

The Board Meeting, which was held on November 17, 2009 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 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
Ayn Wieskamp
John Sutter
Whitney Dotson

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 2:05 p.m. by Board President Ted Radke.

Staff Present Included: Pat O'Brien, Ted Radosevich, Dave Collins, John Escobar, Bob Doyle, Shelly Lewis, Tim Anderson, Brian Wiese, Susan Gonzales, Bill Louie, Sean Dougan, Mike Anderson, Jim Townsend, Nancy Kaiser, Anne Scheer, Diane Althoff, Rosemary Cameron, Nancy Baglietto, Brian Wiese, Raphael Breines.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

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

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents of the City of Hayward addressed the Board to ask that the gate restricting access to Stonebrae be opened. They stated that while the public is not allowed access, Stonebrae residents are able to access it now.

Bob Doyle, AGM of Land Acquisition, clarified that the property is still not owned by the District. He added that the property, including the gate and road, are owned by Stonebrae. The City of Hayward approved the project, and the land will only be given to the District once it is completely developed by Stonebrae. Mr. Doyle mentioned that the timeline for development has been greatly delayed by the current economic situation.

Director Lane suggested that staff to write a letter on behalf of the Board to the City and Stonebrae to express the concerns from citizens regarding access to the property.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Sutter, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

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

Directors Absent: None.

C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of October 18, 2009 through October 31, 2009
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 293 (attached)

Director Lane reminded Board members to turn in their expense reports within the 90 day period as set by the Finance Department, and asked the Clerk of the Board to send out reminders whenever Board members are approaching the 90-day time limit.

C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of October 6, 2009

C-I-c. Acceptance of Bid for Printing Individual Park Brochures for the Years 2010-2011
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 294 (attached)

Director Sutter requested that a Board committee periodically review park brochures prior to printing for a discussion of suggested changes.

C-I-d. Approval of Two-Year Contract Between the East Bay Regional Park District and
the Police Association
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 295 (attached)

C-I-e. Authorization to Amend the Contract for Services Agreement to Conduct Oral
History Transcriptions with Susan Imboden
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 296 (attached)

C-I-f. Authorization to Reject All Bids for Asphalt Pavement Repairs: Eastern Contra Costa Trails
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 297 (attached)

C-I-g. Authorization to Extend the Ardenwood Affairs Group Picnic and Catering Agreement
through December 31, 2010: Ardenwood Historic Farm
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 298 (attached)

C-I-h. Authorization to Amend the 2009 Budget and Transfer Operational Funds to an
Electrical Improvements Capital Project Account: Del Valle Regional Park
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 299 (attached)

C-I-i. Authorization to Enter Into a Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans for the Alamo
Canal Trail Undercrossing at I-580: Alamo Canal Trail
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 300 (attached)

C-1-j. Acceptance of Bid for Pavement Repairs: Tilden Corporation Yard
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 301 (attached)

2. HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

C-2-a. PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice of Intent to Amend the East Bay Regional Park District's General Employees Retirement Plan to Conform to Internal Revenue Service Regulations

Bill Louie, Benefits Manager, stated this item is being brought forward to comply with Government Section 7507 which requires that future costs involved in the adoption of retirement benefit changes, which in this case amounts to \$6,000 annually, be made public at least two weeks prior to the adoption of such changes. This is an informational item and no resolution is required; the second and final hearing wherein the Board will be considering the amendment will be conducted at a regular Board meeting next month. He explained that this proposed amendment to the General Employees Retirement Plan will provide that the cost of living adjustments are subject to the IRS-determined annual benefit maximums and provides equity between this and the CalPERS plan.

The Public Hearing was opened by President Radke; there being no one to address the Board, the Hearing was closed.

3. LAND DIVISION

C-3-a. PUBLIC HEARING:

Certification of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Schaefer Ranch Water System and Martin Canyon Creek Trail Extension Project: Dublin Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2009 – 11 - 302 (attached)

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

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

Directors Absent: None.

Jim Townsend, Trails Development Program Manager, gave a brief history on this item, stating that the Board authorized a memorandum of agreement and grant of easement to the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) in 2008. Approval of this item will allow both DSRSD and the Park District to move forward with their responsibilities as required by the agreement.

In response to a comment by Director Lane that while the presence of a qualified biologist is required on-site, a qualified cultural resources expert is not, Mr. Townsend stated that according to the mitigation measures incorporated into the document, the baseline requirement is that the District conduct a cultural resources survey prior to doing any trail construction. It is only after this survey is conducted and approved by an archeologist would construction commence. He added that if anything uncovered appears to be a cultural resource, it is required that construction be stopped until an evaluation is conducted by a qualified archeologist before construction would commence.

Bob Doyle, Asst. Gen. Manager for Land Acquisition, commented that conducting a cultural resources survey is not a requirement by DSRSD's CEQA document, but is something that District staff will be requiring of themselves to do.

The Public Hearing was opened by President Radke.

Dublin resident Rich Guarienti addressed the Board to compliment District staff for the work on this particular area, which provides excellent access to school and hiking groups.

There being no other speakers, the Public Hearing was closed by President Radke.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORT
 - a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM O'Brien discussed the items presented on the report.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Jim Townsend, Trails Program Development Manager, gave an update on the District's Trails Development Program. Completed projects include completion of the Galindo Creek Bridge in Concord, re-establishment of an old trail and reconstruction and re-route of an existing trail in Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, opening of a new segment of the Delta DeAnza Trail in Antioch, and the construction of 4.5 miles of trails at Crocket Hills Regional Park. Some of the major planning efforts and projects underway include the Alamo Canal Undercrossing, the Vargas to Sunol Ridgeline trail project, the extension of the Iron Horse Trail from the Dublin Bart station to Hacienda Business Park, the preliminary engineering and biological assessment for a section of the Great California Delta Trail, development of the former Carquinez Scenic drive (section of CoCoCty public road that extends from Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline into Port Costa), Iron Horse Trail bridge over Treat Blvd. near Pleasant Hill Bart Station, SF Bay Trail bridge to connect Oyster Bay to Port of Oakland's airport property.

Diane Althoff, Chief of Design, gave a presentation to update the Board on the design as well as the status of the Delta Science Center/Big Break Shoreline area. She stated that there have been almost \$2.9 million worth of projects completed to-date which includes the observation deck, several underground utilities and public access improvements. There are also 2 projects worth approximately \$1.13 million awaiting issuance of the Army Corps permits for further site development. Mike Anderson, AGM for Planning/Stewardship and Development, also provided the Board with an update on the general plan to provide water to the Dumbarton Quarry as well as to give the District the ability to flush brackish water into an area now choked with cattails and recreate the flood control retention basin.

GM O'Brien also announced that Park Advisory Committee (PAC) member Glen Kirby was elected as PAC President for 2010.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Workforce Diversity (10-21-09) (Siden)

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the SF Bay Joint Venture tour of Pt. Pinole and Breuner Marsh;
- Attended the Developmental Reviews.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the SF Bay Joint Venture tour of Pt. Pinole; he added that the tour was primarily provided for the new SF Bay Restoration Authority and also included Napa and Breuner Marsh to the tour as well;
- Attended the Contra Costa County Mayors Conference in Moraga, where Joan Buchanan gave a speech;
- Went on a hike of Claremont Canyon and the Serpentine Prairie;
- Attended Oakland's Measure DD Committee meeting;
- Attended the CSSC Finance Committee meeting;
- Will be attending the Sierra Club's Bay Chapter celebration on December 4 wherein the District's Board was invited as well.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Hiked the Sycamore Valley open space, Las Trampas and the Serpentine Prairie;
- Attended the Contra Costa County Mayors Conference in Moraga;
- Attended the Development Reviews;
- Attended the John Muir Association event, wherein Roger Epperson was also honored;
- Attended the PAC meeting on November 16;
- Spoke about reading the letters received from the public on the Wildfire EIR.

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the Developmental Reviews;
- Attended the Alameda County CSDA meeting hosted by Director Siden;
- Met with some individuals regarding the proposed development of the Masonic property;
- Attended a meeting with recreation educators where she discussed the District's Internship Program.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended Alameda County CSDA meeting;
- Attended the Developmental Reviews and also inspected the Serpentine Prairie;
- Met with the "Friends of Shadow Cliffs" group who discussed land use planning and how the group can get involved;
- Reported meeting with the Executive Director of Hope Hospice and spoke about the group's planned hike at Sunol for fundraising;
- Will be doing the District's 75th Anniversary presentation and local things to do for LARPD for the Lion's Club in Livermore;
- Will be attending the Alameda County Mayors Conference in Pleasanton;
- Reported hearing about a proposed Bart-to-Livermore routes and suggested that staff look into this for possible conflicts with the District;
- Suggested that the Board conduct a tour of Port Chicago if possible;
- Attended Cong. John Garamendi's first town hall meeting in Livermore.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Handed out the 2010 Board Committee assignments to the Board;
- Attended the Developmental Reviews;
- Attended a meeting of the Alameda City Council wherein he shared the staff report on the Dubai Star Oil Spill;
- Hosted the Alameda County CSDA meeting;
- Attended the Eden Area League of Women Voters program on Constitutional Reform;
- Attended the East Bay Economic Development Alliance's Executive Committee meeting. He also announced that this group will be honoring the District at its next meeting in December at the Temescal Beach House;
- Attended the Joint Committee hearing between the State Assembly and Senate where he spoke about the initiative process from the local/special district's perspective;
- Had a breakfast meeting with Alameda City Council member Frank Matarrese;
- Met with the Executive Director of CSSC to hear their plans for possible camp development;
- Have a breakfast meeting with Erich Pfuehler and Eric Figueroa, who represents the League of California Cities for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, to discuss ways to further collaboration;

Director Radke reported on meetings attended. Director Radke

- Reported receiving on behalf of the District the John Muir Association Award for Conservation Work for a Public Agency, including a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman George Miller;
- Attended the SF Bay Joint Venture tour of Pt. Pinole and Breuner Marsh;
- Attended the Developmental Reviews;
- Mentioned a newspaper article on East Bay Oaks. He suggested creating a brochure listing photos of each variety.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments at this time.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Radke.

Allen Pulido, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: Visitors Log, Resolution Nos. 2009 – 11 - 293 to 2009 - 11 - 302
Board Committee Reports