

The Board Meeting, which was held on April 15, 2014 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Ayn Wieskamp, President
Whitney Dotson, Vice President
Doug Siden, Secretary
Beverly Lane
Carol Severin
John Sutter

Directors Absent: Ted Radke, Treasurer.

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 2:00 p.m. by President Ayn Wieskamp.

Staff Present: GM Robert Doyle, Ted Radosevich, Dave Collins, Michelle Julene, Paul Miller, Carol Victor, Liz Musbach, Kelly Barrington, Bob Nisbet, Emily Hopkins, Jim Townsend, Matt Graul, Mona Koh, Capt. Mark Ruppenthal, Raphael Breines, Gordon Wiley.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Severin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

Directors Present: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.
Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Belk, Cindy Tsuyemura, William Hsu, Jannet Benz, Tony Pang, and Steve Shen addressed the Board regarding Mission Peak. They commented that the popularity of the park has caused habitat destruction, trail damage and graffiti to the park as well as traffic and trash problems for homeowners living in the surrounding areas. They added that social media has also contributed to the overuse of Mission Peak. They asked that the District not build any new parking lots, collaborate with the City of Fremont to immediately institute tiered hiker fees and permit-only parking, market/advertise the Ohlone College entrance, and change the District's website information to direct people away from the Stanford Staging area. They also emphasized that they did not want the park closed but instead want it managed as it is a wonderful resource, so that both the park as well as the surrounding neighborhoods are preserved. Several photos were also provided to highlight their concerns. They also mentioned the detrimental effect on the ability of public safety personnel to respond to emergencies due to the vehicular traffic caused by park users, stating that the neighborhood streets were not built for this kind of heavy use. They noted that people still come to the park despite the curfew postings. It was requested that this item be added to the next Board meeting agenda for resolution.

GM Doyle commented that the District takes this issue very seriously and is a problem that has grown exponentially, and that staff is very aware of the trail damage caused by overuse and is addressing that situation. He added that the City of Fremont has to be part of the solution and that the District has made a legal and

political commitment to the City to conduct an EIR, which is under process at the moment. GM Doyle assured that there will be many opportunities for additional public comments during the EIR process. He stated that the District has been trying to work with Ohlone College for the last several years about improving the parking lot to the college-side entrance of the park but have been unsuccessful. In terms of social media, GM Doyle and Director Wieskamp asked that it also be used by the residents to share how they are being impacted by overuse of Mission Peak. Director Lane suggested that today's speakers also appear before the two other agencies: Ohlone College and the City of Fremont. Director Sutter added that it would be very effective if they could attend the Ohlone College Board meetings also as their Board members are also elected officials and the residents are their constituents.

Sue Morgan, Cindy Margulis and Linda Vallee addressed the Board regarding the Snowy Plovers at Crown Beach, which they stated are being disturbed at the beach. They acknowledged that signs have been put up by District staff since their group last appeared before the Board, but stated that it did not offer enough protection against human disturbance and requested that fencing be installed as well. The speakers stated that the District has an obligation to protect the Snowy Plovers as it is an endangered, protected species.

Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship, stated that a dedicated intern will be provided in late summer/fall to do some additional monitoring, although some interns from other projects have already been working there. He added that the Department of Fish and Wildlife agrees with staff's plan to put fencing only when nesting activity is evident, which staff is ready to do. This has not been done as the plovers observed 1-1/2 weeks ago showing breeding plumage have not been seen since.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.

Directors For: Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp,
John Sutter.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: Ted Radke.

C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of March 10, 2014 through March 23, 2014
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 – 091 (attached)

C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of March 18, 2013

C-I-c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 – 092 (attached)

C-I-d. Authorization to Purchase Additional High Capacity Disk Storage Equipment, Software
and Consulting Services from Lilien Systems, Inc.
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 – 093 (attached)

C-I-e. Authorization to Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds to Complete
Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Studies for the San Francisco Bay Trail at
Lone Tree Point: San Francisco Bay Trail
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 – 094 (attached)

- C-1-f. Authorization to Appropriate Revenue and Amend the 2014 Alameda County Trails Unit Budget
Resolution No. 2014 – 04 – 095 (attached)

2. LAND DIVISION

- C-2-a. Update on Active Trail Projects: North Contra Costa County Shoreline

Jim Townsend, Trails Development Program Manager, presented a brief update on active trail projects along the North Contra Costa Shoreline:

- Richmond/San Rafael Bridge – a plan has been prepared by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Toll Authority and the Transportation Agency of Marin that proposes the addition of a “rush-hour” traffic lane, with the community and Caltrans advocating successfully for the inclusion of a bicycle lane all the way across the bridge as part of the project;
- Pt. Molate Easement – the District has recently finalized and recorded the first of two easements that will be provided by Chevron Corporation as part of an agreement the District entered into three years ago to include a Bay Trail spur through Point Molate;
- Breuner Marsh Restoration and Public Access – the first phase of the project in the amount of \$4 million for marsh restoration is currently out to bid and is scheduled to break ground late summer 2014;
- Atlas Road Bridge – this is the planned second entrance to Point Pinole, with construction tentatively planned to go out to bid in late 2014;
- Steelscape Property – this has just been sold recently and, as a District a condition for development, a trail easement will be provided;
- Pinole Shore to Bayfront Park – project is an effort to construct a grade separation of bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and will connect the District’s existing Pinole Shores Bay Trail segment to Bay Front Park in Pinole;
- Hercules Intermodal Center (BioRad) – project will construct a 1/2 mile segment of Bay Trail across the BioRad property, with the City of Hercules agreeing to take on the operation and maintenance;
- Lone Tree Point – a small but significant section of Bay Trail to be constructed on District property, staff is now initiating feasibility study to check the alignment alternatives and environmental opportunities and constraints;
- Martinez Intermodal to Crockett – this is the damaged, closed section of the Carquinez Scenic Drive and is expected to be finished September 2014 costing approximately \$6.5 million;
- Nejedly to Grangers Wharf – this is a short segment of the Bay Trail from the staging area at the end Berrellesa Avenue within the railroad right-of-way and negotiations are continuing.

3. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

General Manager Robert Doyle reported on the items listed on the staff report.

4. GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENTS

GIS Coordinator David Drueckhammer gave a presentation showing the District’s GIS applications. He also highlighted the newly-released ActivityFinder application which was developed to encourage and assist the public in discovering various activities available throughout the District.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

There were no announcements from the Closed Session.

6. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Attended the Operations Division's Staff Recognition Breakfast;
- Attended the retirement event for HR Manager Susan Gonzales;
- Attended the Board Executive Committee meeting;
- Went to Bay Trail spur next to the Bay Bridge and observed that it was well-used, even on a windy day.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the Board Executive Committee meeting;
- Will be attending the press conference at Point Molate scheduled on April 16 and the Point Molate Beach Park opening on April 19;
- Will be attending the Breuner Marsh Dedication on April 22.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended the retirement event for Susan Gonzales, HR Manager;
- Announced that the Spring Eggscramble at Crab Cove in Alameda was held last Saturday, April 12 with over 1,000 in attendance;
- Conducted his coffee appreciation meeting for Crown Beach staff this morning;
- Announced that the Friends of Crown Beach has gathered enough signatures to have a ballot in the November elections to keep the GSA property as open space;
- Attended the CA Trails and Greenways Conference in Palm Springs from April 8 – 10.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the retirement event for HR Manager Susan Gonzales;
- Attended the Walnut Creek Watershed Council meeting;
- Announced that the Friends of San Ramon Creek will be part of the Earth Day festivities at the Danville Library, with the District's Mobile Visitor Center and naturalist also participating;
- Attended the Elected Women's meeting in Danville;
- Attended the April 12 Sunol Wildflower event and participated in Sen. Ellen Corbett's walking tour;
- Had a loop hike along the area of Iron Horse Trail - Las Trampas - Mount Diablo trail;
- Will be giving a history tour of Hap Magee Ranch Park;
- Announced that the Danville Museum will display the 80th Anniversary exhibit from the Environmental Graphics Department before it is displayed at the Alameda County Fairgrounds;
- Met with former Park Director Paul Badger's grandson;
- Appreciated receiving the 80th anniversary pins and asked if each employee will be provided pins soon as she is concerned with getting these to them on time. Community Relations Manager Mona Koh stated that bids are being secured for a third party to package and send out the pins, including a stainless steel water bottle and scarf.

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended her regularly scheduled Board and Board Committee meetings;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference in Livermore;
- Will be attending the Special Park Districts Forum in Orange County.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference in Livermore;
- Attended the Board Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Elected Women's meeting in Danville;

- On April 12, attended the Sunol Wildflower event and toured Mission Peak with Park Supervisor Gordon Wiley;
- Conducted a tour of Coyote Hills and Dumbarton Quarry with Matt Macdonald, the new supervisor at Coyote Hills, on April 13;
- Will be attending Newark's State of the City event on April 17;
- Will be attending the April 22 New Hire Orientation at the Trudeau Center;
- Will have a tour of Pleasanton Ridge before the retirement of Steve Quick, Park Supervisor.

D. ADJOURNMENT

President Wieskamp adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido
Clerk of the Board