

The Board Meeting, which was held on December 16, 2014 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland CA 94605 was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Board President Ayn Wieskamp.

ROLL CALL

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

Directors Absent: None.

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

The Closed Session was adjourned at 12:35 pm for a scheduled Special Reception for Directors Ted Radke and Carol Severin who are both retiring at the end of 2014.

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, Dave Collins, Jim O'Connor, Debra Auker, Bob Nisbet, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Capt. Mark Ruppenthal, Carol Victor, Mona Koh, Liz Musbach, Mimi Waluch, Jeff Rasmussen, Mark Ragatz, Jim Townsend, Brian Holt, Sukari Beshears, Kristina Kelchner, Kelly Barrington, Erich Pfuehler, Chris Barton, Matt Graul, Bismarck Blanco, Quynh Truong, Pam Burnor, Sara Rieck, Doug Bell, Nadine Vargas, Annie Rivoire, Larry Tong, Beth Stone, Suzanne Wilson.

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, Ted Radke, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, Ayn Wieskamp, John Sutter.

Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sen. Mark DeSaulnier presented a resolution to Directors Ted Radke and Carol Severin on behalf of CA State Senate delegation (DeSaulnier, Hancock, Wolk, Corbett, Wieckowski) commemorating their exemplary service to the residents of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The Board also wished Sen. DeSaulnier success as he continues his work in Washington, DC as a Representative.

District Director Satinder Mahli, representing State Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla, and District Director Deborah Cox, representing State Assemblyman Bill Quirk and newly-elected State Senator Bob Wieckowski, extended their thanks, congratulations and best wishes to retiring Board members Radke and Severin.

Kelly Abreau addressed the Board to protest the modified shortened hours at Mission Peak, stating that it would now prevent the once-a-year trip to the top of Mission Peak by a local high school teacher and his class to watch the sunrise. He added that the marker at the peak should be designated as a cultural resource and asked for the immediate addition of more toilets in the area.

Kent Duke thanked the Board for the restoration work done at Mission Peak, but hoped that something could be done to change the newly adopted hours since it is during the early morning hours that he goes to Mission Peak and the modified hours will now prevent him from doing so.

John Maunder of the Chabot Gun Club addressed the Board, stating that on September 2, 2014 the club submitted a rate increase request that has not been responded to by staff.

Dylan Radke congratulated his father, retiring Board member Ted Radke, on his 38 years of service to the Park District, adding that he has been an inspiration to the entire family.

The Board unanimously expressed their appreciation and admiration to both Directors Ted Radke and Carol Severin on their great service to the public and the Park District.

There was a short break at this time for a reception in honor of retiring Board members Ted Radke and Carol Severin.

Director Ted Radke left the meeting after the reception.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of November 3, 2014 through November 16, 2014
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 303 (attached)
- b. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of October 21, 2014
- c. Certification of Election Results and Resolution Declaring Four Candidates Elected as Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 304 (attached)
- d. Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund for Mobile Education Outreach Staffing
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 305 (attached)
- e. Authorization of a One-Year Contract Extension with Strategy Research Institute
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 306 (attached)

- f. Approval of Amendment to Employment Agreement of the General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 307 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 308 (attached)
- h. Authorization to Appropriate and Transfer Funds for Land Acquisition Department Projects
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 309 (attached)
- i. Authorization to Amend the Contract with Rural Pig Management, Inc. for Feral Pig Control on District Lands
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 310 (attached)
- j. Authorization to Award a Sole Source Contract to ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. and Appropriate Measure WW Development Funds to Acquire Resource Agency Permits for the Tyler Ranch Staging Area and Trail Connections: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 311 (attached)
- k. Authorization to Modify Staffing in the Planning/GIS Department to Use Existing Funds to Establish a 1.0 FTE Park Planner I Position and Amend the 2015 Budget: Acquisition, Stewardship & Development Division
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 312 (attached)
- l. Authorization to Enter into a Telecommunications Vault Lease Agreement with the State of California, Department of General Services, for the Placement of Radios and Circuit Connectivity at Mt. Diablo
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 313 (attached)
- m. Award of Contract to Print and Authorization to Distribute Regional in Nature Publication
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 314 (attached)
- n. Acceptance of the Third Quarter 2014 General Fund and Other Governmental Funds Financial Reports
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 315 (attached)
- o. Approval of Appointments of Lou Ann Texeira and Robert Wilkins to the Park Advisory Committee
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 316 (attached)
- p. Approval of Re-Appointment of Mary Ellen Tong to the Chabot Space & Science Center Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 317 (attached)
- q. Authorization to Purchase Golf Course Maintenance Equipment from Willow Park Public Golf Course, a Limited Partnership and Amend the 2014 Budget: Lake Chabot Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 318 (attached)

