

The Board Meeting, which was held October 17, 2017 at the EBRPD, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 11:34 am by Board President Beverly Lane.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Beverly Lane, President
Dennis Waespi, Vice President
Ayn Wieskamp, Treasurer
Ellen Corbett, Secretary
Whitney Dotson
Dee Rosario
Colin Coffey

Directors Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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 1:02 p.m. by President Lane.

Staff Present: Robert Doyle, Ana Alvarez, Debra Auker, Carol Victor, Carol Johnson, Steve Castile, Anne Kassebaum, Jeff Rasmussen, Liz Musbach, Chief Anthony Ciaburro, Dave Mason, Matt Graul, Lance Brede, Jim O'Connor, Kelly Barrington, Acting Captain Al Love, Mona Koh, Ruby Tumber, Neoma Lavalle, Joe Sullivan, Karla Cuero, Brian Holt, Raphael Breines, Julie Bondurant, Erich Pfuehler, Rick Seals, Susan Gonzales

Guests: Mrs. Raili Glen, Bill Cromwell

President Lane stated that after the board agenda and packet were posted and printed an item came up that is necessary to be added to this agenda. Staff has come before that Board to hire a contractor for the building of four Cascadian restrooms at Tilden and Anthony Chabot. It is requested that the Board vote to add the following item to the Board Agenda.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FOUR CXT CASCADIAN VAULT TYPE RESTROOMS: TILDEN AND ANTHONY CHABOT REGIONAL PARKS

By motion of Director Waespi, and seconded by Director Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the addition of this item to the Agenda.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Director Dotson Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.

Directors Against: None.

Directors Absent: None.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Director Dotson Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jonathan Goodwin of the Canyon community sent emails to the Board and came in person to request that the District close McCosker entrance into Sibley due to the fire ladders and dried fuel; citing the Oakland Hills and the Napa fire to indicate its severity. Jim O'Connor, AGM Operations, acknowledged receipt of Goodwin emails. O'Connor followed up with staff and acknowledged that the green waste dumpsters will be delivered this week and piles removed. The District does not close parks because of fuel ladders. The District has a series of protocols based on fire weather and the response is appropriate in restricting the use of fire in the parks based on the District's red flag stage. President Lane encouraged Mr. Goodwin to speak to staff after the meeting. GM Doyle added that all District fire stations are manned throughout red flag period including evenings. He acknowledged that the District fire department was the first response to the Oakland Zoo fire this past Sunday.

Director Corbett remarked that according to the Brown Act, an item cannot be discussed if it is not agendaized.

Trudy Washburn lives on Ajax Place where the fire occurred last Sunday and she came to thank the District's Fire Department who came out and were wonderful. Washburn added that two of her neighbors have placed their brush in Tilden Park and she was concerned about brush removal which has not yet occurred. GM Doyle directed staff to contact Washburn to manage the removal of the brush. David Lunh who lives in Livermore said the brochure created by DWR on Del Valle should be updated. Lunh said that the District should be involved in a partnership with DWR since the Lake's anniversary is in the next 11 months. 48% of Lake Del Valle is paid for by recreation which has increased and not declined as indicated in the DWR brochure.

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion of Director Corbett, and seconded by Director Wieskamp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Calendar**.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Director Dotson, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: None.

- a. Approval of District Check Listing for the Period of August 21, 2017 to September 3, 2017
Resolution No. 2017 – 10 – 282 (attached)

Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting of September 19, 2017

- c. Authorization to Amend the Existing Contract for Services with Nichols Consulting Engineers to Design Plans to Dredge a Sediment Basin in Tilden Nature Area and Restore Three Interpretive Ponds: Tilden Regional Park

Resolution No. 2017 – 10 - 283 (attached)

Ellen Barth spoke about the Jewel Lake area in Tilden. She asked for additional description on the diagram about the amphitheater and the wooden footbridge, and what other dredging will occur. Matt Graul, Chief of Stewardship, replied that the plan is to expand capacity 2 fold as it relates to dredging the sediment basin on an ongoing basis. Graul will provide more detailed maps, and for the long term will hire a consultant. Graul stated the District will need a lot of partners to fund a long term project of this scale.

- d. Authorization to Award Contracts for Rainbow Trout and Channel Catfish for 2018 and 2019: District-wide
Resolution No. 2017 – 10 - 284 (attached)

Director Waespi asked if the revenue received from fishing permits covers the cost to purchase fish. Joe Sullivan, Fisheries Manager replied it will just cover the cost. Director Waespi asked if lead weights are still being sold. Sullivan said he will check with the concessionaires and get back to staff. GM Doyle requested Sullivan check on the fisheries in Yountville where the main fishers are, to see if their delivery to the District will be impacted by the fire.

- e. Authorization to Purchase In-Car Cellular Modems from AT&T Corporation for Public Safety Vehicles: District-wide
Resolution No. 2017 – 10 - 285 (attached)
- f. Authorization to Amend a Contract for Services with Airtech Mechanical, Inc. for HVAC System Maintenance and Repairs: District Administration Building and Trudeau Training Center
Resolution No. 2017 – 10 - 286 (attached)
- g. Authorization to Purchase Four CXT Cascadian Vault Type Restrooms: Tilden and Anthony Chabot Regional Parks
Resolution No. 2017 – 10 - 287 (attached)

2. **ACQUISITION, STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

By motion of Director Wieskamp, and seconded by Director Waespi, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item **C-2-a**.

Directors For: Colin Coffey, Ellen Corbett, Beverly Lane, Dee Rosario, Ayn Wieskamp, Dennis Waespi.
Directors Against: None.
Directors Absent: Director Dotson.

- a. Authorization to Exercise the Option, Purchase and Sale Agreement and Accept, Transfer and Appropriate Funds for the Acquisition of 4.0± Acres of Real Property from Raili J. Glenn, Trustee of the Raili Glenn Survivor's Trust and the David Glenn Memorial Trust: Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park
Resolution No. 2017 – 10 - 288 (attached)

Liz Musbach Chief of Stewardship presented on this item. Reasons to purchase were enumerated by Musbach are that it will serve to eliminate an inholding, help to preserve seasonal Tehan Creek coursing through the property, and further protect the habitat value of the surrounding Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. The home could possibly serve as a staff or public facility, and the older structures as equipment storage, meeting rooms

or rental cabins for “glamping,” to be determined through the Park District’s land use planning process. Acquisition of the property may also serve to provide an alternative trail alignment to the interior of the park from the Garms staff office and future staging area off Foothill Road. Musbach’s slide had photos of the property, the home, the access road and the landslide that occurred because of the winter rains were shown. The Park District, along with the 3 neighbors are working to repair the road. GM Doyle gave the history of this acquisition from Dr. and Mrs. Glenn. Director Wieskamp commented that her many constituents love Pleasanton Ridge and she thanked Mrs. Glenn for the land which allows completion of the Ridge and park users legal access to the Falls. Director Waespi asked about access to Tehan Canyon Road. Musbach responded that it would not provide public access on Tehan Canyon Road, but gives the District a foothill into an alternative alignment. Musbach acknowledged the work of Linda Wu, Land Acquisition Specialist, on this project. Mrs. Raili Glenn spoke about the journey to save Pleasanton Ridge and to donate their home to EBRPD.

4. BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Actions Taken by Other Jurisdictions Affecting the Park District

General Manager Doyle outlined the one action on the agenda which is the U.S. Navy – Concord Naval Weapons Station. On September 29, 2017, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Disposal and Reuse of the Former Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Detachment Concord, known locally as the former Concord Naval Weapons Station. With the signing of the Record of Decision (ROD) The Navy can now begin the process to facilitate conveyance of the property to the District and the City of Concord. The current schedule anticipates the first phase of conveyance, including the land that is to come to the District, in the Fall of 2018.

Doyle acknowledged President Lane and Brian Holt, Principal Planner for all of his work on this project.

5. GENERAL MANAGER’S COMMENTS

GM Doyle announced that the Governor signed SB 5 which is the first state water park resource bond in 15 years. It will go to the voters soon.

A presentation on Community Engagement and Public Outreach Update was given jointly by Carol Johnson AGM, Public Affairs and Bob Nisbet, AGM, ASD. Johnson focused on the protocols and approach that Community engagement is interdivisional, multicultural and multi-ethnic. Nisbet discussed the planning process and how it works alongside community engagement. Staff training will be mandatory for all staff leading public meetings. Director Rosario asked if there is the ability for staff to take language classes, or does staff hire an interpreter. Johnson replied that the attempt is to find employees that already have the language skill. Director Corbett thanked staff for their presentation. Corbett asked if mobility issues were also addressed. Johnson replied that they are in touch with the pro-access agencies to attract people of all abilities. Director Lane liked the collaboration between Public Affairs and ASD, and supported going to the community for translations and inclusion of the Board members in the meetings. GM Doyle requested an update from Chief Ciaburro on the fire. District responded to the mutual aid request, working 16-hour days. Director Lane asked what was their assignment. Ciaburro responded securing neighborhoods and redirecting people. Director Rosario commented that this is the new norm; climate changes and dramatic weather, and the more the District participates goes a long way in helping the community and promoting goodwill. Director Corbett added her thanks and stated that under difficult circumstances for work, the officers provided some comfort and safety. GM Doyle said that when staff gets back and he would like to bring the officers in front of the Board to express appreciation. Seal also gave the Board update on the Oakland Zoo fire, the Tilden Park near the Golf Course and Grizzly Peak where District fire dept. responded and minimized damage. GM Doyle spoke with Napa and Sonoma County Directors and the District will send an office strike team to show them the do’s and don’ts of FEMA.

