

The Board Meeting, which was held on June 6, 2017 at the East Bay Regional District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Board President Lane.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, President
Ayn Wieskamp, Treasurer
Ellen Corbett, Secretary
Dee Rosario
Colin Coffey

Directors Absent: Dennis Waespi, Vice President
Whitney Dotson

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

At 11:30 am, 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 1:30 p.m. by Board President Lane.

Staff Present: Carol Victor, Bob Nisbet, Tim Anderson, Debra Auker, Carol Johnson, Deborah Spaulding, Jason McCrystle, Jeff Rasmussen, Ruby Tumber, Mary Mattingly, Anthony Ciaburro, Julie Bondurant, Mona Koh, Brian Holt, Tiffany Margulici, Nadine Vargas, Paul Cutino, Suzanne Lusk, Raphael Breines, Jim Tallerico, Kristina Kelchner, Sara Rieck, Jim Swanson, Matt Graul, Brian Holt, Dave Zuckermann, Ren Bates, Mimi Waluch, Susan Gonzales, Gretchen Rose.

Guests: None.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Rosario, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Dennis Waespi.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marla Schmale talked about how the District accepts an ideology that ecosystems change and adjust with the climate and species along with her belief that fire science has shown that eucalyptus or other trees were responsible for the 1998 fire. Cameron Wilson, program manager for Citizens for Eastshore Parks (CESP), expressed appreciation to the Park District for working on the project design and making the space better. GM Doyle added that BCDC Design Review approved the plan unanimously and it will go before the full commission.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Corbett, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Dennis Waespi.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of April 17, 2017 to May 7, 2017
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 146 (attached)
- Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of May 16, 2017
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 147 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Enter into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the City of Oakland acting by and through its Board of Port Commissioners for the Long-Term Lease of the former Crowley Property and Transfer and Appropriate Funds: San Francisco Bay Trail
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 148 (attached)

Director Rosario asked what would trigger a refusal to accept a lease on the part of the District. Liz Musbach, Chief of Land Acquisition, replied that during the 6-month exclusive negotiating agreement staff will be conducting due diligence to make sure the property is satisfactory for District purposes. The board material discusses the sea wall that is failing in one area and if there is an issue that might give staff pause, the District will be able to break the lease without penalty. GM Doyle added that the court reduced the price to a lower than lease market value to account for this. Corbett's comments aligned with Rosario's about the integrity of the sea wall and its impacts on the District. President Lane asked about the amount of trail that has been completed. Musbach answered about 70% of the SF Bay Trail has been completed, and over 75 miles out of 150 miles in the East Bay have been completed. Lane added how proud she was of staff's work on this project.

Several members of the public including George Rowan, Jr., and John Sutter spoke in favor of this item. Curt Lind spoke about opening this area to the public. Rowan handed out a petition, signed by constituents, in favor of this item.

- e. Authorization to Transfer and Appropriate Funds for Land Acquisition Department Projects
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 149 (attached)

President Lane asked where the funds are coming from, and why more AA funding isn't being used. Liz Musbach, Chief of Design, replied in detail referring to the staff report. Debra Auker, AGM FMS and CFO provided additional explanation on the allocation of funds.

- f. Authorization to Amend a Contract for Services with Placeworks Inc. for Biologic Resource Permitting Support: Concord Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 150 (attached)
- g. Acceptance of the East Bay Regional Park District Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2017
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 151 (attached)

- h. Authorization for Budgetary Closure of Completed Projects and Related Amendments to the 2017 Budget
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 152 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for Albany Beach, San Francisco Bay Trail Gilman to Buchanan: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 153 (attached)
- j. Authorization to Apply to the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred for Cleanup and Repair of Damage during the January 18 - 23, 2017 Severe Winter Storms, Flooding and Mudslides, DR-4305: District-wide
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 154 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Apply to the California Office of Emergency Services for Hazard Mitigation Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Shoreline Resilience at Point Isabel Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 155 (attached)
- L. Authorization to Approve the Application for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Funds for the Construction of the Shadow Cliffs Interpretive Pavilion: Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 156 (attached)

Director Wieskamp was pleased the District is moving forward, adding that this is going to be one of the best used facilities and is an example for other parks that do not have a visitor center. GM Doyle noted that there is progress being made on preliminary design.

- m. Authorization to Purchase Replacement Computers: District-wide
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 157 (attached)

President Lane asked what happens to replaced computers. Jim Tallerico, Chief Information Officer, replied that in the past, the District donated old computers to different schools. However, it became labor intensive for staff who had to wipe the computers clean, pack them up, and deliver them to the schools. The District is currently using another program. Lane passed along a contact to Tallerico for discussion on re-using computers.

- n. Authorization to Transfer Funds between Projects for Fuels and Fire Management Work
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 158 (attached)
- o. Authorization to Amend Contract for Services Agreement with Ralph Andersen and Associates for Recruitment Services
Resolution No. 2017 – 06 – 159 (attached))

2. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- a. Discussion of the Dumbarton Quarry Campground Phase I Development Naming Program: Coyote Hills Regional Park

President Lane introduced this item by referring to the previous board meeting where this item was presented, and a recommendation was put forward by the Board. The discussion centered around the campground name that was recommended and possibly too long for a freeway sign. Director Wieskamp liked the idea of 'the Bay' being in the name of the campground. Director Corbett stated that she is conscious of people who don't know the area, and using a descriptive name ties the campground to the Bay. Corbett added that the District's naming policy makes it clear to look for historic references and natural amenities of the area. All of the names use historic references but none have connection to the natural amenities. Corbett favored 'bayside' included in the name of the campground.

President Lane mentioned that there will be a Phase II of this campground. There will be campsite areas that have an actual view of the bay. Perhaps staff and the board should take advantage of those sites and put some geographic designation on them. Director Rosario expressed concern about the length of the name on the signage, but agreed that both names were good. Director Coffey agreed with Wieskamp's suggestion. Director Wieskamp motioned that the name should be Dumbarton Quarry Campground on the Bay and when necessary have 'on the bay subscript' and Director Rosario seconded. Director Corbett had concerns about a wayfinding sign on the freeway, and questioned if folks would know it was a campground on the Bay if 'the Bay' was not in the name. GM Doyle said that this is a broader discussion of wayfinding, and suggested staff should inquire how long of a title Caltrans will put on a sign. Corbett asked for more information on past process, and if the natural amenity included as part of the discussion be included. Doyle gave a brief background on the quarry, the need to think about wayfinding, policy on natural amenities, what makes sense to put on a sign, and how to market the campground. Corbett remarked on this amazing opportunity to create a campground along the bay. GM Doyle stated that the District wants to market this, and staff are thinking through all project possibilities to make it a reality on the bay. Carol Victor, District Counsel concluded that the resolution will be brought back and the previous naming will be repealed.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

GM Doyle talked about items on the report.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Jim Swanson, Interim Fire Chief presented on the Fire Department Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. Swanson gave historical context, current industry standards, fire organization, fire equipment, apparatus and facilities, and fuels management. Swanson reported that the workforce has been reduced from 65 firefighters to its current staff of 42 firefighters. Swanson showed examples of thinning recently done in Wildcat, Sibley Backpack Camp, Tilden Nimitz Way and Tilden Inspiration Point. Director Rosario expressed concern about the shrinking workforce. Swanson attributed it to attrition, adding that firefighting is a young person's job and recruitment is necessary. Director Corbett asked for a breakdown of the different responsibilities. Swanson obliged. Director Wieskamp thanked Swanson for assisting the department. Directors Lane and Rosario had questions about goat grazing and the grazing schedule. GM Doyle stated that when he meets with the Calfire director, the director remarks that the District's training program is some of the best in the state.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel announced there were no announcements from closed session.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. EBMUD/EBRPD Liaison Committee Minutes (3-29-17) (Lane)

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Attended Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the Trails, Stewardship & Development Workshop;
- Attended the Tidewater public meeting;
- Attended Nancy Krebs retirement party;
- Met with neighbors on proposed Camille staging area;
- Attended the Bay Area Open Space meeting;
- Attended Lafayette meeting with Liz Musbach;
- Attended Kennedy King Scholarship Dinner;
- Attended the Winehaven tour led by Bruce Beyaert;
- Attended the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting;
- Attended the Walnut Creek Watershed Council;
- Attended the East Bay Leadership Annual dinner;
- Attended the Drakes Brewery fundraiser;
- Went to Oakland Zoo for the ribbon cutting.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the CARPD conference;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Elected Women's Lunch, Pleasanton;
- Attending the Shadow Cliffs Dedication;
- Attending Legislative Luncheon in Sacramento;
- Attended the Trails, Stewardship & Development Workshop;
- Attended a special luncheon for staff.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Natural/Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Attended the Pogo Park event;
- Attended the Bay Area Toll Authority Regional Measure 3 Stakeholders meeting;
- Met with Liz Musbach regarding a piece of property in Briones.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended Kennedy King Scholarship dinner;
- Manned the District table at the Taste of Richmond: Wine and Food Festival;
- Toured Pt. Molate with Bruce Beyaert;
- Attended the Trails, Stewardship & Development Workshop;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Volunteer Barbecue at Cull Canyon;
- Attended the dedication of the New Franklin Canyon;
- Hiked Sand Creek focus area in Antioch with Save Mt Diablo folks.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended a hike led by GM to Vasco Caves;
- Attended the Tidewater public meeting;
- Attended the Trails, Stewardship & Development Workshop;
- Attended the Drakes Brewery Fundraiser;
- Attended the Oakland Zoo's Toast at the Zoo;
- Attended the Legislative Committee meeting;
- Attended the San Leandro Cherry Festival;
- Attended the Volunteer Barbecue at Cull Canyon;
- Attended the CARPD Conference.

Director Corbett expressed that the District needs to program and educate the public about global warming due to the fact that the government has pulled out of the Paris Accords.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marla Schmale spoke again on the District's being a handmaiden to this technology. Jim Swanson, Interim Fire Chief, explained the FEMA grant and was concerned by what he heard in this meeting.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Director Rosario had remarks on the passing on District former Fire Captain Jim Journey who passed away over the weekend. President Lane adjourned the meeting in his honor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:33pm.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight
Clerk of the Board