

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting of January 13, 2015, held at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Dave Collins, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Carol Victor, Debra Aufer, Sukari Beshears, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Kristina Kelchner, Liz Musbach, Mark Ragatz, Jeff Rasmussen, Erich Pfoehler, Jim Townsend, Kelly Barrington, Chris Barton, John Bouyea, Matt Graul

## **A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.  
Directors Absent: None.

## **B. I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Several residents of the area adjacent to Mission Peak Staging Area addressed the Board and extended their appreciation for the modified park hours currently in place, stating that it is a welcome first step towards controlling the crowds hiking in the area. They, however, asked that a tiered hiking fee be put in place as soon as possible since traffic, parking and litter issues continue to plague their neighborhood.

George Philips, Land Conservation Manager for Save Mount Diablo, extended his congratulations to the four elected/re-elected Board members and stated that he is looking forward to working with the Board.

Speaking on behalf of the City of Fremont, Vinnie Bacon, Fremont City Council member, expressed his appreciation for the modified park hours at Mission Peak but stated that he was disappointed to learn at the recent EBRPD/City of Fremont Liaison Committee meeting that a tiered per person hiking fee will not be implemented, contrary to previous communications that it would be implemented by the District this spring. Although the construction of a new parking lot in the area would help solve the problem, it would be years away and a short term solution to the congestion issues such as a tiered hiking fee program is needed right now. Mr. Bacon added that tiered hiking fees are standard throughout the Bay Area, and the congestion at the Stanford Staging Area is actually due to the fact that parking is free. He stated that the City of Fremont is willing to help make the tiered hiking fee program a reality by offering to take on the its implementation, including funding half of the costs of the infrastructure needed to put the gate fee in place. He requested that the issue of implementing per person hiking fees at the Stanford Avenue Staging area be put before the Board.

Rick Lemeer, Executive Director of the John Marsh Historic Trust, stated that his organization is looking forward to working with the Park District in their efforts to open a 3,700 acre park open in Ward 7 in the area of Marsh Creek State Park.

## **2. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:**

Judge Winton McKibben (ret) officiated in the swearing-in ceremony for the following Board Members who were elected/re-elected at the November 4, 2014 General Elections:

Ward 3 – Dennis Waespi  
Ward 5 – Ayn Wieskamp  
Ward 6 – Beverly Lane  
Ward 7 – Diane Burgis

Newly-elected and re-elected Directors Burgis, Lane, Wieskamp and Waespi gave a brief introduction.

Following the ceremony, there was a recess for a brief reception, with President Wieskamp reconvening the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

### 3. ANNUAL ROTATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

President Wieskamp announced that new officers have been selected for 2015 and introduced Director Whitney Dotson as the incoming Board President for 2015. Director Dotson announced the other officers for 2015 as follows:

Vice President	–	Doug Siden
Treasurer	–	Beverly Lane
Secretary	–	Dennis Waespi

### C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

#### I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar:

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of November 17, 2014 through December 7, 2014  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 001 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of November 4, 2014
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 002 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Amend the 2014 Budget and Appropriate Funds for Costs Related to the November 4, 2014 General Elections  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 003 (attached)
- e. Approval of Appointment of Laura Thompson and Reappointments of Bruce Beyaert and Jeremy Madsen to the Park Advisory Committee  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 004 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Renew the Contract with E2 Strategies, LLC for Advocacy Services  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 005 (attached)

- g. Authorization to Appoint Leonard Bellow as Human Resources Analyst II at Step F of Management Pay Range MG01  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 006 (attached)
- h. Authorization to Apply for Federal Grant Funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for Marine Debris Prevention Program: Crab Cove Visitor Center  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 007 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Partner with Friends of San Leandro Creek on a Grant Application Submitted to the California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program: Sibley Regional Preserve  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 008 (attached)
- j. Authorization to Appropriate Funds and Apply for Federal Grant Funds for Replacement of Campground Restrooms: Del Valle State Recreation Area  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 009 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Apply for Grant from the California Public Utilities Commission for Golden Eagle Wind Turbine Study: District-Wide  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 010 (attached)
- l. Authorization to Upgrade One Secretary Position to Executive Secretary and Amend the 2015 Budget: Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 011 (attached)
- m. Authorization to Execute a Sale Agreement with ATS Properties, LLC and Goodrick Properties for the Sale of 0.862 Acres of Real Property: North Richmond Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 012 (attached)
- n. Authorization to Augment Construction Contingency for the San Francisco Bay Trail Martinez Intermodal to Crockett Trail Project: Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 013 (attached)

## **2. PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- a. Approval of Park Advisory Committee Goals for 2015  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 014 (attached)

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-2-a:

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,  
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.  
Directors Absent: None.

Government and Legislative Affairs Manager Erich Pfuehler provided a brief presentation on the past year's significant topics discussed by the PAC as enumerated in the staff report, as well as their new priorities for 2015. Director Sutter stated that he hoped that the issue of the completion of the Bay Trail can be included in

the PAC's 2015 priorities, especially given that incoming PAC member Laura Thompson is Chair of the Bay Trail. Director Lane suggested that the Bay Trail be included as a Board workshop topic versus the PAC.

