

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Executive (2/26/09) _____ (Radke)

Attendees:

Committee Members: Directors Ted Radke (Chair), Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp

Staff Members: Pat O'Brien, Dave Collins, Ted Radosevich, Mike Anderson,
Traci Parent, Nancy Kaiser, Liz Musbach, Bob Doyle, Larry Tong.

I. **City of Berkeley – CPS Long Term Use Agreement, Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex**

District Counsel Ted Radosevich provided a brief background on this item.

City of Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates addressed the Committee to express the importance of the project moving forward. He confirmed that funds will be provided by the College Preparatory School (CPS) and will go towards the construction, and requested that the Committee recommend that this item be sent to the full Board for approval. Staff from the City also spoke before the Committee and stated that staffs from the City and the District have agreed on a punch list for the completion of Phase I. He also provided assurances that funding received from CPS will go directly to address the development of the parking lot to address ADA and emergency vehicle access issues and the construction of two ball fields (one baseball and one softball). The total cost for these is estimated at \$650,000; the City is looking at providing \$150,000 to add to the CPS contribution.

There was a discussion on how to address the illegal construction done at the site; per Mayor Bates, a closed session meeting was conducted by the City Council to discuss the City's remedies to correct this.

RECOMMENDATION: Moved by Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Siden.

By a unanimous vote, the Executive Committee recommended that this item be forwarded to the Board for approval.

2. Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor

AGM for Land Acquisition Bob Doyle gave a presentation to describe the area in question as well as explain the request received from Richmond Councilmember Tom Butt asking that the District provide 50% for the cost of an appraisal of this property. AGM Doyle stated that staff is not recommending approval of this request as the District has never funded the appraisal of a property it is not interested in. He explained the delicate nature of funding an appraisal, which will technically signify a formal step in land acquisition of a “condemning agency”. He added that the marina is not in the best condition, the road in disrepair, and the area in general has very limited general public use. AGM Doyle added that the biggest issues are management, maintenance and funding source for a marina.

Councilmember Butt addressed the Board, confirming that the Richmond City Council has agreed to pay for half of the appraisal cost. He reiterated that Chevron is trying to purchase the property, and stated that an “appraisal” does not necessarily mean an intent to purchase the property; rather, it will signify that the District intends to remain a partner with other agencies in helping to preserve the area as open space and maintain public access.

Several members of the Point San Pablo Preservation Society also addressed the Board and spoke about their support for and the significance of the area’s preservation: a Chevron acquisition will cause the loss of the site; possible development of the Bay Trail into the harbor; the natural beauty of the location; sole access to East Brothers Island is via the harbor.

The Committee indicated that they were not in favor of the District owning a marina and were concerned that a false signal will be sent if the District supported an appraisal. There was discussion of a feasibility study previously performed on the area during the time that

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Siden, the Committee unanimously recommended that District staff work with City of Richmond staff to determine the possibility of expanding the already done feasibility study to cover this subject property and budget up to \$10,000 for this purpose.

3. Request for Board Contingency Funding for Rose Hill Cemetery Book and Burial Record

General Manager Pat O’Brien stated that this is a project that Supervising Naturalist Traci Parent has worked on for a long time and is ready for completion. He added that commitments from Contingency funds from both the GM and Operations of \$8,000 each have already been made.

Interpretive Recreation Manager Nancy Kaiser and Supervising Naturalist Traci Parent gave brief presentations on the project. They indicated that the intention is to have the books printed by October in time for the District’s 75th anniversary celebration.

RECOMMENDATION: Moved by Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Siden, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to recommended that the full Board approve funding in the amount of \$8,000 from Board Contingency funds to support the production of 500 copies of *Rose Hill – A Comprehensive History of a Pioneer Cemetery in the Mt. Diablo Coal Field*.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.