

# EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT



DEPARTMENT

**Memo**

**DATE:** September 25, 2009

**TO:** Fremont Liaison Committee

**FROM:** John Escobar, Assistant General Manager, Operations, Mike Anderson, Assistant General Manager, Planning/Stewardship and Development, Rick Parmer, Chief, Interpretive and Recreation Services

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item Summaries**

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1. **Introduction of Committee Members**

2. **Select Citizen Advisory Member (Optional)**

3. **Approval of Minutes from 7/16/2009**

4. **Dumbarton Quarry Update**

Representatives from the operators of the Dumbarton Quarry will make a presentation on the best options for providing a source of freshwater to fill and maintain the new lake proposed at this site. Time lines for the permitting of this work and the ultimate completion of the park will also be presented and discussed.

5. **City of Fremont/EBRPD Master Agreement update**

The Ardenwood Master Agreement expired in 2008 and has been extended on a month to month basis as permitted by the agreement. A proposed successor agreement has been in draft form since late 2007. Three or four issues related to compliance with City of Fremont's local heritage tree ordinance and the disposition of the number of older structures being stored on site caused work on the agreement to be set aside as Park District staff focused on Measure WW and other priority projects. Park District staff, including the General Council's office, recently proposed some changes that are now being considered by the City. Staff anticipates final adoption of the new Master Agreement before the end of the year. Staff will be available at

the meeting to update the Liaison Committee on the most recent developments and answer any

questions you may have regarding the Master Agreement.

**6. Measure WW fund appropriation**

The Park District will be appropriating funds for its first round of Measure WW development projects at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Projects proposed by staff include several located in regional parks in the Fremont area including: Mission Peak, Ardenwood and Coyote Hills. Details on these projects will be presented by staff.

**7. Ardenwood: special events and programming**

Ardenwood staff will present nine special events in 2009 including Fire Truck Day, Old-Fashioned Independence Day, Cajun-Zydeco Music Festival and the District's longest running annual event, The Harvest Festival. This year a new event, The Shakespeare Festival, was added to the schedule. Thus far in the year, attendance at special events has increased by 50% over 2008 to 16,569 visitors.

In addition to presenting and managing special events, Ardenwood interpretive staff has presented educational programs for 425 school classes and youth groups (totaling 8,217 participants) from January to August. This is a 15% increase in groups served during the same period in 2008.

**8. Public Comments**

**9. Staff Comments**