

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

d. Operations (Thursday, April 21, 2016) (Sutter)

Present

Board: Directors John Sutter (Chair), Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Mimi Waluch, Renee Patterson, Mark Ragatz, Alicia Gonzales, Denise Valentine, Noah Dort, Dan Sykes, Janet Gomes, Justin Neville, Nate Luna, Kelly Barrington

Guests: Rick Rickard, Judi Martin, Mona Ellison, Sandy Churchill

Agenda Item I: Board Operations Committee Tour of Anthony Chabot Equestrian Center, Skyline Ranch Equestrian Center and Piedmont Stables

Business Services Manager Mimi Waluch began with an introduction of the itinerary for the equestrian tour.

Anthony Chabot Equestrian Center

Waluch reported the Anthony Chabot Equestrian Center facility is open to the public and includes; horse boarding, group and individual instruction for adults and youth, community outreach programs, clinics and other services consistent with an equestrian center. There is a total of 65 stalls located in three separate structures, a large hay barn, manure management area, and a concession residence. Barn Manager Mona Ellison has been at the site since January 1, 2010. Fees to the District are approximately \$22,500 per year matching that to the Concession Maintenance Fund.

Waluch provided an overview of past and current projects, capacity levels, lessons, and fees for stall rentals. Ellison expressed her appreciation of the facility, District staff, and commended Waluch and Park Supervisor Janet Gomes for their approachability.

AGM Jim O'Connor requested Committee Members and District staff to introduce themselves to the Anthony Chabot Equestrian staff.

Director John Sutter inquired on what is included with boarding. Ellison replied stall cleaning 365 days a year, feeding of three times per day with choices of hay, shavings, and water. Turnout exercise is offered at an extra fee. Sutter questioned if a premium is charged for the different options in hay. Ellison replied no.

Gomes provided a detailed overview of the Rain Barrel Project and the steps taken to remedy the Poison Hemlock issue.

The group then completed the tour by viewing the hay barn, round barn, rain barrels, stalls, manure pile wall mural, and improvements completed at the site.

Skyline Ranch Equestrian Center

Waluch reported that the Skyline Ranch Equestrian Center is open to the public and includes, but not limited to; horse boarding, group and individual instruction for adults and youth, community outreach programs, education and instructional clinics; and other services consistent with the equestrian center. There is a total of 45 stalls, 28 open area paddocks, feed storage area, outdoor arena, manure management area, concession residence, and caretaker residence. The average annual general fund income is approximately \$17,500, which is matched in the Concession Maintenance Fund (CMF). The most recent project completed was the roof replacement. An electrical evaluation and correction was completed in 2014. The barn is boarding at 95% capacity. The cost to board a horse ranges from \$505 to \$525 per month. Lessons, both private and semi-private, range from \$40 to \$70 per hour.

Waluch introduced Barn Manager Judi Martin who provided an overview of programs offered at the center. O'Connor inquired if the youth have to own a horse to be a part of a program. Martin replied no. For a small fee they can use one of the center's lesson horses. Sutter inquired if therapeutic riding is offered. Martin replied the program was moved to Piedmont Stables, where there is less noise.

Gomes provided an overview of the rain barrels at the center.

The group then completed the tour by viewing the barn, rain barrels, stalls, manure pile structure, and improvements completed at the site.

Piedmont Stables

Waluch reported that the Piedmont Stables Equestrian facility is open to the public including, but not limited to; horse boarding, group and individual instruction for adults and youth, community outreach programs for horse related activities, education and instructional clinics; and other services consistent with the equestrian center. The stable with an indoor arena has 43 stalls, a lighted indoor/outdoor paddock area, outdoor lighted arena, hay barn, shavings barn, manure management area, feed storage area, club room, office, concession residence, and caretaker residence. The average general fund income is approximately \$10,200 matched to the Concession Maintenance Fund. The barn is boarding at 65%. The lessons are at approximately 80%.

Administrative Analyst Nate Luna led the group through the facility for the remainder of the tour and provided a detailed overview of improvements to be completed, which include exterior and interior maintenance projects.

The equestrian site tour was completed at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
/s/ Denise Valentine
Executive Secretary