

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Board Executive Committee (1/11/2018) (Lane)

Present

Board: Beverly Lane, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi

Staff: Ana Alvarez, Becky Pheng, Lisa Baldinger, Erich Pfuehler, Debra Auker, Jim O'Connor

Public: Rick Rickard, John Sutter, Julie Bueren

Board Executive Committee Chair Beverly Lane called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

**I. Park Advisory Committee Goals for 2018**

Erich Pfuehler, Government Affairs Manager, presented this agenda item. In 2018, the Park Advisory Committee ("PAC") will welcome Julie Bueren as the new Chair and Rick Rickard as the Vice Chair. The PAC reviewed and provided comments on many issues in 2017, including:

- Ordinance 38 dog policies and how they are being applied when new parks or amendments to park plans are being considered;
- Climate resiliency;
- Naming policies and land use plan amendments;
- Economic Impact Report; and
- 2018 annual budget.

Director Beverly Lane inquired about the PAC's process for reviewing Ordinance 38 dog policies. Mr. Pfuehler responded that several public meetings were held on this topic, meeting minutes were taken, and it was very educational and well received by the PAC.

The PAC's 2018 goals include reviewing Park District's *Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan*; impacts of climate change; Measure CC extension; Measure WW Urban Creeks program; and several land use plans. Ms. Bueren commented that review of the dog policy issue was complex. The PAC will coordinate a public meeting on this topic in Contra

Costa County in early spring. Mr. Rickard commented that he is looking forward to undertaking the 2018 workplan.

The Board Executive Committee thanked the PAC for all their work and appreciates feedback from the members. Director Beverly Lane commented that the mountain bike issue will be of interest to the public and will entail a lot of work from the PAC. She also inquired if the PAC members are reporting back to their authority. Director Ayn Wieskamp requested that more hospitals should be included in the *Health Parks, Healthy People* presentation.

**Recommendation: By motion of Director Ayn Wieskamp and seconded by Director Dennis Waespi, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to recommend the Park Advisory Committee proposed 2018 goals to the full Board of Directors for favorable consideration.**

## **2. Bay Trail Summit Report**

Erich Pfuehler, Government Affairs Manager, and Lisa Baldinger, Legislative Assistant, presented this agenda item. Mr. Pfuehler showed a PowerPoint highlighting the *Bay Trail Summit* (“Summit”), which the Park District hosted in cooperation with the San Francisco Bay Trail Program on September 21, 2017 at the Bridge Yard building. The Summit was aimed to examine how the Bay Trail can act as a catalyst for revitalizing the East Bay waterfront. Mr. Pfuehler talked about the revitalization of Detroit’s waterfront, showing before and after pictures. At the Summit, William Smith, Chief Financial Officer, of the Detroit Waterfront Conservancy talked about Detroit’s efforts to enhance their waterfront area. The Summit included members from various sectors—local government agencies, developers, and advocacy groups. Currently there is approximately 145 miles of gaps in the Bay Trail. Funding is a major hurdle in trying to close the gap.

Director Beverly Lane asked about the number of people in attendance and the interests of the community. Lisa Baldinger, Legislative Assistant, responded that approximately 80 people were in attendance representing various groups. Director Ayn Wieskamp commented that it’s important to reach out to developers and the Port of Oakland. Director Dennis Waespi attended the Summit and noted that Cleveland’s waterfront is also inspirational. The Board Executive Committee and staff acknowledged the work of former Director John Sutter in creating a vision for Oakland’s waterfront.

### Public Comments:

John Sutter commented that the Summit was positive and more work needs to be done. He also commented on the challenges of trying to close the trail gaps in the City of Oakland and encouraged the Park District to work with the City of Oakland to close the trail gaps.

Rick Rickard thanked the Park District for hosting the Summit and would like to see the trail gaps closed. He will be meeting with staff from the City of Oakland to talk about Bay Trail.

**Recommendation: None, this is an informational item.**

**3. Open Forum for Public Comments**

None.

**4. Board Committee Comments**

None.

There being no further business, Chair Beverly Lane declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Pheng