

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Operations (Thursday, December 14, 2017) (Waespi)

Present

Board: Directors Dennis Waespi, Ellen Corbett, Dee Rosario

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Mimi Waluch, Ruby Tumber, Denise Valentine, Anne Kassebaum, Dave Weaver, James Frank, Mary Ellen Avery, Dave Weaver, Tiffany Margulici, Dan Sykes, Steve Castile

Guests: Adam Tobin

Agenda Item I: Chabot Space and Science Center (CSSC) Youth Overnight Programs

Executive Director of the Chabot Space and Science Center Adam Tobin provided a detailed overview of the Measure WW-funded youth camping project through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included an overview of CSSC, Measure WW-funded project, educational goals, the observation deck installation, Next Generation Science Standards practices, sky station, solar observatory, acoustic observatory, lab bench, heat camera, daily log, heat camera, big dipper, desk mounted scopes, telescope pad, and the graphics approach.

Director Corbett inquired on how the transportation is funded. Tobin replied that transportation funding is solicited.

Corbett inquired if there is an outreach, in-classroom program in which staff work directly with the teachers to prepare them for trips. Tobin replied yes to all and the goal is to do more.

Director Rosario commented that since Tobin has been on the Board, he has noticed the center's accomplishments and hopes for an increase in the partnership with the District.

Rosario commented that he and Assistant General Manager of Public Affairs Carol Johnson are planning to meet with AC Transit to work on potential transportation opportunities with District.

Director Waespi commented it is a great collaboration and inquired if CSSC hired interns and children. Tobin replied yes and there is a youth development program offered.

Deputy General Manager Dr. Ana M. Alvarez commented that physical mobility has been addressed and inquired about language barriers. Tobin replied that all the exhibits are ADA and that there is a future mandate for tri-lingual exhibits.

Corbett encouraged and appreciated the inclusion of programs for girls. Tobin relied it is a specific target and focus for CSSC.

Agenda Item 2: 2017 Committee Work Plan Year-End Review

Acting Management Analyst Ruby Tumber provided an overview on the progress of the current Committee Work Plan and commented out on the forty-four items to be covered. Forty items were addressed with the remaining items moving forward to the 2018 Committee Work Plan. In addition, staff expressed appreciation to the Committee members for their superior guidance, support and consideration on the variety of matters discussed and reviewed in 2017.

Rosario inquired if the special use agreement for the bicycle commuter trail is up and running. AGM Jim O'Connor replied yes, and it has been added to the 2018 Committee Work Plan to review. Staff will follow up with Captain Lance Brede to see if the information is on the District website. (Captain Brede confirmed that the program has started.)

Agenda Item 3: 2018 Committee Draft Work Plan Review

Acting Management Analyst Ruby Tumber the 2018 Committee Draft Work Plan for review. Staff will incorporate the Committee's suggested changes into the draft Work Plan for review and approval of the incoming 2018 Board Operations Committee members at their January 2018 Committee meeting.

Corbett sought clarification on the process of transitioning from the 2017 Work Plan to the 2018 Work Plan and if input is being sought at this time. O'Connor explained this is a review of completed and uncompleted items from 2017 as well as a full review of the draft 2018 Work Plan. O'Connor recalled that only four items of the forty-five on the 2017 list were pending completion. At O'Connor's request, Tumber revisited those four items with the Committee.

Corbett inquired on what update would be presented on Tidewater. O'Connor replied the update would cover the District programs provided and an update from Oakland Strokes on the programs they provide.

Rosario requested to add to the Work Plan a discussion on Concession Maintenance Funds, a presentation on golf and archery concession operations, an update on the volunteer program, a review of the stables operations and needs, and a review of new trails.

Corbett requested to add to the Work Plan an update on transportation funding with Parks Express, and a report on waste reduction with concessionaires, vendors, and packaging.

Waespi requested to add to the Work Plan an update on Redwood Canyon Golf Course, a discussion on park naming, and a mid-year review/update.

Corbett inquired if staff has progressed in creating a communication line with neighbors and opposing groups regarding park hours at Mission Peak. Alvarez suggested having the discussion at the Board Workshop in 2018.

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 5: AGM Comments

- Funds are being provided by contingency funds for the root protection of Redwood trees at Redwood Regional Park.
- Attended the Castro Valley Mutual Advisory Committee meeting on December 11 to discuss and address the concern of neighbors regarding waste odor at South County Corporation Yard. Staff continues to use the site at Carmel Drive and work with neighbors to mitigate.
- Attended the City of Fremont Council meeting for review of the Parking Permit Program on December 12. Eleven speakers attended. All but two requested to keep the program as is, with two requesting to change the hours back. There was one request to add additional parking.
- Attended the Park Advisory Committee meeting regarding dog reports on December 13. The General Manager provided brief comments.
- O'Connor expressed appreciation to the committee members for their service on the committee this year.

Agenda Item 7: Board Comments

- Rosario extended his appreciation for the presentations provided this year by staff.
- Waespi extended congratulations to the Chief of Interpretive and Recreation Services Anne Kassebaum and Operations Division on the success of the Holiday Charity Luncheon held on December 13, 2017.

Director Waespi adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
/s/ Denise Valentine
Executive Secretary