

The Board Meeting, which was held on August 9, 2016 at the East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA was called to order at 11:32 a.m. by Board President Siden.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Doug Siden, President
Beverly Lane, Vice President
Dennis Waespi, Treasurer
Diane Burgis, Secretary
John Sutter
Ayn Wieskamp

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson

This closed session portion of the meeting was held in the Board Room. Director Burgis was absent during roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mark Pearson, President Local 2428, read a statement into the record that was handed out to the Board in advance. Meadow Darcy, Sargent of Arms for Local 2428, was present.

Director Burgis arrived.

Kelly Abreu spoke regarding the shutdown of Vargas Plateau.

At this time, the Board of Directors met in **Closed Session** to discuss those items outlined on the agenda.

The **Open Session** of the Board Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Board President Siden.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Jim O'Connor, Liz Musbach, Mark Pearson, Aaron Roth, Julie Schirmer, Bill Zenoni, Noah Dort, Michael McNally, Tim Anderson, Larry Tong, Ira Bletz, Kelly Barrington, Mark Ragatz, Matt Graul, Sukari Beshears, Carolyn Jones, Glenn Gilchrist, Jeff Rasmussen, Lisa Baldinger, John Bouyea, Mona Koh, Sean Dougan, Lt. Al Love, Anne Kassebaum, Anthony Ciaburro, Brian Holt, Mimi Waluch, Aaron Roth, Carolyn Jones, Kristina Kelchner, Chris Barton, Julie Bondurant, Renee Patterson, Rob Lim, Dave Zuckermann.

Guests: 24 EBRPD Interns, Maria Flores Rodriguez, Penelope Crumpley.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Sutter, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised agenda. Item g was pulled and Item u was added to the agenda.

Directors For: Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,
Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson.

B. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Sukari Beshears, HR Manager introduced the 2016 interns present in the room. She explained that there are spring, summer and field interns. GM Doyle acknowledged Director Carol Severin (retired) for her instrumental work to start the Intern program, and he thanked the field staff for their continued facilitation of the program.

Carol Victor, District Counsel, acknowledged Maria Flores Rodriquez as her mentee.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were several public comments on various topics; most related to pesticide use in the parks, and statements were read into the record.

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Sutter, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar. Item g was pulled and item u was added to the Consent Calendar.

Directors For: Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter,
Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of June 20, 2016 to July 10, 2016
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 199 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of July 19, 2016
- c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 200 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Enter into an Agricultural Lease Agreement and Right of Entry Permit with the State of California, Department of Transportation: Ardenwood Historic Farm Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 201 (attached)
- e. Authorization to Exercise a Ten-year Option to Renew the Public Safety Air Support Unit Lease Located at 20876 Corsair Boulevard, Hayward, and Enter into a Lease Renewal with La Fountain Properties
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 202 (attached)

Director Sutter asked if staff tried to negotiate an additional tenure option and whether staff considered purchasing the property. John Bouyea, Senior Land Acquisition Specialist, responded that staff did negotiate another 10 year option, but the property is not for sale at this time.

- f. Authorization to Enter Into a Cooperative Funding Agreement with CEMEX Construction Materials Pacific, LLC, and RMC Pacific Materials, LLC, for the Design and Construction of a Segment of the Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Trail in Livermore: Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle Trail
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 203 (attached)

Director Wieskamp congratulated staff on the work done on this project.

- h. Authorization to Award a Contract to Alaniz Construction, Inc. for Asphalt Maintenance: Don Castro Regional Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 204 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Renew a License Agreement with North Peak Equestrian: Diablo Foothills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 205 (attached)
- j. Authorization to Award a Contract to Gallant Builders for Piedmont Stables Improvements: Redwood Regional Park
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 206 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Accept Funds from the Regional Parks Foundation to Support the Design and Construction of the Shadow Cliffs Interpretive Pavilion: Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 207 (attached)

Director Wieskamp expressed her gratitude for the Harrington family's donation. Juliana Schirmer, Regional Park Foundation Development Director, also thanked the family for their generous donation.

