

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee (1/27/11) (Lane)

Present

Board: Directors Lane (Chair), Siden, and Severin

Staff: Bob Doyle, Mike Anderson, Nancy Baglietto, Chris Barton, John Escobar, Carol Johnson, Celia McCarthy, Brad Olson, Rick Parmer, Becky Pheng, Cinde Rubaloff, Mimi Waluch, Nancy Wenninger, Brian Wiese

Public: Dolores Bengston, Carol Bledsoe, Jay Gilson (RPF), Norma Harrison, Robert Hartman, David Lunn, David Reinertson, Rand Swenson (RPF), Peter Tunney, Kristin Vorderbrueggen (Local 2428)

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m.

I. Review of Regional Parks Foundation Support for 2010 and Fundraising Goals for 2011

Jay Gilson, President of the Regional Parks Foundation (“Foundation”), gave a presentation on this item. Mr. Gilson noted that 2010 was a good year and that the Foundation met its goals. In 2010, the Foundation funded various programs, including *Junior Lifeguard* and *Summer Day Camp*; increased membership to over 7,200; and held two planned giving workshops, which were well attended. Mr. Gilson also commented on a volunteer project undertaken by Safeway, and the success of *Trails Challenge*. Director Siden asked about the number of *Trails Challenge* registrants in 2010 compared to the prior year. Nancy Baglietto responded that the number of registrants had increased.

Mr. Gilson gave an overview of the new 2011 Foundation board members and their goals for the upcoming year. Their goals include development of an iPhone application for *Trails Challenge*; focused recognition for donors; and creation of an endowment for the Botanic Garden.

Rand Swenson, Foundation Treasurer, briefly spoke about his role as treasurer and member of the Foundation’s Finance Committee. Director Lane commented about her experiences as an ex-officio member of the Foundation, and complemented the work of the Foundation. Director Severin also complemented the work of the Foundation. She inquired about the process for recruiting

Foundation board members. Mr. Gilson responded that most are through referrals. Director Siden complemented staff for their work, and noted that the Foundation board is composed of impressive people with various backgrounds. Looking ahead, Mr. Doyle would like to see more branding for the Foundation to help increase funding and growth in membership. He concluded that he is supportive of the Foundation and complemented staff on their work.

***This was an informational item and no action/recommendation was needed.***

## **2. Review and Approval of Revised Regional Parks Foundation-East Bay Regional Park District Agreement**

Bob Doyle, General Manager, introduced this item stating that the proposed changes to the agreement are minor. Director Siden asked for clarification about section 3.3 of the agreement—employee as independent contractor. Nancy Baglietto responded that the Foundation does not employ its own staff, but rather Park District employees are assigned to duties related to the Foundation. Director Siden also asked who should sign the agreement—the President of the Park District Board or General Manager. Mr. Doyle responded that historically, the General Manager is the Park District’s representative and responsible party reporting to the Board. Similar to other contracts and agreements, the General Manager is authorized to sign on behalf of the Park District.

### **Recommendation:**

***By motion of Director Siden and seconded by Director Severin, the Executive Committee voted unanimously (3 – 0) to recommend that the revised Regional Parks Foundation-East Bay Regional Park District Agreement be forwarded to the full Board for favorable consideration.***

## **3. Review of Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area Land Use Plan Amendment**

Brian Wiese, Chief of Planning and Stewardship, introduced this item and spoke about the process involved in developing this Land Use Plan Amendment (“LUPA”).

Celia McCarthy, Park Planner, gave an overview of the history of Shadow Cliffs Regional Area and summary of the LUPA. The Board of Directors adopted a Land Use Plan (“LUP”) for Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area on September 19, 1989. The LUP established future activities, facilities, and resource management strategies for the parkland, as well as providing for future expansion of the existing Rapids Waterslide facility. In 2002, the Board approved a LUPA to add the 10.77-acre de Silva parcel to the Recreation Unit of Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area and to modify 1989 LUP policies related to the proposed waterslide expansion and the development of a bicycle Motocross facility. Ms. McCarthy then gave a summary of the LUPA recommendations. The proposed LUPA focuses on the re-conceptualization of the land that had been slated for water park expansion and makes minor recommendations to address other issues at the park.

Director Severin asked if the waterslide was still present. Mr. Wiese responded it was still present and that its removal is the responsibility of California Splash. Ms. McCarthy addressed the operational issues, recreational issues, and general issues of the park. There was much focused discussion about the park’s water supply. Director Lane inquired about the existence of water pipes beyond the waterslide site. Mr. Wiese responded that new pipes were installed by the

concessionaire, but not sure how many. The LUPA does not recommend a visitor center, but rather a park-wide interpretive system through the installation of interpretive panels throughout the entire area. Director Lane suggested the possibility of moving water element to the California Splash area and away from the swim beach area, which is heavily used. Mr. Wiese responded that staff will look into the idea. Director Severin commented that the LUPA was well written. She recommended that three things be moved into the Phase I Implementation. Mr. Wiese noted that there is no funding available to undertake these projects. Director Siden commented that we need to upgrade our working relationship on the *Chain of Lakes Master Plan* to the executive level. He also commended staff on their work on the LUPA. Director Lane recommended that staff bring the Mobile Visitor Center to the park and that this should be a priority. Staff concurred with the idea. Mr. Wiese noted that the Mobile Fish Exhibit will be brought to the public review meeting in Pleasanton on February 23. Director Lane inquired about the process for “noticing” the February 23 meeting. Mr. Wiese responded; the meeting will be broadly noticed. There was discussion about the El Charro Road extension project and its impact on the park. Director Siden left the meeting at 2:28 pm.

#### Public Comments:

Dolores Bengston, Friends of Shadow Cliffs, commented on the LUPA process, Remillard Marsh, and interpretive programs. She also noted that Friends of Shadow Cliffs would like to focus on making the park more usable year-around and drawing more local people into the park.

David Lunn, Friends of Shadow Cliffs, commented that he would like to see more water being provided to the park; the trails at the park; and inquired about the status of completion of the Shadow Cliffs to Del Valle trail.

Director Siden left the meeting at this time.

#### Recommendation:

***By motion of Director Severin and seconded by Director Lane, the Executive Committee voted 2-0 (one absent) to recommend that the draft Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area Land Use Plan and Mitigated Negative Declaration be distributed to the public and PAC for review, and then to the full Board for future consideration.***

#### **4. Albany Beach Habitat Restoration and Public Access Feasibility Study Update**

Chris Barton, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the process and three alternatives that have been developed for Albany Beach.

Alternative A focuses on limited shoreline stabilization, revegetation, and debris removal. This alternative is much easier to implement and the least cost effective. Director Lane asked about water rise issues in reference to the lower trail and debris removal in the area. Staff responded. Alternative A entails beach access improvement, habitat protection, installation of a picnic facility, and enhancement of the dune area. Director Lane asked if sand would be brought into the area as a result of erosion. Mr. Olson replied that Albany Beach is a natural sand beach; the area does not receive intense wave energy like Crown Beach. The cost estimate of Alternative A is \$1,023,540.

Alternative B assumes a land acquisition of 2.8 acres and a Bay Trail easement. This alternative includes comprehensive shoreline stabilization, removal of debris, expansion of wetland, and development of two access points to the beach. The amenities include a parking lot, non-motorized watercraft staging bike racks, and restroom. The preliminary cost estimate, not including land acquisition and design costs, is \$3,495,990. Alternative C includes comprehensive shoreline stabilization and enhancement, sand placement, elevated Bay Trail, second picnic area, and boardwalk to the dune area. The preliminary costs estimate is \$7,261,140.

Mr. Barton discussed operations and maintenance issues related to the park. The next workshop is scheduled for February 17 in the City of Albany Council Chambers. Director Severin asked if funding is available for the project. Mr. Doyle and Mr. Olson responded that funding is available from several sources, many of which have been earmarked for this project. Mr. Barton noted that staff's final recommendation may include a combination of elements from the three alternatives. Director Severin commented on the restoration of sand and the possibility of losing shoreline in the south beach area.

#### Public Comments:

Norma Harrison commented that she is a frequent user of and enjoys visiting it. She is concerned about the effects of the rise of the sea along the beach area in the next 5 to 50 years. She would like to see limited restoration of the area.

Carol Bledsoe commented that she is a frequent user of Albany beach and enjoys visiting it. She would like the Park District to consider opening it to off-lease dogs similar to Pt. Isabel.

***This was an informational item and no action/recommendation was needed.***

### **5. Public Comments**

David Reinertson commented that Albany Beach is a wonderful place and supports Alternative A.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.