

MINUTES

City of Fremont/EBRPD Liaison Committee Meeting
Ardenwood Historic Farm – Granary Room
34600 Ardenwood Boulevard
Fremont, CA 94555
Thursday, June 22, 2017

Committee Members Present

City of Fremont: Vinnie Bacon, Council Member; Pavan Vedere, Recreation Commissioner;

East Bay Regional Park District: Ayn Wieskamp, Committee Member; Dennis Waespi, Committee Member

Staff Present

City of Fremont: Suzanne Wolf, Community Services Director; Kim Beranek, Deputy Director of Community Services; Lieutenant Mark Dang; Hans Larsen, Public Works Director

East Bay Regional Park District: Jim O'Connor, Assistant General Manager Operations; Steve Castile, Chief of Park Operations; Anne Kassebaum, Chief of Interpretive and Recreation Services; Anthony Ciaburro, Interim Chief; Lance Brede, Commander; Ruby Tumber, Acting Management Analyst; Terry Noonan, Interpretive Parklands Unit Manager; Ira Bletz, SE Regional Services Manager; Glenn Gilchrist, Design Manager; Denise Valentine, Executive Secretary; Francis Mendoza, Acting Supervising Naturalist

Guests

Bob McCarrick and Adam Carvalho – Dumbarton Quarry Associates

A light meal for committee members and staff was provided at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Member Dennis Waespi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Introduction

The meeting commenced with the introduction of those present.

2. Approval of Minutes

By motion of Council Member Bacon and seconded by Committee Member Wieskamp, the minutes of November 10, 2016 were unanimously approved.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Committee members Wieskamp, Waespi, Bacon and Vedere

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

3. Dumbarton Quarry Park Update

Glenn Gilchrist, Design Manager provided a brief update on the progress of the campground phase. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations provided an update on Phase II of the campground. Bob McCarrick and Adam Carvalho from Dumbarton Quarry Associates provided additional input regarding winds for Phase II and responded to questions from Committee Members.

Item opened for public comment.

Kelly Abreu, Fremont resident: Mr. Abreu commented on the differences between the original plan versus the current plan for the quarry.

Item closed for public comment.

4. Mission Peak Parking Update

Kim Beranek, Recreation Superintendent provided an update on the parking program.

Item opened for public comment.

Surinder Chowdhury, Fremont Resident: Mr. Chowdhury commented that the new parking hours are working well and believe it would be a mistake to go back to the former hours.

Kelly Abreu, Fremont Resident: Mr. Abreu commented on the new parking hours, inquired on the painting of crosswalks and red curbs, commented on the parking tickets being issued for violations.

Melanie Wong, Fremont Resident: Ms. Wong expressed her appreciation to the City and the Park District for implementing the new parking hours and would like for them to remain as is.

William Yragui, Fremont Resident: Mr. Yragui informed he is speaking today on behalf of park visitors regarding park access, multi-use trails, extension of park hours and red painted curbs.

Randy Buswell, Fremont Resident: Mr. Buswell commented on the overall parking permit program and mentioned the number of cars and public walking the street has increased. He expressed his safety concerns for the neighborhood and suggested implemented a reservation system for public use.

Colin Hsi, Fremont Resident: Mr. Hsi expressed that he believes the neighborhood is a high crime area and has observed a vehicle on fire in the parking lot, has seen helicopters landing in the lot to provide emergency service to the public and requested to keep the current parking hours in place.

Item closed for public comment.

Hans Larsen, Public Works Director responded to some of the issues raised by the public regarding signs and crosswalks.

5. Vargas Plateau Update

Terry Noonan, Interpretive Parklands Unit Manager, provided an update on the re-opening of the park, public usage, parking, access, and upcoming improvements.

Item opened for public comment.

Kelly Abreu, Fremont Resident: Mr. Abreu commented on the park closure, lawsuit, road side parking and water.

William Yragui, Fremont Resident: Mr. Yragui commented on the lower entrance to the park, the upper staging area and safety concerns of vehicles on the one lane road.

Item closed for public comment.

6. Ardenwood Historic Farm Update

Ira Bletz, Southeast Regional Services Manager provided an update on recent and upcoming events, and programs offered at the park.

7. Public Comments

Alice Chang, Fremont Resident: Ms. Chang expressed her belief that the Mission Peak parking curfew violations are not being managed well and suggested building a high gate at the Stanford entrance to keep out violators.

Tony Pang, Fremont Resident: Mr. Pang commented on the revised Mission Peak park hours and stated he observes numerous cars in the parking lot after curfew hours, which impacts the residents.

Kelly Abreu, Fremont Resident: Mr. Abreu commented on the number of parking violations being issued in the parking lot of Mission Peak at Stanford Avenue.

8. Staff Comments

Committee Member Dennis Waespi indicated a future meeting date and agenda items will be scheduled.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.