

The Board Meeting, which was held on March 4, 2014 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President
Whitney Dotson, Vice President
Doug Siden, Secretary
Beverly Lane
John Sutter

Directors Absent: Carol Severin, Ted Radke.

At this time, the Board of Directors met in **Closed Session** to discuss those items outlined on the agenda.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Ayn Wieskamp.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Ted Radosevich, Jim O'Connor, Bob Nisbet, Dave Collins, Carol Johnson, Police Capt. Mark Ruppenthal, Diane Althoff, Cinde Rubaloff, Anne Scheer, Kelly Barrington, Erich Pfuehler, Dave Sumner, Emily Hopkins, Mona Koh, Matt Graul, Bob Nisbet.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ted Vomacka addressed the Board and stated that he appeared before the Board last year to ask for its assistance to complete the Delta De Anza Trail from Antioch to Oakley. Since nothing has happened to-date and since District staff does not have direct control over the project, he requested that a date be set by the Board so that if nothing happens, higher level meetings can occur to exert influence over KB Homes.

Jim Townsend, Trails Development Program Manager, reported that a cooperative funding agreement has recently been finalized the District, Contra Costa Water District and the Highway By-Pass Authority to provide the additional funding that had been committed, which would hopefully facilitate the project's completion. Mr. Townsend also reported that the plan set has been approved by all parties and is in the hands of KBHomes to be bid. He expects that the project to move forward soon, and will be in communication with Mr. Vomacka and KBHomes staff.

GM Doyle added that there is more motivation to get the projects completed as the housing market improves.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C-I-b was pulled for separate approval to allow Director Siden to abstain as he was absent from the meeting:

C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of February 4, 2014

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

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Carol Severin, Ted Radke.
Directors Abstain: Doug Siden.

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

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Carol Severin, Ted Radke.

C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of January 20, 2014 through February 9, 2014
Resolution No. 2014 – 03 - 058 (attached)

C-I-c. Approval of Reappointment of Peter Volin to the Park Advisory Committee
Resolution No. 2014 – 03 - 059 (attached)

C-I-d. Authorization to Appropriate and Transfer General Fund Balance to Purchase Equipment for the Tilden Corporation Yard
Resolution No. 2014 – 03 - 060 (attached)

Chief of Maintenance Kelly Barrington provided a brief Powerpoint presentation showing fire damage photos of the Corporation Yard as well as photos documenting the clean-up and reconstruction phases. In terms of future capacity, Mr. Barrington stated that if needed, more shifts can be added to either the Tilden or Pacheco yards.

C-I-e. Authorization to Purchase Two Toro Mowers
Resolution No. 2014 – 03 - 061 (attached)

C-I-f. Authorization to retain Budgeted Funds for the Niles Canyon Trail Preliminary Engineering Study and to Accept Matching Funds from Alameda County: San Francisco Bay to San Joaquin River Trail
Resolution No. 2014 – 03 - 062 (attached)

In response to a question from Director Siden, Trails Development Program Manager Jim Townsend clarified that the San Joaquin River Trail is identified in the District's Master Plan and provided a brief description of its route as it starts at the mouth of Alameda Creek at San Francisco Bay.

C-1-g. Approval of 2014 Risk-Based Internal Audit Plan and Acceptance of the Confirmation of the Organizational Independence, with Qualification, of the Internal Audit Function
Resolution No. 2014 – 03 - 063 (attached)

GM Robert Doyle left the meeting at 2:40 pm to attend a previously scheduled conference. Ted Radosevich, District Legal Counsel, took over for GM Doyle.

2. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

Ted Radosevich, District Legal Counsel, reported on the items listed on the staff report.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Jim O'Connor, AGM for Operations, updated the Board on drought contingency plans for Del Valle Regional Park. He stated that the Department of Water Resources has indicated that Del Valle will not receive any of its water allocation. With the drawdown of the reservoir by early summer and due to the uncertainty of the water supply, he has ordered that no camping or picnic reservations will be taken for dates beyond June 8, 2014. Reservations already in-place for dates after June 8 are being contacted and given the option to cancel (with fee refund) or rebooking to a different park. Mr. O'Connor added that all irrigation in the park is currently off, and when rain is no longer in the forecast, park staff will select one section of turf area in each irrigated section of the park to keep alive while other lawn areas will be allowed to go brown. He stated that additional measures will be taken should the situation further deteriorate.

Carol Johnson, AGM for Public Affairs, provided a brief presentation on the 80th Anniversary celebration plans for 2014, the objectives of which are to highlight the District's history, provide its historical and environmental significance, strengthen multi-cultural participation, host signature events/activities and support and assist the Regional Parks Foundation. She also enumerated various communication tools to be employed, including new outreach in the parks. In addition, several dedications are planned for the year to coincide with the 80th anniversary.

Director Lane reminded staff that this year is also the 50th anniversary of Contra Costa County joining the District and suggested that it be included in the highlights for this year.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

5. BOARD COMMITTEES

a. EBRPD/LARPD Liaison Committee (01-13-2014) (Wieskamp)

6. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the scheduled Board meetings;
- Attended meetings of the Finance Committee, Operations Committee, Executive Committee, Pinole RDA Successor Agency and the Richmond RDA Successor Agency;
- Met with Erich Pfuehler and PAC member Rich Walking to discuss possible candidates to the PAC;
- Attended the Board workshop at Fern Cottage.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting
- Began his staff appreciation meetings, beginning with staff from MLKing, Jr. Regional Park;
- Regarding the Mobile Fish Exhibit, asked staff to think about some system to ensure that it is made available to school groups equitably as the popularity of the fish exhibit grows;
- Will be attending the CPRS Conference in Ontario, CA from March 4 – 7.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Spoke about her visit to the Channel Islands during a recent trip to Southern California
- Attended the Operations Committee meeting on February 20, and requested staff to provide Board members with more information on future concessionaire issues when available and also be guided on what can be shared in public;
- Provided a talk with Hale Sargent of the National Park Service to the Berkeley City Club regarding the Anza Trail;
- With GM Doyle and AGM Nisbet, met with the Concord Mayor and City Manager regarding CNWS;
- Encouraged that a Board member attend the Operations Recognition Breakfast coming up on April 3;
- Thanked staff for preparing the 2014 Pocket Facts;
- Will be speaking about the District at a Speaker's Bureau in Pleasanton next week.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended meetings of the Legislative Committee, Executive Committee and the PAC in February;
- Attended a meeting of the SF Bay Restoration Authority, and reported that a revised draft Project List has been prepared with more specific projects/project areas included. He also stated that a new voter poll of the nine-county area showed that support for a proposed ballot is at 68%.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended a reception for the LARPD foundation personnel;
- Attended meetings of the Operations, Finance and Executive Committees;
- Attended the Pleasanton State of the City event on February 25;
- Reported on an editorial "Sign the Dublin Initiative" as published on the Independent regarding an initiative to protect open space on its borders, particularly Doolan Canyon;
- Will attend the East Bay Leadership Council's Water Forum in Pleasanton on March 7.

D. WORKSHOP TO REVIEW DISTRICT PRIORITIES FOR NRPA LEGISLATIVE FORUM

The Board met to review priority topics for discussion during meetings with Congressional representatives on Capitol Hill and at the 2014 National Park and Recreation Association's National Legislative Forum, scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C. and Arlington, VA from March 20 through March 26, 2014.

E. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido
Clerk of the Board