

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Operations (Thursday, October 18, 2018) _____ (Wieskamp)

Present

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

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Mimi Waluch, Renee Patterson, Steve Castile, Debra Auker, Kathryn Daskal, Jeff Manley, Joe Sullivan, Cliff Rocha, Kelly Barrington, Lance Brede, Noah Dort, Anne Kassebaum, Denise Valentine

Guests: Kelly Abreu, Ed Stevenson, Evan Buckland

Agenda Item I: Fish Passage Project Updates with Alameda County Water District (ACWD): Alameda Creek Trail

Lakes Unit Manager Jeff Manley and Park Supervisor Cliff Rocha provided an update on the Fish Passage Project through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included an overview of the Alameda Creek Watershed, partnership with ACWD, fish passage projects in progress and future, Fish Ladder Installation at Rubber Dam #3, 2019 Fish Ladder Project at Rubber Dam #1, and direction of fish travel in the creek.

ACWD Manager of Engineering and Technology Services Ed Stevenson commented on the good partnership with Park District staff.

Director Waespi inquired on the cost of the projects. Stevenson replied approximately ten million dollars were exhausted for the improvements for the small project and approximately forty million dollars for the 2019 project. Grant funding for the projects is being sought.

Rocha commented that ACWD staff has been very responsive to Park District staff.

AGM Jim O'Connor inquired on how far the fish will be able to travel once the larger project is completed. ACWD Water Supply Supervisor Evan Buckland replied fish will be able to reach Sunol and the San Francisco Public Utilities (SFUC) area.

Public Speaker on item I

Kelly Abreu distributed handouts of a water utility section located in the Niles Canyon area and commented on fish not being able to cross the rubber barrier, members of the public trespassing on private property to travel to a off-limits walk site, and the attention created around proposed destruction of the site.

Agenda Item 2: Review Extension of the State of California, California Department of Transportation, Office of Radio Communications License Agreements: Vollmer Peak, Tilden Regional Park

Administrative Analyst Renee Patterson provided an overview of communication license agreements through a PowerPoint presentation. Items reviewed in the presentation included site location, statistics of the primary statewide system, and the Park District staff recommendation.

Director Corbett inquired on how Park District fees compare with market rates. Patterson replied that the Park District is slightly less than average.

Corbett moved to approve the staff recommendation for the extension of the Licensee's existing two License Agreements with a ten-year term beginning on the "Effective Date" January 1, 2019 with payments of \$641.25 per month for one equipment rack and \$745.27 for the Base Project radio transmitters, both fees increasing 1.5% each year and an additional annual payment of \$350.00 to cover road maintenance. The Park District can expect annual revenue of approximately \$7,695.00 and \$8,943.24 respectively for these agreements. Waespi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Review 2019 Consolidated Fee Schedule: District-wide

Administrative Analyst Noah Dort presented the Committee members with both a comparison and a detailed document that captured proposed changes to the 2019 fee schedule, followed by a detailed review of the items listed.

Director Corbett requested that materials be mailed to the Committee ahead of the meeting for the 2020 schedule review.

Concessionaire Fee Requests

Item 2. Del Valle – Outback Adventures

Waespi inquired if companies used in the comparison were private or public companies. Dort replied affirmatively. Waespi suggested at some point staff should consider lowering fees, as concessions are already taxed by the Park District. Dort replied the Park District is currently at the lower end (of market fees) for the kayak rentals at Del Valle. O'Connor commented this Park District concession is a supplemental baseline service and have not raised fees since 2015.

Wieskamp inquired if staff has ability to find how each category is progressing throughout the year. Business Services Manager Mimi Waluch commented that Outback Adventures submits a monthly sales reports to staff that displays items line-by-line. Staff has the capability to compare usership from year-to-year.

Item 3. Lake Chabot – Redwood Canyon Public Golf Course

Wieskamp inquired if the price increase was requested by the concession. Dort replied affirmatively.

Public Use Fee Recommendations

Item 9. Del Valle – Cabin Camping

Corbett inquired on the cost per night. Dort replied \$100.

Item 10. Cull Canyon & Don Castro

O'Connor mentioned that although the increase appears significant, it allows groups to pay fees upfront. This has been a significant issue at Don Castro, where some members of reserved groups arrive early, but because the swim area reaches capacity fairly early in the day, additional members of the group who arrive later are often not allowed into the beach area.

Item 11. District-wide – Parks Express Transportation Program

Corbett inquired if there are schools who are not able to afford the fees for the bus. Interpretive & Recreation Services Chief Anne Kassebaum explained that there are schools who cannot afford bus fees, however, the Kids Health Outdoor Challenge (KHOC) program allows qualifying schools to receive a free bus.

O'Connor commented that the Park District is significantly supplementing this bus service. The Park District seeks to only make minor changes to the program.

Assistant General Manager of Finance Debra Auker commented that the Consolidated Fee Schedule is created in coordination with the Finance and Management Service Department. A survey was conducted, resulting in no request for changes, moving forward the current CFS with no requested changes.

Public Speaker on Agenda Item 3

Kelly Abreu commented on parking fees, cement speed bumps at Coyote Hills, and parking fees at Mission Peak.

Corbett moved the staff recommendation that the Board Operations Committee approve and recommend to the full Board the proposed changes to the Consolidated Fee Schedule, as outlined below. If approved, the requested Consolidated Fee Schedule changes for 2019 should result in an increase of \$20,000 in concessionaire fees and an increase of \$39,560 in Public Use Fees to the District. Waespi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Dumbarton Quarry Update

Assistant General Manager Jim O'Connor provided an update on the status of the Phase I development and operation at the Dumbarton Quarry Campground. Items reviewed in the update included the potential opening date change, code requirements/enforcements, required sprinklers and charging stations, electrical capacity, and staffing needs.

Wieskamp requested to keep the Committee informed on the progress.

Corbett inquired if the Committee members can offer assistance by discussing items with colleagues on the City Council. O'Connor replied staff will work through the issues and will seek out the Committee members, if needed.

Corbett inquired if a decision has been made on a concession. O'Connor replied not at this time. Waespi inquired clarification if 10 percent of charging stations are required for the parking lot or campground. O'Connor replied yes. Waespi inquired if that could be appealed. O'Connor replied staff is working through the current process and gaining an understanding of the requirements.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

AGM Comments

- Reminder the November meeting date has been changed to November 29, 2018.

Board Comments

There were no Board comments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Valentine