

The Board Meeting, which was held on May 18, 2010 at the EBRPD Administrative Building, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Board President Doug Siden.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Doug Siden, President
Beverly Lane, Vice-President
Ayn Wieskamp
Whitney Dotson
Ted Radke

Directors Absent: John Sutter
Carol Severin

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

The Open Session of the Board Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Doug Siden.

Staff Present Included: Pat O'Brien, Carol Victor, Dave Collins, Bob Doyle, Mike Anderson, John Escobar, Rosemary Cameron, Police Chief Tim Anderson, Jeff Wilson, Nancy Wenninger, Susan Gonzales, Sonja Stanchina, John Swanson, Jeff Rasmussen, Diane Althoff, Larry Moss, Erich Pfuehler, Raphael Breines, Shelly Lewis, Liz Musbach, Lynette Journeay, Bill Louie, Nancy Stephenson, Deborah Williams.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Director Wieskamp and seconded by Director Radke, the Board voted to unanimously to approve the agenda.

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

PAC member Steve Soderstrom addressed the Board, stating that access to the north Garin land-banked area is very limited for people who are elderly or not avid hikers. He and other long-time residents of the area would like to see the area to what it was before it was beginning to be developed, and suggested that putting a staging area at the end of Fairview Avenue will help resolve this situation.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- C-I-a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of April 23, 2010 through May 7, 2010
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 117 (attached)
- C-I-b. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meetings of March 23, 2010 and April 6, 2010
- C-I-c. Authorization to Negotiate with Various Property Owners
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 118 (attached)
- C-I-d. Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Directors Whitney Dotson, Beverly Lane, Carol Severin, Doug Siden, John Sutter, Ted Radke, Ayn Wieskamp and General Manager Pat O'Brien to Attend the 2010 Special Park Districts Forum, June 27 - 30, 2010, in Charleston, South Carolina
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 119 (attached)
- C-I-e. Authorization to Enter into a Cooperative Funding Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for a Fuels Inventory and Hazard Reduction Monitoring Photo Series
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 120 (attached)
- C-I-f. Authorization for the Sole Source Purchase of Duplex Pumps and Control Panel System for a Sewer Lift Station: Wildcat Canyon Regional Park/Alvarado Area
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 121 (attached)
- C-I-g. Approval of Land Use Plan Amendment Checklist: Garin Regional Park
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 122 (attached)

Bern Smith, Bay Area Ridge Trail, encouraged the Board to approve this item, stating that doing so will possibly send a strong, positive statement to the adjacent private land owners and developers of the Stonebrae property that it is time to move along and get the Ridge Trail established in the area.

Glenn Kirby, PAC Chair, spoke in support of the approval of this item, stating that it will provide access to land that the public is already interested in using, send a strong signal to the Stonebrae developers that the District is prepared to have the gate opened and the trail extend to the south, and hopefully open the discussion on working to complete a community access trail to the area.

Raphael Breines, District Park Planner, gave a brief presentation on this item, explaining that the area collectively known as the North Garin land bank is composed of the Jensen, Klawiter and Gammon properties which the District acquired in the early 1990's. The land use plan amendment proposes to incorporate this area of approximately 283 total acres into Garin Regional Park, thereby opening it for public use.

- C-I-h. Authorization to Increase the Appropriation to Rebuild the Gillespie Group Camp Structures: Tilden Regional Park
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 123 (attached)
- C-I-i. Authorization to Apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and Transfer and Appropriate Funds
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 124 (attached)
- C-I-j. Approval of Appointments of Rich Walkling, Daniel Pellegrini and Matt Madison and the Re-appointment of John Mercurio to the Park Advisory Committee
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 125 (attached)

Director Dotson expressed his appreciation that Dr. Rich Walkling agreed to serve on the PAC as his appointee, stating that he has worked with Dr. Walkling over the past 9 - 10 years on activities and projects along the Richmond Shoreline area. He added that Dr. Walkling has worked as a restoration specialist with the Natural Heritage Institute and was also responsible for the brochure on the restoration of the North Richmond Shoreline.

Director Radke mentioned that Danny Pellegrini was once a member of Contra Costa Water District Board, a long-time Chair of the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee, and is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Vector and Mosquito Abatement Control District.

Director Radke stated that Matt Madison is a District retiree, retiring as a Police Captain, who called him before and expressed interest in getting involved again with the District by becoming a PAC member.

Director Lane mentioned that John Mercurio was on the PAC before but that this will be his first appointment by her. She added that Mr. Mercurio is on the CNWS CAC, is active in the City of Concord and serves on the State Recreation Trails Committee.

C-1-k. Authorization to Continue the Communications Services Agreement with the Contra Costa County Department of Information Technology for the Repair and Maintenance of the District's Communication Infrastructure
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 126 (attached)

2. LAND DIVISION

C-2-a. Authorization to Enter into Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and to Transfer Funds for 83.24± Acres of Real Property from Remington Ranch Properties, LLC: Briones Regional Park
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 127 (attached)

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

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

Bob Doyle, AGM for Land Division, gave a brief presentation on this item, stating that the agreed-upon price of \$721,000 is \$129,000 below its appraised market value, and is scheduled to close on September 30, 2010.

Director Radke asked if the area will be opened immediately; AGM Doyle stated that it is staff's recommendation that it be placed on land-bank status until operational funding is determined.

C-2-b. Authorization to Acquire Fee Interest and Transfer Funds for the Purchase of 6.75± Acres of Real Property from Palomares Preserve, LLC: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 128 (attached)

By motion of Director Severin and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-2-b.

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

Bob Doyle, AGM for Land Division, stated that this proposed acquisition for \$650,000 is 20% below the value supported by an independently prepared appraisal and is a critical acquisition for the District, especially given that the two properties adjacent to it were approved for acquisition at the May 4, 2010 Board meeting.

Board members acknowledged the significant donation of the property owners.

3. FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

C-3-a. Authorization to Amend the 2010 Project Budget and Appropriate Funds to the Measure WW Local Grant Program Projects
Resolution No. 2010 – 5 - 129 (attached)

By motion of Director Radke and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve item C-3-a.

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

Dave Collins, AGM for Finance and Management Services, gave a brief presentation on this item, stating that this is the second annual appropriation of funds for the Measure WW Local Grant Program. He added that the first year had a \$28.632 million appropriation; \$26.462 million is proposed for appropriation to 59 additional projects for this second year. In addition to this, staff is also proposing a \$568,000 reversal from the 2009 appropriation which was not utilized by the awarded agency; these will be re-appropriated this year.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

C-4-a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

GM Pat O'Brien, discussed the items listed on the staff report. In addition, he spoke about the Governor's release of the May Revise of the State Budget, which showed a \$9.1 billion deficit.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

GM O'Brien introduced HR Officer Sonja Stanchina, who made a presentation on the District's Internship Program, its history, impacts/benefits and accomplishments, stating that the District has partnered with San Francisco State University and California State University - East Bay. She also mentioned that current Black Diamond Mines Supervising Naturalist Traci Parent used to be a student intern back in 1977. Ms. Stanchina stated that the District has the most comprehensive year-round internship program than any other public agency that she has come into contact with. She credited Director Severin for the success of the program due to her continued support.

Director Severin commended the work by staff on this program, adding that the District has so much to offer.

Ms. Stanchina presented the Western Region International Public Management Association 2010 Agency Award for Excellence, which she received on behalf of the District.