- l. Authorization to Award a Contract to R&M Paving Contractors, Inc. for Asphalt Maintenance: Contra Loma Regional Park
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 208 (attached)
- m. Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the California Urban Rivers Grant Program Under the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) for the McCosker Creek Restoration and Public Access Project at Sibley Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 209 (attached)

Director Sutter complimented staff and thanked them for moving the process forward.

- n. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the McCosker Creek Restoration and Public Access Project at Sibley Regional Preserve
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 210 (attached)

Director Sutter complimented staff and thanked them for moving the process forward.

- o. Authorization to Award Consultant Contract to Goettel and Associate, Inc. for Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Transfer and Appropriate Grant Funds: District-wide
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 211 (attached)

- p. Authorization to Establish the Classification, Unit Designation and Salary Range for Senior Graphic Designer and Senior Environmental Graphics Specialist; Delete 1.0 FTE Environmental Graphics Multimedia Supervisor position; Add 1.0 FTE Senior Environmental Graphics Specialist; Upgrade 1.0 FTE position to Senior Graphic Designer; and Amend the 2016 Budget: Public Affairs Division
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 212 (attached)

Director Sutter asked the annual cost for this change. AGM Johnson stated that the annual change is less than \$10,000 to this year's budget going forward it will be handled through the annual budget process. A member of the public, Kelly Abreu, spoke against the closure of Vargas Plateau which should not restrict bicycle and walking entry. Director Lane asked who is restricted from entering Vargas Plateau. Carol Victor, District Counsel said the park was closed by the courts and it is closed to all of the public, no matter how they access the park.

- q. Establish Management Salary Range MG 11 for the General Manager Classification
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 213 (attached)

- r. Approval of Re-Appointment of Paul D. Chapman
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 214 (attached)

Director Sutter acknowledged the work of Paul D. Chapman in this JPA.

- s. Resolution to Support Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP)
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 215 (attached)

Director Lane asked for a small presentation on this site which emphasizes the possibilities of the Park District receiving funds. Sean Dougan, Trail Development Program Manager, stated that all funds were accounted for and funds are for roads and streets. Director Burgis added that trails are also used as safe routes to school. Lane stated her interest in having staff address the northern part of the Iron Horse Trail.

- t. Resolution to Recognize 15 Years of Excellent Work by the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Center
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 216 (attached)

Director Sutter acknowledged Congresswoman Barbara Lee for getting legislation pushed through and Director Siden who was been on the MLK board for many years. GM Doyle remarked that at the celebration where Lee and Harris were the emcee's, Director Siden was recognized for his leadership.

- u. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for General Manager Robert E. Doyle to attend the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 217 (attached)

2. ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP DIVISION

By motion of Director Sutter, and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 2a.

Directors For: Diane Burgis, Beverly Lane Doug Siden, John Sutter,
Dennis Waespi, Ayn Wieskamp.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson.

- a. Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Albany Regarding Future Development and Management Responsibilities of the Albany Bulb: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 218 (attached)

Bob Nisbet, AGM ASD began with some background on Eastshore State Park. Each of the Board were given copies of the MOU. Director Sutter asked about the language in the report that reads ... “some or all of the improvements”, and asked if it is worth further exploration. Nisbet replied that Albany (City) will maintain this property with area(s) designated for no dogs and/or dogs on leash. The City is the first responder. Penelope Crumpley, Albany City Manager, was present and stated that this is a necessary step. Director Lane asked about using the word “most” in the above sentence fragment. GM Doyle added additional details and asked Crumpley to elaborate. GM Doyle stated that the District has a 30-year operating agreement with Eastshore. Ed Bennett (CESP), Robert Cheasty (Eastshore State Park executive director) and Ellen Barth spoke about this multi-use park project. Lane complimented Chris Barton and staff on their work on this project. Wieskamp thanked the citizens of Albany and staff for their work. Lane and Sutter asked that the language in the following italicized portion of the sentence of the MOU, Section 3, first sentence be inserted and then added as an amendment to the MOU. The sentence reads...Based on the implementation plans and ...“the city will construct *most or all of the recreation and habitat enhancement improvements*” prior to establishment of a long term lease

Director Burgis left the meeting at this time.

3. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 3a.

Directors For: Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Director Against: None.
Directors Absent: Diane Burgis, Whitney Dotson.

- a. Authorization to Amend the 2016 Budget for Mid-Year Appropriations and Transfers
Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 219 (attached)

Pam Burnor, Budget Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation. Burnor walked the Board through the report and the One Time General Fund Appropriations. Director Sutter had questions on the contingency reserve funds and vegetation funding. Chief Anderson explained the importance of the study on the radio system per questions raised by Director Siden. Director Siden also had questions on pg. 112 which Burnor explained that the monies came out of Finance’s cleanup of Measure AA.

By motion of Director Waespi, seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve item 3b.

Directors For: Beverly Lane, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Whitney Dotson, Diane Burgis.

- b. Authorization to Amend the 2016 Budget for Mid-Year Appropriations to the Major Infrastructure Renovation and Replacement Fund (Fund 553) for Various Projects: District-wide Resolution No. 2016 – 08 – 220 (attached)

Jeff Rasmussen, Asst. Finance Officer, gave a brief overview of the 7 projects. Rasmussen and Kelly Barrington, Chief of MAST, provided responses to questions asked by Director's Lane and Sutter.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

- a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

Deputy General Manager Doyle discussed the items listed on the staff report.

Director Wieskamp requested a traffic study at Ardenwood Technology Park. Director Waespi attended the San Leandro City Council meeting. Director Sutter commented that the CA Highway Patrol are evicting people from under the area of Gilman in Berkeley.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM Doyle introduced, Dave Zuckermann, Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager. The presentation Preserved Forever, traced the history of the 1934 Park District map. The relief map was built by Ansel Hall and is based on the Olmsted/Hall Report. This map was installed at the Tilden EEC.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Victor stated that by a vote of 7 to 0 the Board denied the legal claim of Harika Indugula et. al.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee (7/01/16) (Siden)
Director Siden said there are so many retirees that it has put a burden on Human Resources.

- b. Finance Committee (5/25/16) (Waespi)
c. Natural & Cultural Resources Committee (5/02/16) (Lane)
d. Operations Committee (4/21/16) (Sutter)
e. Operations Committee (3/17/16) (Sutter)

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the Bay Area Backyard Collective;

- Attended the PAC Barbecue at Black Diamond Mines;
- Attended the MLK Rally Committee Meeting;
- Attended the San Leandro Historical Society meeting;
- Attended the Golden Gate Live Steamers 80th Anniversary;
- Attending the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attending the Cajun Zydeco Festival;
- Attending the Regional Parks Foundation Board meeting;
- Attending the Operations Committee meeting.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Atlas Bridge installation;
- Attended the State of the Tri Valley Luncheon;
- Attended a meeting on the National Park Service Hike;
- Visited Shadow Cliffs;
- Attended the PAC Barbecue at Black Diamond Mines.

Lane thanked Jim O'Connor for the matrix on Operation's training sessions.

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the retirement celebrations of Darryl Jones and Bruce Lagasse and acknowledged retirements of Vince Green and Sharon Corkin;
- Attend the Finance Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board tour at Pt. Pinole;
- Played golf at Redwood Canyon Golf Course, doing quite well;
- Attended the Multicultural Wellness Walk at Quarry Lakes.

Waespi congratulated Mona Koh and all staff for putting together the Multicultural Wellness walks.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Board tour at Pt. Pinole and Breuner Marsh;
- Attended the SPUR meeting;
- Attended the SFBRA meeting.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Operations Committee meeting;
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting;
- Met with Deputy GM Ana Alvarez;
- Attended the Supervisor's Haggarty's Barbecue;
- Attended the Board tour at Pt. Pinole.

Wieskamp read some of the obituary's of Mary C. Warren and Frank Interbitzen. Wieskamp mentioned the possibility of having a plaque to honor Interbitzen at Mission Peak on "Franks Hill".

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm by Board President Doug Siden in honor of Mary C. Warren by Director Wieskamp.

Respectfully submitted:
/s/ Yolande Barial Knight
Clerk of the Board