Director Coffey would like to be better educated on the two-county level of how the District is proactively addressing fire concerns. GM Doyle will ask Erich Pfuehler if can reach out to legislative offices or the city of Oakland.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Natural & Cultural Resources Committee
- b. Finance Committee
- c. Executive Committee

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Carol Victor announced that the Board authorized by a vote of 6-0, with Director Corbett absent, that the District is to intervene in the lawsuit of the regents of the University of California vs FEMA.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi

- Attended the Health and Safety Fair;
- Attended Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Del Valle Board Field trip;
- Toured the Park District: attended Bill Quirks Town Hall meeting;
- Attended the Botanic Garden plant sale;
- Attended the North Richmond Shoreline Festival;
- Attended the David Brower Dinner;
- Attended the City of Hayward's Volunteer Recognition Event;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors' Conference;
- Attended the HASPA meeting.

Waespi hiked Vargas Plateau.

Director Wieskamp reported on meetings attended: Director Wieskamp

- Attended Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Del Valle Board Field trip;
- Attended the Elected Women's Lunch Meeting, Pleasanton;
- Attended the Annual Grazer's Dinner.
- Attended the Managers' Retreat Dinner.

Wieskamp announced the 100th year anniversary of the Livermore Rodeo Parade. Thought there should be an oral history from Mrs. Glenn, and Director Lane for attending the Zone 7 meeting on her behalf. Completed Webinar on Sexual Harassment.

Director Lane reported on meetings attended. Director Lane

- Attended the Carr property opening, Land Muir Trust;
- Attended the Health and Safety Fair;
- Attended the Del Valle Dam Celebration;
- Attended the Annual Grazer Dinner;
- Attended the Executive Committee meeting;
- Attended the Alameda County Mayors' conference;
- Attended Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA meeting);
- Attended the Managers' Retreat Dinner.

Lane completed Webinar on Sexual Harassment.

Director Rosario reported on meetings attended. Director Rosario

- Attended the Greenbelt Alliance Dinner at Fairmont;
- Attended the Health and Safety Fair;
- Attended the two Measure CC Stakeholders meeting;
- Attended the Quarry Lakes Fishing Derby; acknowledged the work of Saito and Deshaies;
- Attended the Outdoor Afro Gala;
- Attended the Del Valle Board field trip;
- Attended the Grand Reopening of Ellis Park in Concord;
- Attended the David Brower dinner;
- Attended SF Estuary Partnership Conference;
- Attending the Workforce Diversity meeting;
- Attended the Producers Dinner.

Rosario attended the Memorial Service for Lloyd Graham and hiked Vargas Plateau. Made Contact with Merritt College Professor who is interested in Internships with the District for his students.

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey

- Attended the Marsh Creek Trail Project;
- Attended the Del Valle Board field trip;
- Attended the North Richmond Shoreline Festival;
- Attended the David Brower dinner;
- Attended the Managers' Retreat Dinner;
- Attended the John Muir Land Trust Dedication with Director Lane;
- Attended the CCC Special District meeting in Pacheco.

Coffey and his wife staffed the Visitor Center.

Director Corbett reported on meetings attended. Director Corbett

- Attended two of the Measure CC Advisory meetings;
- Attended the Native plant sale;
- Attended the Annual Alameda County dinner;
- Microplasting Sifting event with DGM Alvarez in Alameda;
- Attended the Managers' Retreat Dinner.

Corbett said that she was proud of the presentations by our staff at the NRPA Conference in Louisiana. Corbett made contact with someone who trains students in wildland fires at Chabot College; a potential opportunity for the District.

Director Dotson reported on meetings attended. Director Dotson

- Attended North Richmond Shoreline Festival (NRSF);
- Attended the NRPA conference in New Orleans.

Dotson recognized that there were more children at the NRSF and there was increased diversity.

Dotson through PowerPoint gave historical background on his family's home in Baton Rouge, La.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm by President Lane in memory of all of the responders involved in the North Bay fire and for those families who lost loved ones.

Approved Minutes
Board Meeting of October 17, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Yolande Barial Knight
Clerk of the Board