

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Board Executive Committee (2/27/2014) (Wieskamp)

Present

Board: Ayn Wieskamp (Chair), Whitney Dotson, John Sutter

Staff: Ted Radosevich, Carol Johnson, Mona Koh, Brenda Montano, Jim O'Connor, Jeff Rasmussen, Dave Collins, Brad Olson, Steve Myli, Bob Nisbet, Susan Schinnerer, Eri Suzuki (Local 2428)

Public: George Manross, Ellen Barth

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

I. **EBRPD 80th Anniversary**

Assistant General Manager Carol Johnson presented this agenda item. The Park District is celebrating its 80th anniversary of rich history and unprecedented public access to the largest regional system of parks and open space in the nation. Ms. Johnson provided an overview of events and activities that will take place throughout the year to celebrate the 80th anniversary, including free park days, mayors' challenge, anniversary summer concert series, and anniversary gala. Director Wieskamp asked for details of the dedication of Vargas Plateau Regional Preserve and Dumbarton Quarry, and requested that staff provide monthly updates. Acting General Manager Ted Radosevich noted that with respect to Vargas, the District is still working on obtaining permits and the City of Fremont is working on road improvements. Staff will provide additional details at the next Committee meeting. The Committee had detailed discussions about the anniversary gala venue proposals and budget costs. The goal is to have the Park District pay a small percentage of the costs and to have sponsors pay for the rest of the costs. Mr. Radosevich thanked Ms. Johnson for her work and noted that there are numerous events being planned throughout the next sixth months to celebrate the District's 80th anniversary.

Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.

2. Community Survey: Final Results for 2013 Phone Survey

Dr. George Manross of SRI presented the final results of the 2013 phone survey, providing a brief overview of the methodology, survey questions, and results. Survey results show that 87% of people surveyed are aware of the existence of the Park District and 85% exercise as part of their daily routine. Dr. Manross discussed usage data regarding the District's parks and trails noting that 79% believe there is a connection between nature and one's mental and physical health and well-being. Spending patterns while visiting the Park District is a critical component of the survey, with 43% of people spending less than \$5 per visit. The data is important in analyzing the economic impacts of the Park District in the regional economy, and will be analyzed by Economic Planning Systems. The Committee requested that SRI provide more data on dogs and bikers. Copies of the survey results will be provided to the full Board.

Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.

3. Breuner Marsh Restoration Project Update

Environmental Programs Manager Brad Olson presented this agenda item. Mr. Olson showed a map of the 150-acre project area which is located in Pt. Pinole. The project design is nearly complete and most of the permits will be obtained by April. The total estimated cost is \$8 million, with the vast majority of monies coming from local, state and federal grants. Director Dotson asked for clarification about grant sources, and whether additional grants are available. Mr. Olson worked closely with Grants Manager Jeff Rasmussen on obtaining the grants. Mr. Radosevich commented that the District has a history of completing projects and successfully obtaining key grants. Staff anticipates that the project will commence at the end of June; however, that timeframe is contingent upon the presence of Clapper rails and the weather. The Committee thanked Mr. Olson for his work and looked forward to opening the area to the general public.

Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.

4. Peralta Oaks Projects

Facilities Manager Steve Myli provided the Committee with an update on several building improvement projects at Peralta Oaks administration building. The projects fall into three categories: energy efficiency improvement projects; move, add, and/or change space reconfigurations; and life safety projects. Energy efficient improvement projects include replacement of the HVAC system and boiler replacement project. Another improvement project currently underway is the new Board Room reconfiguration. Staff is working with an outside consultant on the final design and layout, which is expected to be completed by the end of March. The estimated construction time is approximately one month. Staff also updated the Committee on the reconfiguration of the Finance Department and the conversion of the lower lawn area to a parking lot to provide for an additional 44 parking space. Director Sutter asked that staff look at the possibility of using the EBMUD property for a new parking lot, and requested that staff bring this item to the next liaison committee meeting. Director Wieskamp

recommended that staff look into carpet replacement. Mr. Myli responded that he is working with the Design Department on finding suitable options.

Recommendation: None. This was an informational item.

Mr. Radosevich reminded the Committee that the next meeting is scheduled for March 13, and staff will be providing an update on several land use plans. Director Wieskamp asked that staff provide the Committee with an update on Mission Peak.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng