

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Board Executive Committee (7/10/2014) (Wieskamp)

Present

Board: Ayn Wieskamp (Chair), Whitney Dotson, John Sutter

Staff: Diane Althoff, Tim Anderson, Lisa Baldinger (Intern) Lance Brede, Raphael Breines, Guy Fairon (Intern), Jack Hamner (Intern), Erich Pfuehler, Becky Pheng, Jeff Rasmussen, Mark Ruppenthal, Jim Townsend

Public: Eri Suzuki (Local 2428)

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

I. Renaming of the Martinez Intermodal to Crockett Segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail to the George Miller Trail

Raphael Breines, Acting Chief of Planning and GIS, presented this agenda item. Mr. Breines provided the Committee with an overview of the location of the 1.7-mile trail, which is located in Martinez and part of Martinez Regional Shoreline. The trail currently being constructed was a former county road that was closed in the 1980s after it was severely damaged by a landslide. In the early 2000s, the Park District entered into negotiations with Contra Costa County to convert the road to a trail. The project is expected to be completed in October 2014.

Staff has proposed that the 1.7-mile trail be named *George Miller Trail* in honor of the service of Congressman George Miller III, who announced earlier this year that he will not seek a 21st term in the House of Representative this fall. Congressman Miller is a life-long resident of Contra Costa County and has a family home in Martinez. He has been an advocate for federal funding and critical legislation to support the Park District's mission to protect public open space, and was a key supporter in helping to secure the \$10.2 million TIGER II grant. Congressman Miller has also been a catalyst in the following projects:

- Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline Atlas Bridge project (helped secure two grants);

- Concord Hills Regional Park (helped authorize legislation to establish Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial and joint partnership between National Park Service and Park District); and
- Breuner Marsh restoration project (helped secure \$1.5 million grant from EPA).

The Committee concurred with staff's recommendation and found it appropriate to name the trail in honor of Congressman Miller.

By motion of Director Sutter and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to approve and recommend to the full Board the renaming of the Martinez Intermodal to Crockett segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail to the "George Miller Trail".

2. Alameda Point – VA Policing Contract

Tim Anderson, Assistant General Manager for Public Safety, introduced this agenda item. Mr. Anderson gave a short overview of the terms of the contract for policing services with the Department of Veteran's Affairs. The proposed contract is for an initial term through September 30, 2014, with a series of three annual extensions valued at \$181,000 per year to provide policing services on federal property at Alameda Point. Police Captain Mark Ruppenthal presented an aerial map of the site, and talked about the services that public safety will be providing at the site. Jeff Rasmussen, Grants Manager, discussed the financial terms of the contract, noting that an annual 8% COLA is included. Director Sutter asked staff to clarify the services that public safety will be providing at the site and the number of patrols that officers will be required to make each day. There was also discussion about the possible impacts on police services as a result of the additional patrols. Captain Ruppenthal responded that officers will be required to patrol the site 3-4 times per day and staff is not aware of any major incidents or problems at the site.

By motion of Director Dotson and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to approve and recommend to the full Board that the Park District enter into a contract with the Department of Veterans Administration to provide policing services on federal property at Alameda Point.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng