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Meeting Summary
City of Richmond/East Bay Regional Park District
Liaison Committee
March 13, 2009

Attendees:

City of Richmond: Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, Bill Lindsay, Richard Mitchell, Tony Norris, Edrie Kwan
East Bay Regional Park District: Board member Ted Radke, Board member Whitney Dotson,
Mike Anderson, Patti Zierman
Guests: Bruce Beyaert (TRAC)

A meeting of the City of Richmond/EBRPD Liaison Committee was held March 13, 2009, Shimada Conference Room, Richmond City Hall. Mayor Gayle McLaughlin acted as chairperson for the meeting. The following is a summary of the items discussed.

Meeting called to order at 12:17 pm.

1. Introductions

Round Robin introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

TRAC representative Bruce Beyaert reported that Richmond Redevelopment Agency is installing bike lanes and sidewalks at Harbor Way and Hawk, which will close the last gap of the Bay Trail along the southern shoreline. He shared a draft of the new trail guide that is being created by TRAC with the help of National Park Service and EBRPD. It will include all the new trails.

3. Agenda Approval

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

4. Approval of Draft Meeting Summary from December 9, 2008 Meeting

The Meeting Summary for December 9, 2008 was approved as submitted. Moved by Ted Radke, and seconded by Mayor McLaughlin.

5. Status of Oil spills – 2007 Spill, Castro Cove

Assistant General Manager Mike Anderson reported that the Castro Cove oil spill funding will be used for a project in another area, even though pressure was put on the Oil Spill Prevention and Response (OSPAR) trustees to use the mitigation money in Richmond, where the damage occurred. He believes OSPAR went back to Chevron and asked for more mitigation money, which didn't make Chevron happy. He said it seems there is not much that can be done to alter the situation and he suggested taking the money offered to restore Breuner Marsh and not pursue more mitigation money.

The City and Park District have several other dealings with Chevron and it would be best to not cause Chevron to become resistant or hesitant to work with us.

Mr. Anderson suggested that the next time a spill occurs, EBRPD and Richmond react quickly to ensure the mitigation is performed in Richmond. City Manager Bill Lindsay said if nothing else, awareness has been raised in other agencies that Richmond has projects and can do joint grant

development. He would like the City and the Park District to make a list of joint projects and then work on obtaining grants from agencies that have contacted him with interest in funding projects on the Richmond shoreline. Mayor McLaughlin said everything possible was done to have the mitigation in Richmond, but the OSPAR Trustees would not budge. She recommended using a strategic approach in the future.

6. State Lands Comm./Chevron Long wharf Lease - Update

Bruce Beyaert said in order to close the Bay Trail gap between Pt. Richmond and Pt. Molate, the trail must go through the Chevron long wharf. At the January State Lands Commission meeting, the decision was made to renew Chevron's lease without requiring mitigation money for the Bay Trail through the long wharf. TRAC filed a petition with the Superior Court asking that it set aside the lease and de-certify the EIR. Co-plaintiffs are Citizens for East Shore State Park (CESP) and the man injured by a car on Hwy 580. TRAC was advised that it has a strong case under CEQA and the Public Trust. Mayor McLaughlin commended TRAC for leading the struggle and pursuing this.

Bill Lindsay asked that the District and City hold on to the \$3 million previously discussed for this project and said a \$3 million tax settlement from Chevron has been earmarked for this project. He is meeting with the CalTrans Regional Director regarding possibly obtaining bike money from them and thinks it might be a high priority for CalTrans since it is a hazardous situation.

Temporary City Engineer Edrie Kwan said the City is proceeding with the project study report and he has put out a draft RFP. It might go to council for award in July. He asked about the funding for the consultant and if there are any deadlines. Bill Lindsay said he will talk to Finance about it but he thinks financing was coming from a trail grant from ABAG. He said Chevron already agreed to provide the easement, but they are not providing any money to build the trail. Mayor McLaughlin said there is an \$11.5 million shortage in funding because it will cost \$14.5 million to build the trail and the only available funds are \$3 million from the City and Park District.

7. Status of Wildcat/San Pablo Creek Bay Trail Segment

Mike Anderson reported that the contract documents are in final review internally, and the CEQA process has been completed. The disagreements regarding the solar panels, gate and other operational issues have been resolved and construction is expected to start this summer. Bruce Beyaert said the landfill agency will also complete its 3 mile loop around the landfill this summer.

Park Superintendent Tony Norris asked about the status of the Richmond Parkway undercrossing. Mike Anderson responded that Flood Control has not said what it plans to do about the situation. He said the District would like Flood Control to dredge the area, dropping the bed because there is a problem with the current elevation. He said an over crossing will cost \$8 to \$10 million and if Flood Control will lower the bed, the trail will function. Board member Whitney Dotson reported that there is currently a pool of water, but it is dry on each side. It is his impression it will need to be dredged all the way to the marsh. Mike Anderson said Army Corp of Engineers was the design agency and Mr. Dotson suggested it should take some responsibility to correct it. Mike Anderson will contact the Corp. and Flood Control. Tony Norris suggested putting an over crossing into the North Richmond Strategic Plan. Mike Anderson and Tony Norris will try to arrange for someone from the County to attend the next meeting.

8. City/EBRPD Cooperation In Opening East Trail at Miller Knox - Update

Tony Norris reported that he Kevin Takai and Terry Noonan studied the trail situation and he handed

out aerial photos showing two possible trail alignments and some erosion. He said Terry Noonan proposed a repair be made to a section of seriously eroded City land, and then the trail could be put on the upper rim of the repair. Mr. Norris said the trail goes through four City parcels and is overgrown with exotic species, making it difficult to find. However, the foot fall of the trail seems to be sound so it won't need major grading. He said an engineering firm will be hired to survey the area and recommend fixes, after which the City will provide an easement to EBRPD. The easement will be perhaps 40-feet wide so the District has room when performing maintenance or to readjust trail alignment in the future. If the erosion is repaired, the District will need an easement for the entire area so it can maintain it and make future repairs. Edrie Kwan asked how the survey will be funded. Mr. Norris replied perhaps from the City's portion of the Measure WW funds. Mike Anderson said the District is hoping to sell the bonds in June, but doesn't know how successful it will be economically. Tony Norris and Edrie Kwan will research where the funds will come from, if not from WW.

Bill Lindsay announced the City will have funded youths working for the City this summer to be used specifically in East Bay Parks. Whitney Dotson suggested some of the youth workers participate in designing Breuner Marsh.

9. Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor

Bill Lindsay said Richmond City Council approved the funding for half the cost of an appraisal contingent on the other half coming from the Park District, but it is his understanding from Bob Doyle that the District is not interested in doing an appraisal. He said the District is interested in looking at feasibility of development. He received a letter from a group formed by the boat owners offering to give \$5,000 towards an appraisal. The item will be on the City Council agenda.

10. Resolving Land Tenure of City Sewage Treatment Plant at Keller Beach

Mike Anderson said it was brought to his attention that the City has a sewage pump station on District property and there is a need to clear up the land tenure and do an easement. Recently there was a leak and the City asked for an encroachment permit to fix it, which brought up the fact that the sewage pump is not legally on District land. Edrie Kwan said he will have a surveyor identify the location and have an easement prepared. Bruce Beyaert said Keller Beach was given to the District in 1977. Bill Lindsay said The City will perform a document search to see if anything had been established, and if not it will need to be established and recorded. Mike Anderson said there is a legal description for the easement but it was never recorded.

11. Agenda Building

Remove Status of Oil Spills
Add Joint Strategies for Future Oil Spills
Remove State Lands/Comm./Chevron Long Wharf Lease
Add Pt. Richmond to Pt. Molate Bay Trail Gap Closure
Change title to Status of Wildcat Creek Bay Trail Undercrossing
Add Atlas Road Bridge Update
Add Measure WW Update

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11