Bruce Kern, 2015 PAC Chair-elect, stated that it is their intent to better define the expectation of each PAC member and Board member for each of their stated goals.

### 3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Enter into and Exercise an Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of 1.52± Acres of Real Property from the Donna Larimer Aweeka Revocable Trust, and Appropriate and Transfer Funds for this Acquisition: Redwood Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 015 (attached)

By motion of Director Sutter and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-a:

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,  
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.

Directors Absent: None.

Land Acquisition Manager, Liz Musbach provided a brief presentation, stating that the property may be acquired at its fair market appraisal of \$ 700,000 and that the acquisition aims to restore a heavily disturbed creekside site to a natural condition, protect water quality within the Redwood Creek watershed, end diversion of Redwood Park springwater for domestic use, and remove the private in-holding to better delineate park boundary.

Details for funding the acquisition was enumerated as follows:

Measure WW Funds:

Purchase Price	\$700,000
Associated Acquisition Costs	17,850
Demolition and Property Cleanup	40,000
Costs to Secure Site	3,500
Fuels Management & Weed Abatement	2,500
Staff Time	<u>22,000</u>
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$785,850

Director Lane asked if EBMUD should also be pursued as a funding partner in purchasing properties for water quality preservation. GM Doyle stated that this has been discussed before, but explained that their acquisition funding has been eliminated by their Board due to funding needs in other areas of their operation, but suggested that this will be brought up at a future liaison committee meeting.

Director Waespi asked about the condition of the existing septic system; Ms. Musbach stated that the report indicated that the system is operable, but staff did not study it further since the intent was to demolish the house and not be used as a residence.

- b. Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Agreement with Indigo/Hammond & Playle Architects LLP to Perform Architectural and Development Consulting Services for the Reconstruction of the Public Safety Administration Building and Chabot Service Yard: Lake Chabot Regional Park  
Resolution No. 2015 – 01 - 016 (attached)

By motion of Director Sutter and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-b:

Directors Present: Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp.  
Directors Recused: Dennis Waespi.  
Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson.

Director Waespi recused himself from the discussion due to the proximity of his residence.

Chris Barton, Acting Environmental Programs Manager and the Project Manager for this item, provided a brief presentation; including a brief history on the proposal for the development of the Public Safety Administration building.

#### 4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

Director Waespi rejoined the meeting at this time. GM Doyle indicated that the report is before the Board; the Board did not have any additional questions.

#### 5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager indicated that the Public Safety Division's summary is included in the Board packet. In response to a question from Director Lane regarding an incident involving the operation of a drone within a park and the conflict presented by a drone with a District helicopter in a separate incident, Police Chief Tim Anderson stated that its operation within regional parks is not allowed under Ordinance 38. Director Sutter asked that more review of its operation at the parks be done, given the increasing popularity of drones.

GM Doyle stated that he will provide a 2014 year-end report at the next Board meeting.

#### 6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee (12-11-2014) (Wieskamp)

#### 7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Waespi expressed his appreciation for all the support he received from everyone and that he is very happy to be part of the District's Board.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Asked staff to check on possible collaborative activities with the opening of the Alameda County Health facility and Coroner's Office across from the District's Administrative Office on Peralta Oaks;
- Attended the retirement event for Diane Althoff;
- With Director Siden, attended the inauguration of the new Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the inauguration of Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf;
- Attended the first 2015 San Leandro City Council meeting;
- Attended meetings of the MLK Rally Committee, San Leandro Creek Alliance, and Alameda CSDA;
- Attended meetings of the Board Executive Committee and Operations Committee;
- Attended the EB EDA Annual Legislative Reception in Richmond;
- Will attend the MLK Holiday Rally next week.

Director Burgis reported on meetings attended. Director Burgis

- Attended the Contra Costa County Mayors conference in Antioch last week;
- Attended the Big Break event to remove invasive hyacinth.

Director Burgis left the meeting at 5:10 pm to attend an Oakley City Council event in her honor.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Asked that a Thank You letter be provided to ALDOG for providing 2015 calendars;
- Currently working with Laura McCreery on her oral history;
- Attended the Board Executive Committee meeting;
- Will attend the Alameda County CSDA meeting tomorrow, as well as the Alameda County Mayors Conference in Fremont.

Director Wieskamp left the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Visited various parks – Briones, Shady Slope trail bridge, Iron Horse Trail, Tao House, Botanic Garden, Tilden Carousel.

Director Dotson stated that he was very proud to be part of the Park District's efforts to acquire, restore and manage open space. He added that he was honored to be Board President this year and is looking forward to 2015.

The Board meeting adjourned and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:25 pm in the Board Conference Room to discuss those items listed on the Closed Session Agenda.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There were no announcements from Closed Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido  
Clerk of the Board