

The Board Meeting, which was held on June 2, 2009 at the Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA, was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Board President Ted Radke.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ted Radke, President
Doug Siden, Vice-President
Beverly Lane, Treasurer
Carol Severin, Secretary
Whitney Dotson
Ayn Wieskamp
John Sutter

Directors Absent: None.

At this time, the Board of Directors met in Closed Session to discuss those items outlined on the Board Meeting Closed Session Agenda.

The Open Session of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Ted Radke.

Staff Present Included: Pat O'Brien, Dave Collins, Rosemary Cameron, Tim Anderson, Shelly Lewis, Jack Kenny, Jeff LeBow, Mike Anderson, Diane Althoff, Nancy Wenninger, Mike Nolan, Mark Pearson, Ken Blonski, Everett James, Jack Kenny, Brian Wiese, Cinde Rubaloff.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Lane, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Agenda was unanimously approved.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter and Ayn Wieskamp

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brian Smalley addressed the Board to report that illegal mountain biking continues at Redwood Regional Park. He also relayed his recent experience wherein his dog was run-over by a mountain biker on a no-bike trail, and when he attempted to block the biker from continuing, said biker shoved him to the ground. He asked the Board for more rules enforcement as well as an examination of its policy on poaching of single-track trails. Public Safety Chief Tim Anderson assured Mr. Smalley that extra law enforcement units will be deployed in the area.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Wieskamp, seconded by Director Siden, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter and Ayn Wieskamp

Directors Absent: None.

C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of May 9, 2009 through May 22, 2009
Resolution No. 2009-6-139 (attached)

C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of May 19, 2009

Directors Lane and Sutter abstained for item C-I-b as both were not present at that meeting.

C-I-c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2009-6-140 (attached)

C-I-d. Acceptance of Proposal for Engineering Consulting Services for the Atlas Road Bridge:
Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2009-6-141 (attached)

In response to a question by Director Sutter, Design Chief Diane Althoff stated that the total project cost is roughly estimated at \$3.2 million; \$1.46 million from the City of Richmond has already been received, and the balance will be from Measure WW.

C-I-e. Authorization to Transfer Funds and Expenditures and Accept the Bid for Construction of an ADA-Compliant Trail and Lighting: Temescal Regional Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2009-6-142 (attached)

C-I-f. Authorization to Name a Picnic Area as the "George C. Roeding, Jr. Picnic Area":
Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2009-6-143 (attached)

In response to a comment by Director Severin, Planning and Stewardship Chief Brian Wiese stated that he will work with the Operations staff to address accessibility issues. Board members also asked staff to check the accuracy of the information on Mr. Roeding cited on the report.

C-I-g. Authorization to Accept and Appropriate Funds from the Regional Parks Foundation for the Purchase and Installation of Play Equipment and Authorization to Purchase Such Equipment from Landscape Structures Inc.: Miller Knox Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2009-6-144 (attached)

C-I-h. Authorization to Extend and Update Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Fire Operations Agreement with CAL FIRE, Santa Clara Unit
Resolution No. 2009-6-145 (attached)

C-I-i. Authorization to Initiate Bond Issuance Process and Appoint Bond Financing Team for 2009 Measure WW Bonds
Resolution No. 2009-6-146 (attached)

2. LAND DIVISION

- C-2-a. Authorization to Enter into an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement for a Conservation Easement over the 64.41± acre Chabot Dunsmuir Property and to Transfer Funds Therefor, and to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and a Grant of Recreational Trail Easement and Maintenance Agreement with the City of Oakland: Oakland Regional Trails, Dunsmuir Heights to Chabot Regional Trail
Resolution No. 2009-6-147 (attached)

By motion of Director Siden, seconded by Director Sutter, item C-2-a was unanimously approved.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter and Ayn Wieskamp

Directors Absent: None.

Land Acquisition Manager Nancy Wenninger gave a presentation on this item, which is the first Measure WW acquisition. She added that staff from the City of Oakland informed the District that this is a high priority acquisition for them because of the watershed; community members also urged the District and its Board to assist with the acquisition. Under the purchase agreement, the District will get a conservation easement over the entire property. Under a separate but linked transaction, the City of Oakland will acquire fee title to the property subject to the District's conservation easement. The City of Oakland will also assume the maintenance responsibilities of the property, while the District will acquire from the City the right to build a regional trail.

Directors Doug Siden and John Sutter expressed their appreciation for this item before the Board. Director Sutter commented that area residents were very helpful and effective in helping pass Measure WW, being one of the most organized neighborhood groups who worked on behalf of Measure WW, as was the City of Oakland Council member from the area, Larry Reid. He stated that Councilmember Reid has been a strong supporter of this acquisition. Director Sutter expressed his thanks to the residents as well as Councilmember Reid.

3. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- C-3-a. Adoption of Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements, Grant Preliminary Approval to the Draft Engineer's Report, Establish Date of Public Hearing and Instruct the Clerk of the Board to Provide Appropriate Public Notice of Hearing: East Contra Costa County Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1
Resolution No. 2009-6-148 (attached)

By motion of Director Lane, seconded by Director Dotson, item C-3-a was unanimously approved.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter and Ayn Wieskamp

Directors Absent: None.

Dave Collins, Asst. Gen. Manager for Finance and Management Services, gave a brief presentation on this item, stating that this is the annual assessment that this year is expected to provide \$663,000 for operational support of the area covered, and is intended to be brought forward again to the Board on June 17, 2009 for further consideration and approval.

- C-3-b. Adoption of Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements, Grant Preliminary Approval to the Draft Engineer's Report, Establish Date of Public Hearing and Instruct the Clerk of the Board to Provide Appropriate Public Notice of Hearing: Alameda County/Contra Costa County Regional Trails Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1, including ZB-1 (Five Canyons), ZB-2 (Dublin Hills), ZB-3 (Walpert Ridge), ZB-4 (San Ramon Hills), ZB-5 (Stone Valley), and ZB-6 (Sibley Volcanic)
Resolution No. 2009-6-149 (attached)

By motion of Director Dotson, seconded by Director Severin, item C-3-b was unanimously approved.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter and Ayn Wieskamp
Directors Absent: None.

Dave Collins, AGM for Finance and Management Services, gave a brief presentation on this item, stating that this is the two-county annual assessment that this year is expected to provide \$4.3 million and includes East Alameda County (at a zero-rate) and is intended to be brought forward again to the Board on July 7, 2009 for further consideration and approval.

- C-3-c. Report on Survey Analysis of Zoo Funding Ballot Measure and Comments by Zoological Society Board Members

Dave Collins, AGM for Finance and Management Services, gave a summary presentation on the research performed by Dr. George Manross of SRI to determine support for a possible Zoo funding measure. He stated that using the 2004/2007 data, the "Go, No-Go Model" suggests that while the Zoo is well-branded, there is not sufficient voter support to justify taking a measure to the ballot. The current economic situation makes voter support likely lesser at this time.

Oakland Zoo representatives Bill Marchant, Board member, Vince Forte, CFO and Dr. Parrot, Executive Director addressed the Board and spoke about their programs and development and expansion plans, highlighting the need to have a more solid funding base that what they have currently have so as to pursue becoming more of a regional than a city zoo. They added that a funding partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District could prove beneficial to both agencies; this is not a request for funds but more a request to partner with the District to help the Zoo get on the ballot as part of a special district as well as to begin the process of determining whether there is actual public support for a ballot measure.

Director Sutter commented that District staff should indicate to the Zoo if the District would want to go on and take the next step to allow the Zoo to plan for other options. He stated his support for a possible partnership with the Zoo since the pluses outweigh the minuses. GM O'Brien commented that while it is up to the Board to decide, from staff's perspective after an analysis of the survey, it is not feasible to have an election to fund the Zoo.

Director Radke mentioned his reluctance to formally involve the District in considering a ballot measure, given the survey results, as it will require committing a substantial amount of staff time.

Director Siden asked if there was another way to continue with a supportive relationship with the Zoo looking longer into the future. Director Severin stated that the District is continuing its support with its \$4 million yearly contribution.

Director Wieskamp commented that the best the District can do at this point is to work on an educational partnership and assistance. She asked that the Zoo keep the District aware of any survey results in the future, but does not feel that any ballot/tax measure is feasible at this time.

Director Lane added that she thinks the Zoo is compatible with the breath of programs currently offered by the District and likes the idea of collaborating with each other and encouraged continued communication. She did not believe it is the right time to go out for a parcel tax under the auspices of the District.

Director Dotson signified his concurrence with Director Siden's suggestion that District staff continue to work with the Zoo to explore future possibilities.

Director Sutter, in summary, stated that there is no majority support amongst the Board for a zone of benefit-type cooperation with the District other than cooperation, educational programs, etc. and wished the Zoo the best as they explore other options at this time.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM O'Brien discussed the items listed on the report. Director Wieskamp offered her observations at the Livermore City Council/TANC Transmission project meeting.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Asst. General Manager for Public Affairs Rosemary Cameron gave a presentation on the District's Web 2.0 Strategy, as well as how other social networking tools and websites are used to promote the District.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Alameda County Special Districts Association | (1-14-09) | (Siden) |
| b. | EBRPD/EBMUD Committee | (4-06-09) | (Siden) |

Director Sutter suggested that the District monitor an item in the minutes referring to EBMUD's plan to develop a Pinole Valley Mitigation Bank on their Pinole Valley property; he hoped that there will be some allowance for public access, especially since part of the Ridge Trail goes through the area.

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| c. | LARPD/EBRPD Liaison Committee | (5-14-09) | (Wieskamp) |
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8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Brought photos from the Fire Truck Day event she attended at Ardenwood ;
- Attended the Cull Canyon Volunteer Recognition event;
- Attended the Board field trip;

- Attended the Transmission Authority of Northern California (TANC) meeting;
- Attended a Friends of Coyote Hills meeting at Coyote Hills;
- Attended the Citizen of the Year Ceremony in Fremont, which was awarded to Steve Cho, former councilmember;
- Attended various committee meetings as reflected on the committee minutes;
- Will be attending a special event at Del Valle called "Catch a Special Thrill" to help children fish.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Board field trip;
- Attended the first meeting of the SF Bay Restoration Authority;
- Attended the Alameda County Board of Supervisors ceremony for children who died as a result of violence;
- Attended the League of Women Voters lunch;
- Attended the Regional Park Association's annual meeting;
- Asked if the District could organize "Friends of Parks" groups for various parks with a sizeable following.

Director Lane just recently came back from vacation. Director Lane

- Mentioned she was looking forward to the East County - Big Break groundbreaking;
- Announced that the Conference of the California Historic Society will have its annual meeting later in the month in Martinez; one of the features will be on gravestones and will have Black Diamond Mines Park Ranger Doug Fowler as a speaker on the Rose Hill Cemetery;
- Announced the July 11 Tracks to Trail event wherein she and Director Wieskamp are involved in with Gail Murray of BART;
- Mentioned that the Tassajara Valley Development will be coming up as a developer will be making a presentation to the Danville Town Council Study Session next week.

Director Dotson did not report on activities;

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Volunteer Appreciation event at Cull Canyon;
- Attended the Regional Parks Foundation Board meeting on behalf of Director Radke;
- Met at Lake Chabot with Vince Horpel of Row Chabot and District Community Outreach Coordinator Elizabeth Hale to assist in developing contacts for the San Lorenzo, Ashland and Castro Valley area;
- Attended the Finance committee meeting;
- Attended the Coliseum Area Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended a fund raising event for Alice Lai-Bitker;
- With GM O'Brien and AGM Cameron, attended the "celebration of life" event for the late Brian O'Neill;
- Will be attending the Special Park Districts Forum in Illinois;
- Announced the upcoming Crown Beach Sand Castle event;
- Announced the July 8 Alameda County Special Districts meeting at Peralta Oaks.

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the Volunteer Appreciation event at Cull Canyon;
- Attended meetings of the Operations and the Natural and Cultural Resources Committees;
- Attended the Board field trip;
- Will attend the Regional Planning Committee meeting of ABAG;
- Will be attending the Special Park Districts Forum.

Director Radke reported on meetings attended. Director Radke

- Attended various committee meetings as noted in the minutes of those meetings;
- Attended the quarterly meeting of the Labor Environment Group;
- Attended the Board Field trip;
- Will be attending Special Park Districts Forum;
- Mentioned the editorial on the Contra Costa Times opposing the proposed closure of State parks.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments at this time.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Allen Pulido, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: Visitors Log, Resolution Nos. 2009-6-139 to 2009-6-149
Board Committee Reports