Bob Maddow, attorney representing the Willow Park Golf Course Partnership, addressed the Board to express their appreciation for District staff involved in the negotiations as their contract to operate the golf course comes to an end, adding that there are a few more issues that need attention.

2. GENERAL MANAGER

a. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of the 2015 Operating and Project Budgets for the
East Bay Regional Park District
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 319 (attached)

By motion of Director Severin and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-2-a:

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

Dave Collins, AGM for Finance and Management Services, stated that this is the continuation of the first public hearing conducted at the last Board meeting, with comments provided then and at today's meeting to be incorporated into the final version of the Budget. The following specific items as requested at the first public hearing will be adjusted and incorporated into the 2015 Adopted Operating and Project Budgets:

Volume 1:

- Revise District map to include recent acquisitions.
- Add updated five year forecast of revenues and expenditures table in the Budget Overview Section B.
- Complete all Section B narratives and schedules that were awaiting final budget amounts or information.
- Update FTE changes that are newly approved through the end of 2014.

Volume 2:

- Update project budgets to reflect changes through 1/1/2015.
- Update project data and expenditure actuals through the end of 12/31/2014.
- Add or change photographs and location maps to selected projects in Volume 2.

Director Wieskamp opened the Public Hearing at this time; there being no one from the public to offer comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

3. ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

a. Point Pinole Regional Shoreline – Atlas Road Bridge

- (1) Authorization to Amend Existing Consultant Contract for Engineering Services, Enter into Consultant Contract for Construction Management Services and Enter into Contract with Utility Purveyor to Provide Gas and Electrical Distribution Service as Required for the Atlas Road Extension and Public Access Improvement Project: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 320 (attached)

By motion of Director Dotson and seconded by Director Lane, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-a (1):

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

- (2) Authorization to Accept an Easement from Union Pacific Railroad Company and to Enter Into a Supplemental Agreement to the Highway Overpass Crossing Agreement with the City of Richmond and Union Pacific Railroad Company for the Construction, Maintenance and Use of the New Atlas Road Bridge: Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 321 (attached)

By motion of Director Dotson and seconded by Director Sutter, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-a (2):

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

Diane Althoff, Chief of Design, provided a brief presentation on these two items and gave a brief summary of the project history:

- 1992 – City of Richmond adopts EIR for Pt. Pinole Mixed Use Development; work to include bridge over railroad.
- 1996 – Park District acquires 182 acres Pt. Pinole Properties.
- 1998 – Board adopts Pt. Pinole Land Use Plan Amendment; to add “Banana” parcel; Atlas Bridge identified as new regional access off Richmond Parkway.
- 2006 – District enters into Cooperative Funding Agreement whereby District to build bridge & City to own/maintain.
- 2007 – District receives \$1.47M in assessment district funds from City (summer).
- 2009 – District hires Mark Thomas & Co to perform bridge engineering (fall).
- 2015 - Project ready to bid

She stated that the project envisions the accomplishment of the following major goals:

- Direct, regional vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle access off the Richmond Parkway into the northeast portion of Pt. Pinole.
- SF Bay Trail connection over an active UP railroad corridor; another major gap closure.
- Development of new utility distribution services to Point Pinole for new facility development, including:
 - Phase I Public Access Improvements
 - Visitor Center
 - Replacement Service Yard

GM Doyle and AGM Collins stated that there will be a broader Board discussion on funds availability/sources at the upcoming Board workshops.

