

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 15, 2019

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Operations (Thursday, November 29, 2018) _____ (Wieskamp)

Present

Board: Directors Ayn Wieskamp (Chair), Dennis Waespi, Ellen Corbett

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Mimi Waluch, Renee Patterson, Kelly Barrington, Anthony Ciaburro, Lance Brede, Alan Love, Shelly Miller, Katy Hornbeck, David Zuckermann, Debra Auker, Denise Valentine

Guests: Kelly Abreu

Agenda Item 1: Electric Bicycle Pilot Program Results and Recommendation

Delta Unit Manager Dan Cunning and Park District Intern Jill Bletz provided an overview of the Electric Bike Pilot Program through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included a review on the background of the program, locations, data collection methods, statistics for trail use, types of trail users, trail use comparisons, monthly trail totals, E-Bikes by times and trail, bike owners, and summary of findings.

AGM of Operations Jim O'Connor recalled Park District staff brought the item before the Park Advisory Committee (PAC) on January 26, 2019. After a discussion, it was put forward that the PAC would move forward with all eight trails and with the agreement that Park District staff would not proceed with the additional five trails without appropriate outreach to the local jurisdictions that overlap the Iron Horse Trail.

Director Corbett inquired if the five additional trails are paved. Cunning replied yes. O'Connor commented staff is not recommending e-Bike usage on unpaved Park District trails. Corbett inquired why these specific trails were chosen. Cunning replied random sampling was conducted on the Marsh Creek, Big Break, and some parts of the Bay Trails. In viewing the pilot, it was determined that staff needed to create a statistical significance to present the data. Staff did not have same confidence rate with the other sampling and saw less use on those trails.

Director Waespi inquired if when visual surveys were conducted, can the e-Bikes be recognized. Bletz commented yes, they have a little sound to them that differs from regular bikes. Waespi inquired how the surveys were taken. Bletz replied there two different times that a visual and a

paper survey was conducted. Waespi suggested to capture in the survey where commuters were traveling to/from.

Waespi inquired if there is a policy on the Ridge and Bay Trails. O'Connor recalled that PAC member Laura Thompson is associated with the Bay Trail and mentioned they are in the beginning stages of discussion on the issue and will most likely not take a policy position.

Waespi inquired on what can he advise his constituents who do not have e-Bike trails in his ward. Cunning replied the program was created to utilize paved regional trails not running through parks, due to span of control and enforcement.

Director Wieskamp suggested when reaching out to jurisdictions, to include Hayward Area Recreation and Park District and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

Corbett requested to include parameters in future recommendations on E-Bike trails and usage.

Corbett moved to approve the staff recommendation to move forward with E-bike use on three Pilot Program Trails which include Alameda Creek, Costa Canal, and the Iron Horse Trails and to move forward with use on five additional paved trails including Big Break, Delta De Anza, Marsh Creek, Lafayette-Moraga and the George Miller Regional trails. Waespi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: 2018 Recommended Revisions to Ordinance 38

Lieutenant David Phulps provided an update on revisions to Ordinance 38 through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included an overview of the process and revisions to eight existing ordinances.

Ordinance 38-404.3 – Smoke Free Parks

Waespi inquired how vaping is defined. Phulps replied vaping would be included in the category of inhaling/exhaling.

Wieskamp inquired on the consequence if receiving a citation from Public Safety for such violations. Phulps replied, as with any other infraction, court fees would apply, or the citation could be disputed.

Ordinance 38-503.15 – New Section on Vessels

Wieskamp inquired on the process of obtaining authorization to anchor or moor a vessel. Phulps replied, through written authorization through either District Park Operations or Public Safety.

Ordinance 38-801.2 – Dogs on Leash

Wieskamp inquired if there are any existing proposals about dogs. Phulps replied yes.

Ordinance 38-801.21 – Animals in grazing areas

Wieskamp recommended to communicate with Park District grazers regarding this new section.

O'Connor recalled discussions were held by staff on the language of the ordinance that would assist Public Safety with citing and securing convictions, if necessary.

Corbett suggested for communication purposes, to post to the District website the areas currently under grazing.

Public Speaker on Item 2

Kelly Abreu – commented on grazing, signage for dogs, Ordinance 38-801.2 review, and the process of the Brown Act.

Waespi moved to approve and recommend to the full Board the staff recommendation for suggested revisions to Ordinance 38 endorsed by Public Safety and Operations staff and approved by Park District Counsel. Corbett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Update: Convenience Camping Program

Reservations Supervisor Katy Hornbeck provided an update on the Convenience Camping Program through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included cabin location and information, reservation policy, cabin data, customer feedback, park staff feedback, recommendations, future projects and locations.

O'Connor recalled a copy of the feasibility study was provided to the Committee that included recommendations for cabin sites. The top recommendations were Del Valle and Anthony Chabot. At the time, the decision was made to proceed with Del Valle due to topography and infrastructure capacity factors. O'Connor provided an overview of future sites proposed by staff.

Public Speaker on Item 3

Kelly Abreu – commented on dog fees for cabins and smoking in campsites.

Waespi inquired if the cabins are occupied every weekend. Park Supervisor Shelly Miller replied no.

Waespi inquired if any reservation deposits have been held by Reservations. Hornbeck replied yes, one due to violation of the rules.

Agenda Item 4: Review Extension of the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District License Agreement: Vollmer Peak, Tilden Regional Park

Business Services Administrative Analyst Renee Patterson provided an overview of the BART District agreement through a PowerPoint presentation, which covered location photos and details of the proposed amended agreement.

Waespi inquired if all agencies pay the same costs. Patterson replied no, as agencies enter into agreements at different times and rates.

Wieskamp inquired if the maintenance fees cover the cost of maintaining the road. O'Connor replied the costs are covered.

Waespi moved to approve the staff recommendation for the extension of BART's existing License Agreement with a ten-year term beginning on the "Effective Date", December 1, 2018, with payments of \$525.50 per month for one equipment rack with the fee increasing 1.5% each year and an additional annual payment of \$500.00 to contribute to road maintenance. Corbett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5: Update Concession Cost Study: District-wide

Management Analyst Ruby Tumber provided an update on the District-wide Concession Cost Study through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included a historical overview, review of the District Master Plan language on concessionaires, timeframe, types, criteria used for assessment, sites assessed, 5-year concession costs, reservable facility costs, and future plans.

Waespi inquired if the average percentage collected for the concessionaires is seven percent. Business Services Manager Mimi Waluch commented the older contracts historically were one to three percent with rates being increased to 3-5 percent once contracts have been turned over.

Corbett inquired if the Redwood Canyon Golf Course figures were impacted due to weather. Tumber replied the Capital Improvement Plan did not include storm damage costs, as those costs were reimbursed by the insurance agency. Corbett inquired if the revenue was impacted. Tumber replied, yes. Waluch replied, the course was closed for a few months and in 2017 there was business interruption that continued through the year.

Wieskamp inquired where the revenue is applied from wedding fees. Waluch replied, Touchstone Golf has a sublease agreement with Wedgwood Weddings, who pays a percentage to Touchstone Golf and in turn pays a percentage to the Park District.

O'Connor commented most the facilities are Park District owned. Staff has now established the major Infrastructure Replacement Renovation Fund. The fees from this fund are applied towards the concession facilities. The Concession Maintenance Fund (CMF) is supporting the ongoing maintenance to extend service life.

Public Comments

Kelly Abreu – made comments regarding the lawsuit for parking at the Stanford Staging area at Mission Peak.

AGM Comments

There were no AGM Comments.

Board Comments

There were no Board comments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.