

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Board Executive Committee (11/12/2015) (Dotson)

Present

Board: Whitney Dotson, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp

Staff: Debra Auker, Becky Pheng, Larry Tong, Bob Nisbet, Jim O'Connor, Sean Dougan, Jeff Rasmussen

Public: Eri Suzuki (Local 2428)

The meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m.

I. Ivan Dickson Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program

Sean Dougan, Regional Trails Manager, presented this agenda item. He provided an overview of the program, which is going into its 19<sup>th</sup> year. The program was established in honor of the late Ivan Dickson who enjoyed hiking along the regional trails. When Mr. Dickson passed way in 1993, he left both a request and bequest to the Park District to take care of the trails. The funds from his bequest are allocated to sponsor and support trail maintenance projects.

Mr. Dougan presented a PowerPoint of the various trail projects and volunteer projects that have been organized throughout the past several years. Staff organizes approximately 8 – 10 events per year at various locations. Volunteers work side-by-side with trained staff on pruning, trail tread maintenance, and installation of specialized trail structures. The program is supported by corporate sponsors and organizations including REI, VOCAL, Tilden-Wildcat Horseman's Association, Clif Bar, and Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. REI is the largest corporate sponsor of the project, donating over \$160,000 to date. Staff plans to undertake more outreach in the next few years in hopes of attracting more corporate donors. Mr. Dougan talked briefly about the *Ivan Dickson Multi-Cultural Day*, which has been held annually for the past four years. This event integrates the ethnic communities of the Bay Area with various volunteer trail projects, and has been successful.

Director Wieskamp suggested that Mr. Dougan work with Public Affairs to undertake surveys and community outreach. She thanked all the volunteers for their work, and noted that this is a

great program for people to get involved with. Director Siden also noted that this is a great program and recommended that staff work with Grants to find ways to obtain more funding.

**Recommendation: None. This is an informational item.**

## **2. Planning and GIS Work Plan Update**

Larry Tong, Chief of Planning and GIS, presented this agenda item. Mr. Tong went through the list of land use plans, major CEQA, and permitting projects in progress. Some of the projects that have been completed or will be completed in 2015 include: Lake Temescal permitting, Pleasanton Ridge – Castleridge Checklist Amendment, Mission Peak – Stanford Avenue Staging Area EIR, and Dunsmuir Heights to Chabot Regional Trail MND. He explained that for major plans, the process can take up to three years.

Director Wieskamp asked staff to clarify the status of the Pleasanton Ridge – Castleridge Checklist Amendment. Mr. Tong replied that it was brought to the Board Executive Committee earlier this year for review and committee. It has not been presented to the PAC and full Board. Staff is still working with the City of Pleasanton on the details of an agreement. Staff spoke briefly about the Stanford Avenue Staging Area EIR process. The first public workshop was held on November 9. Staff hopes to bring the project before the full Board in spring 2016. Other notable planning projects include the Concord Hills LUP and EIR, Black Diamond Mines – Arata LUPA and MND, and Miller/Knox LUPA and MND/EIR. Director Siden requested that staff provide an update on the landbank properties at the next Board workshop. He also inquired about the GSA / Crown Beach properties and when it will be on the planning work plan. Bob Nisbet, Assistant General Manager, responded that a property evaluation will need to be undertaken first. The Committee thanked staff for all their work. Debra Auker, Assistant General Manager, noted that the draft 2016 Budget includes funding for some LUPs projects. The Board will be given a copy of the draft 2016 Budget at the next Board meeting.

**Recommendation: None. This is an informational item.**

## **3. Public Comment**

None.

## **4. Board Comments**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng