

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

c. Board Executive Committee (11/4/2016) (Siden)

Present

Board: Doug Siden (Chair), Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane

Staff: Robert Doyle, Dr. Ana Alvarez, Becky Pheng, Bob Nisbet, Michelle Julene, Julie Bondurant, Sean Dougan, Brian Holt, Jeff Rasmussen, Erich Pfuehler

Public: Justin Neville (Local 2428)

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m.

I. Naming Options to Honor Former Director Ted Radke

Michelle Julene, Senior Planner, presented this agenda item.

Former Director Ted Radke's career in public service dates back to the early 1970s when he was elected to the Martinez City Council, with the goal of transforming the Martinez Shoreline into a park. In 1978, he was elected to EBRPD's Board of Directors, and is the longest serving Board member (1978-2014). He was also a founding member and chairman of the Martinez Waterfront Planning Agency, and worked with state and local elected officials to preserve the Martinez waterfront from development. His wife, Kathy Radke, was also an environmental advocate in the community and served on the Martinez City Council. Mr. and Mrs. Radke founded the Contra Costa Ecology Action, Environmental Information, Citizens for Better Water Quality, and Friends of Alhambra Creek.

At the request of Director Burgis and Director Lane, staff initiated a process to identify naming options to honor former Director Radke and Mrs. Radke. After careful consideration and discussion, staff narrowed the list and is bringing forth two naming options for consideration:

- Option 1: Rename Martinez Regional Shoreline to "Radke Regional Shoreline."
- Option 2: Name the existing wetland area "Radke Wetlands."

Staff discussed the pros and cons of each naming option. Option 1 provides for greater visibility and broader tribute. Option 2 is more reflective of the Radke's work in preserving the marsh and wetlands in Martinez. Currently, there are two plaques on a memorial bench in honor of Mrs. Radke and Harold and Mary Ellen Radke, parents of Mr. Radke. The Committee discussed and reflected on the career of both Mr. and Mrs. Radke, and the legacy of their work in the Martinez community.

Director Siden asked if staff has spoken with the Radke family about the naming options. Robert Doyle, General Manager, responded that staff has discussed this with the family and they are honored and welcome any name recognition. Director Dotson shared some memories that he had of Mr. Radke, and whether consideration was given to honor "Ted Radke" vs "Radke Family." Directors Siden and Lane commented on the work of both Mr. and Mrs. Radke in preserving the Martinez marsh and wetlands, and that both "Ted and Kathy" should be recognized. Several naming options were discussed, and after deliberation, the Committee recommended that Martinez Regional Shoreline be renamed "Ted and Kathy Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline" as the official park name, with park signage to read "Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline."

The next step in the process is to present this item to the Park Advisory Committee and then to the full Board of Directors. Upon adoption of the naming recommendation by the Board, Planning and GIS staff will add this name to the District's list of names to avoid future naming redundancy; GIS staff will update the park database to reflect the change; the park supervisor will install park signage; and Public Affairs staff will include this update in the next printing of park brochures, update the District's website, and host a dedication ceremony.

Recommendation: By motion of Director Beverly Lane and seconded by Director Whitney Dotson, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to recommend renaming Martinez Regional Shoreline to "Ted and Kathy Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline" in honor of former Director Ted Radke and his wife, Kath Radke. Park signage shall read "Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline."

2. Designation of Great California Delta Trail Segments

Sean Dougan, Trails Development Program Manager, presented this agenda item.

The Great California Delta Trail ("Delta Trail") was created to be a continuous regional recreational corridor through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and linking the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties. Earlier this year, the Delta Protection Commission ("Commission") designated the Big Break Regional Shoreline Trail as a segment of the Delta Trail. The Commission would like to designate the following District trails as segments of the Delta Trail network:

- Carquinez Bridge to Martinez Shoreline (existing and proposed)
- Martinez Shoreline to Point Edith (proposed)
- Delta Trail alignment (proposed Benicia Bridge to Antioch Bridge)
- Marsh Creek Trail to Delta Access (existing and proposed)

Mr. Dougan showed a map of the trail segments and proposed designation. Staff and the Committee talked about the trail alignments and access to the Delta. Director Lane asked for clarification on the proposed trail segments in the Delta Access area. Mr. Doyle commented about the City of Brentwood's development plans and the need to coordinate on any bike path that may be developed by the City.

Staff will be taking this item to the Park Advisory Committee for review and then to the full Board of Directors. With approval from the Board, the District will add Delta Trail signage and logos along the trail segments.

Recommendation: By motion of Director Beverly Lane and seconded by Director Whitney Dotson, the Board Executive Committee voted 3-0 to forward this item to the Park Advisory Committee and the full Board of Directors for favorable consideration.

I. Open Forum for Public Comments

None.

2. Board Comments

Director Lane commented that she would like information on community relations projects for the upcoming year. General Manager noted that this is typically presented to the Board Executive Committee in January or February.

Director Siden commented on the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Brazilian Room. He would like to see more recognition of the District's early history.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Doug Siden declared the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky K. Pheng

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