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BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 28, 2011
12:45 p.m., Board Room

The following agenda items are listed for Committee consideration. In accordance with the Board Operating Guidelines, no official action of the Board will be taken at this meeting; rather, the Committee's purpose shall be to review the listed items and to consider developing recommendations to the Board of Directors.

A copy of the background materials concerning these agenda items, including any material that may have been submitted less than 72 hours before the meeting, is available for inspection on the District's website (www.ebparks.org), the Headquarters reception desk, and at the meeting.

AGENDA

<u>STATUS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
(R)	12:45 p.m.	1. Albany Beach Habitat Restoration and Public Access Feasibility Study	Barton/Olson
(R)	1:25 pm	2. Future Park Naming in Honor of the late Jean Siri, Board member, and Will Siri	Wiese
		3. Public Comments	

- (R) Recommendation for Future Board Consideration
- (I) Information
- (D) Discussion

Future Meetings

May 26	September 22
June 23	October 27
July 28	November 23
August 25	December 22

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Project Manager(s):

Chris Barton
 Brad Olson
 Brian Wiese

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Executive Committee (4/28/11) (Lane)

Present

Board: Directors Lane (Chair) and Siden

Staff: Dave Collins, Robert Doyle, Brad Olson, Becky Pheng, Nancy Wenninger, and Brian Wiese

Public: Ed Bennett, Ann Chaney, Lynn Fraley, Steven Haflich, Patricia Jones, Michelle Jordan, Paul Kamen, Sue Kyle (Local 2428), Clay Larson, Alan Maris, Keith McAllister, Ulan McKnight, Marsha McLeod, Paul McLeod, Peggy McQuaid, Caryl O'Keefe, Francesco Papalia, Amy Smolens, John Williams, and Linda Yoshikawa

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m.

I. **Albany Beach Habitat Restoration and Public Access Feasibility Study**

Robert Doyle, General Manager, introduced this agenda item.

Brad Olson, Environmental Programs Manager, gave an introduction about the feasibility study; the public process, including public workshops and meetings that have been held in the past year; an overview of the study area. Mr. Olson reiterated that Albany Beach is within the California State Parks and Albany Bulb is owed by the City of Albany; no changes to dog policies are being proposed; and this is a feasibility study, not a project. On April 5, 2011, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution of "need and necessity" to acquire a 2.5-acres area and trail easement in the Albany Beach area.

The recommendation criteria were based on the feasibility study and outreach efforts; the Eastshore State Park General Plan; compliance with the Regional Water Quality Control Board order; property ownership and legal access to the site; protection of public health and safety; permit approval time and efficiency; funding availability and restrictions; and cost/benefit value.

The proposed improvements include: removal of creosote timber and inorganic debris; shoreline stabilization and dune enhancement; oyster habitat; fencing for habitat protection; beach access enhancements; water access; new staging area; parking; restrooms; picnic facility; and signage. The preliminary cost estimate of the proposed project is \$4 million, and does not include costs associated with property acquisition, easements, permitting, staff time, or ongoing maintenance.

Current operations and maintenance of the area include restroom maintenance, garbage removal, and graffiti removal. The proposed improvements will result in an expansion of operations and maintenance, particularly in the areas of restrooms, gates, picnic areas, paving, fences and gates, weeding, and public safety enforcement.

The next steps in this process are 1) approval of the project description by the Board Executive Committee; 2) identification of funding sources; and 3) seek direction from the full Board of Directors on next steps.

Mr. Doyle requested that Nancy Wenninger, AGM for the Land Division, give a brief update of the action taken by the Board of Directors on April 5, 2011. Ms. Wenninger stated that the resolution of “need and necessity” was adopted by the Board, and that staff is continuing to work with the property owners. Mr. Doyle noted that the District’s budget has been cut by twelve percent in the last several years, and no funding has been identified for additional operations and maintenance in the area.

Director Siden asked staff to clarify the project boundary and asked about the relationship between the future water trail and the beach area. Mr. Olson responded that the proposed improvements will improve access. Director Siden asked a question about the regulatory agencies that the District will be working with. Mr. Olson responded that the District will be working with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, BCDC, Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Fish and Game, and City of Albany.

Director Lane inquired about the ADA accessibility component of the proposed improvement. Mr. Olson responded that water access to the area will be similar to the ramp at Crab Cove. Director Lane asked for clarification about maintenance that the proposed improvement will require. Mr. Olson responded that the goal is to design structures that have a longer life and require limited maintenance.

At this time, Director Lane opened the meeting for public comments. Eighteen (18) individuals addressed the Board Executive Committee. Comments include: support for the District and the proposed improvements; support of the ADA component of the proposed improvements; parking access; District’s dog policy; request to have potable water at the beach; and the desire to limit improvements and to maintain the area in its current state. Some of the speakers had concerns about the costs associated with maintenance and operation; the proposed habitat restoration; the use of herbicide; and dogs in the park.

Mr. Olson responded to the comments and answered questions from the public. Mr. Doyle also commented on some of the problems in the area, such as vandalism, and the costs associated with trying to address the problems.

Director Lane and Director Siden thanked those in attendance for their support of the Albany Beach and for their involvement throughout this public process.

Recommendation:

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Lane, the Executive Committee voted 2-0 (one absent) to recommend the approval of the project description and to forward a favorable recommendation to the full Board of Directors for its consideration in potentially developing a restoration and public access project at Albany Beach.

2. Future Park Naming in Honor of the Late Jean Siri, Board member, and Will Siri

Brian Wiese, Chief of Planning & Stewardship, presented this agenda item.

This agenda item was continued from last month's Board Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Wiese summarized the March 24 Board Executive Committee's discussion and direction to staff. Mr. Wiese stated that naming the future visitor center at Pt. Pinole after the late Jean and Will Siri is appropriate and consistent with the District's Naming Policy.

Director Lane expressed her support to honor Jean Siri at the future Pt. Pinole Visitor Center. She was concerned that construction of the facility is still a long way. Director Lane asked if the District had already named a park feature in honor of Jean Siri. Staff responded that they were unsure, and will look into the matter. There was also discussion about alternatives methods of honoring Jean Siri such as a memorial at Pt. Isabel.

Director Siden stated his support of naming the future Pt. Pinole Visitor Center after Jean and Will Siri. He recommended that the District put up a sign that reads "Future Site of the Jean and Siri Visitor Center." Mr. Wiese indicated that the actual site for the visitor center has yet to be determined. Director Siden also suggested that there be a preliminary sketch of the visitor center, and such a sketch could be used to help with fundraising efforts to build the facility. Director Lane recommended that rather than installing a sign, perhaps a memorial plaque should be installed at the entrance of the park.

Director Lane indicated her support of staff's recommendation and to forward this item to the Park Advisory Committee ("PAC"). There was discussion on interim actions to honor Jean and Will Siri. Mr. Doyle recommended that the Committee approve this item, and forward it to the PAC with the recommendation that the PAC discuss possible interim actions, such as a memorial plaque at the new bridge or staging area, to honor Jean and Will Siri prior to consideration by the full Board.

Director Siden inquired about the status of the database of facilities designated with recognition names as noted in the District's Naming Policy. He suggested that the database should include a brief background about the person that is being honored or recognized. Mr. Wiese spoke briefly about the database. Mr. Doyle stated that staff from Planning & Stewardship, Clerk of the Board, and Public Affairs Departments should work together to expand information contained in the database and that the information should be archived. Mr. Wiese responded that he will initiate discussion with appropriate staff.

Sue Kyle commented that a sign, which includes a conceptual design of the visitor center, would be appropriate.

Recommendation:

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Lane, the Executive Committee voted 2-0 (one absent) to forward a positive recommendation to name the future Pt. Pinole Visitor Center in honor of the late Jean and Will Siri for consideration by the PAC and the full Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Becky K. Pheng

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