- b. Authorization to Award a Contract to Placeworks for Preparation of a Land Use Plan and Environmental Impact Report and Appropriate, Transfer, and Encumber Previously Appropriated and Unappropriated Funds to Support Planning and Acquisition Related Expenses for the Concord Hills Regional Park Project:
Concord Hills Regional Park
Resolution No. 2014 – 12 - 322 (attached)

By motion of Director Lane and seconded by Director Siden, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-b:

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

Senior Planner Brian Holt provided a brief presentation on this item to award the contract in the amount \$457,435 to prepare a land use plan and an EIR. Board members unanimously expressed their appreciation for the success of negotiations with all agencies involved given the complex issues they faced; GM Doyle also clarified that staff is confident that the land transfer from the Department of Navy will proceed.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

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

GM Doyle discussed those items listed on the staff report.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Erich Pfuehler, Government Relations and Legislative Affairs Manager, and Lisa Baldinger, Legislative Policy and Social Media Intern, gave a short presentation on the Park District's pilot social media and public policy program. They stated that its goal is to use technology to allow the District to position itself to effectively communicate with policy makers.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Finance Committee | (11-19-2014) | (Wieskamp) |
| b. | Legislative Committee | (10-24-2014) | (Sutter) |
| c. | Operations Committee | (09-23-2014) | (Lane) |
| d. | Operations Committee | (10-23-2014) | (Lane) |
| e. | Workforce Diversity Committee | (10-08-2014) | (Siden) |

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Severin did not provide any reports at this meeting.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane:

- Attended the opening of the Shady Slope Trail bridge at Sycamore Valley Open Space;
- Attended the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee meeting, wherein District Steve Bobzien showed photos of wildlife taken by remote cameras at Sunol;
- Attended a Borel Ranch walk-through with Susan Imboden, Tracy Parent and Don Wood;
- Attended the Leadership Council for the East Bay meeting where she was able to speak with Supervisor Candace Andersen regarding the staging area for the Las Trampas to Mount Diablo Regional Trail;
- Attended the Elected Women's Lunch;
- Participated in the Republican Women's project called Wreaths Across America, putting wreaths on veterans' gravesites;
- Will be attending the Pleasanton Liaison and Operations Committee meeting this week;
- Requested a copy of the District's Master Plan map.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended a Rotary Club of Alameda meeting wherein AGM Carol Johnson was recognized
- Attended a reception for newly-elected Alameda Councilmember Frank Mataresse;
- Attended the Economic Development Alliance Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the SF Business Times update on the City of Oakland;
- Attended the MLK Rally committee meeting;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors Conference on December 10;
- Attended the All-Managers meeting at the Trudeau Center with Ansel Hall's grandson as guest speaker;
- Attended the retirement reception for Lt. Jon King;
- Will be attending the Alameda City Council meeting tonight.

Director Sutter reported on meetings attended. Director Sutter

- Complimented staff on the 2015 Calendar;
- Attended the retirement celebration for Lt. Jon King;
- Spoke about the holiday events at Ardenwood where he brought his granddaughter;
- Attended the recent Development Reviews;
- Attended a meeting of the SF Bay Restoration Authority and indicated that the Authority would probably go for a parcel tax measure at either the June or November 2016 elections.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended a meeting of the EBRPD/City of Richmond Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Natural and Cultural Resources Committee meeting;
- Indicated his support for prioritizing the establishment of a visitor center at Pt. Pinole.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Thanked the Public Affairs Division for the various 80th Anniversary celebrations;
- Attended the Holiday Charity Luncheon;
- Attended the EBRPD/City of Fremont Liaison Committee meeting;
- Attended the Board Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Elected Women's Luncheon.

Nancy Ruenzel, widow of David Ruenzel who was fatally shot at Huckleberry Regional Preserve Park on November 25, 2014, addressed the Board to ask when the District's Board and management staff would make a decision to increase the reward to bring more awareness to the crime. She added that she and her family have received donations and would like to know if the District would participate. GM Doyle extended the District's sympathies to Ms. Ruenzel and her family, and stated that staff would be willing to meet and discuss details of the police investigation but not in an open meeting – a meeting would be scheduled with her and District staff. The Board also unanimously expressed their condolences to the entire Ruenzel family.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by President Wieskamp at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido
Clerk of the Board