan St., SF CA 94117
(415) 831-2701 / (415) 831-2096 (Fax)

From: Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV
To: Sarah Ballard/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Phil Ginsburg/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Elton Pon/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Staci White/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Margaret McArthur/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Date: 06/03/2011 12:41 PM
Subject: Fw: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Hi Folks,

Do you have any documents responsive to the request below?
Thanks for your help with this request,
Olive

----- Forwarded by Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV on 06/03/2011 12:39 PM -----

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To: Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Cc: Elton Pon/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Margaret McArthur/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Phil Ginsburg/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Staci White/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Date: 06/06/2011 12:03 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

I have nothing.

Sarah Ballard
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Date: 06/10/2011 04:42 PM
Subject: Re: Sunshine Request-- RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

i do not have anything responsive

Thanks,

Nick

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Cc: Cristina Garcia/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Date: 06/10/2011 04:40 PM
Subject: Sunshine Request-- RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

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From: George Wooding <[REDACTED]@bigeds.com>
To: Olive.gong@sfgov.org
Date: 06/03/2011 12:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Re: Immediate Disclosure Request: RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

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Cc: "Cristina.Garcia@sfgov.org" <Cristina.Garcia@sfgov.org>
Date: 06/10/2011 05:37 PM
Subject: RE: Sunshine Request-- RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Olive, nothing from me, good luck. Have a very nice weekend, brent

-----Original Message-----

From: Olive.Gong@sfgov.org [mailto:Olive.Gong@sfgov.org]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 4:40 PM
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To: Olive Gong/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Date: 06/13/2011 11:34 AM
Subject: Re: Sunshine Request-- RPD memos on Commonwealth Club program of May 11th, 2011

Hello!

Since I don't actually know what the Commonwealth Club meeting was about, I'm pretty sure I don't have anything related to it.

See you around,

Elaine Sullivan
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