Rosemary Cameron, AGM for Public Affairs, updated the Board on the status of the District's 75th Anniversary celebration scheduled for May 22, 2010 at Lake Temescal. She mentioned that there are currently over 500 guests expected, including several local and state elected officials.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLOSED SESSION

Board President Siden stated that the Board voted 5-0 (Director Severin was not present for the motion) to add an agenda item for discussion due to the matter arising after the agenda was posted:

Conference with Legal Counsel -Anticipated Litigation: signification exposure to litigation, Government Code section 54956.9, I case.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| a. | Alameda County CSDA | (1-13-10) | (Siden) |
| b. | Alameda County/EBRPD Liaison Committee | (9-03-09) | (Siden) |
| c. | Contra Costa County CSDA | (1-25-10) | (Radke) |
| d. | Natural and Cultural Resources Committee | (2-17-10) | (Sutter) |

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended. Director Wieskamp

- Visited Garin Park and Pleasanton Ridge with Director Severin;
- Met with Doug Tinney who presented his idea of a tram installation along Mission Peak;
- Attended a Lafco meeting and the Elected Women's Lunch;
- Will attend the 75th anniversary celebration at Temescal;
- Together with Director Lane, will have a shoreline field trip on May 24 to visit areas toured during the last Board field trip which they did not attend;
- Reported on the first "Hike for Hope" at Sunol attended by over 700 hikers.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended the CSDA Legislative Days in Sacramento.

Director Severin reported on meetings attended. Director Severin

- Attended the Alameda County CSDA meeting held at the new Castro Valley library;
- Attended the Rowell Ranch Parade with Community Relations Manager Carol Johnson;
- Attended the CARPD Conference in Monterey, where she was re-elected to its Board;
- Attended the dedication of the new bridge in San Leandro;
- Attended the recent Board meetings;
- Will be attending the 75th Anniversary celebration.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Hiked Sycamore Valley Regional Open Space;
- Spoke at Leadership Contra Costa on the Future of Parks and Open Space in Contra Costa County;
- Attended the opening of the Muir Heritage Land Trust exhibit at the History Center in Martinez;
- Will attend the Fernandez Ranch dedication on June 5;
- Attended the Bay Trail bridge dedication in San Leandro;
- Conducted an Iron Horse Trail Walk and Talk event with Assembly member Joan Buchanan on May 8;
- Attended the Elected Women's Lunch in San Ramon;
- Suggested that other Board members attend the 2nd workshop on Gateway Park on June 2.

Director Radke reported on meetings attended. Director Radke

- Attended the opening of the Muir Heritage Land Trust exhibit;
- Will attend the Fernandez Ranch dedication event on June 5;
- Attended the Carquinez Preservation Trust meeting wherein they met with representatives from the Delta Protection Commission.

Director Siden reported on meetings attended. Director Siden

- Attended meetings of the Alameda County CSDA and the East Bay EDA Spring meeting;
- Attended the San Leandro Bridge dedication;
- Attended the CSDA Legislative Conference in Sacramento;
- Attended the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce luncheon;
- Attended the Board Operations Committee meeting;
- Announced the start of the annual Crab Cove Concerts series;
- Started working with the MLK Rally Committee in preparation for the holiday event;
- Attended the annual picnic gathering of the 442nd Battalion at Roberts Park;
- Will be attending the Bay Area Open Space Council conference at the Presidio in San Francisco;
- Will be attending the Bay Area Storytelling Festival as well as the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tamara Attard addressed the Board to ask for assistance regarding her conflict with the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, stating that she is on the verge of losing her property on Fish Ranch Road near the Caldecott Tunnel where her family spice business is located.

President Siden stated that the Board cannot make any decisions on items not on the agenda, and asked for staff clarification on the issue.

Asst. District Counsel Carol Victor and AGM Bob Doyle clarified that the dispute is between both the Attards and contractor Tudor Saliba related to Contra Costa County and is not an issue of the District exchanging property or making a decision. He stated the decisions have already been made at the County level and that the contractor has already been notified that they are in violation of County Health Department as well as Zoning issues and have to move out.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned by Board President Siden at 4:25 pm in memory of former District employee Doris "Bette" Leslie who passed away on March 24, 2010.

Respectfully submitted:

Allen Pulido, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: Visitors Log, Resolution Nos. 2010 - 5 - 117 to 2010 - 5 - 129
Board Committee Reports