

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Operations (Thursday, April 19, 2018) \_\_\_\_\_ (Wieskamp)

Present

Board: Directors Ayn Wieskamp (Chair), Dennis Waespi, Ellen Corbett

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Dania Stoneham, Dan Cuning, Steve Castile,  
Gordon Willey, Denise Valentine, Janet Gomes, Brandon Barragan

Guests: Suzanne Wolf, Kent Duke, Tony Pang, Kelly Abreu

**Agenda Item 1: Review Stanford Avenue Curfew Hours and Parking Permit Pilot Program: Mission Peak Regional Preserve Crews**

Management Analyst Ruby Tumber provided an update on the program through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation covered a historical overview, average use data at Stanford Avenue and Ohlone College, illegal after-hours usage at Stanford Avenue and Ohlone College, total usage net change, parking fees at Ohlone College, and an enforcement overview of citations from 2013-2017.

Director Wieskamp inquired on the closing time of the entrance at Ohlone College. AGM of Operations Jim O'Connor replied 10:00 p.m.

Director Corbett inquired if the parking fee charged at Ohlone College is always the same. Tumber replied the base fee is \$4 for the full day. There is no fee on holidays or when school is out of session.

O'Connor recalled this the fourth time this item has been reviewed before the Committee. Processes have been modified to accommodate recreational access and the concerns of the neighbors. Staff has striven to reach a balance of accommodating recreational access and the concerns of the neighbors.

Corbett inquired on the Ohlone College entrance hours. O'Connor replied the hours are 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. The trail is under current District curfew hours of 10:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m., with parking curfew at the college until 11:00 p.m.

Corbett inquired clarification of the morning hours. Tumber replied prior to the start of the program, the entry at Stanford Avenue was consistent with District curfew hours of 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. When the modified hours pilot program began (Fall 2014) they were changed from 5:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., with an evening closure ranging from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (based on the time of the season). In November 2016, the hours were modified to allow for one additional hour in the evening hours, during peak season, to the hours in effect today.

Director Waespi stated after viewing the data, the support of keeping the existing morning hours of 6:30 a.m. and agrees with the extension of the curfew hours to 10:00 p.m.

Waespi inquired if it is possible to install a camera at the Stanford Avenue parking lot to capture the number of vehicles in the parking lot during the evening hours. Park Supervisor Gordon Willey confirmed there are three cameras installed, that focus on the parking lots. O'Connor commented staff can provide data on the camera usage.

Wieskamp inquired if having a gate at the entrance would help. O'Connor recalled that the primary challenge of installing a gate is that the public arrives prior to 6:30 a.m. and having a gate installed could push the public into the neighborhood to park their vehicles.

Wieskamp inquired if the permit program has been affective. Patrol Watch Commander David Phulps commented affirmatively and stated any reduction is a step in the right direction.

City of Fremont Community Services Director Suzanne Wolf recalled the last conversation with the Fremont City Council was in December 2017. Approximately 100 members of the public attended and opposed the changing of the hours. Wolf relayed additional concerns on behalf of the City of Fremont public, the optional entrance to the peak from Sunol, impact to neighbors on the weekdays if hours are extended, and the data that showed many public members coming to hike from outside the city. Wolf made the request to have a public process for residents to speak on the item before the Committee made its final decision. The Fremont City Council expressed desire to have communication with the community prior to the final decision.

Corbett inquired to Wolf on her feelings about the morning hours. Wolf replied that with hours being consistent, data has shown less enforcement issues.

Wolf stated that staff is seeking a collaborative solution with the District on these types of issues. Corbett inquired if the Fremont Liaison Committee forum would be an opportunity for the neighbors and park users to be heard. Wolf replied that the City has heard from few park users on the hours, thought they have mainly been the residents.

Wieskamp inquired if there is enough notification time prior to the Fremont Liaison Committee meeting to allow for the public to attend. O'Connor replied the neighborhood group has an

active network and can get the word out about the meeting. Wolfe replied the draft agenda can be modified to allow more focus for this item.

O'Connor recalled this area of responsibility falls within the terms of the lease. This was a District decision making process in terms of the modified hours, as opposed to the parking which is the City's jurisdiction.

### **Public Comments on Item 1**

Kent Duke, Fremont resident, recalled during the week there are limited crowds in the early morning and are open parking spaces in the lot. Later in the day there is more activity with music and car alarms. On weekends parking is full on the streets, not during weekdays.

Kelly Abreu, Fremont resident, commented on the following topics: Stanford Avenue neighbors, park users who utilize the park, Environmental Impact Report, proposed parking lot, illegal after-hour usage, parking citations, data of usage of the parking lot during the morning.

Tony Pang, Fremont resident, commented on the benefit of the current modified hours. Pang recalled the operating hours of several District parks which end at 9:00 p.m. and stated that Mission Peak hours should remain as is.

### **End of Public Comments**

Wieskamp commented on being uninclined to change the hours and requested to hear the public comments at the upcoming Fremont Liaison Committee Meeting.

Waespi inquired if there is District data that shows the activity from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. regarding vandalism and noise in the parking lot. O'Connor commented staff will check into the retention on the recordings.

Corbett commented on various opinions of park use and the hours, provided positive comments on the report based on data, expressed consideration of the letters/emails submitted from the public, and stated the recommendation was made reflective of the data and comments.

Wieskamp recommended if there is data or information the City of Fremont would like to provide, it can be submitted at the Fremont Liaison Committee meeting.

The Committee Members agreed to postpone a final decision until the May Board Operations Committee meeting, following the opportunity to hear from the public at the April 26, 2018 Fremont Liaison Committee meeting.

### **Agenda Item 2: Electric Bicycle Pilot Program**

Academic Intern Brandon Barragan provided an update on the Electric Bicycle Pilot Program through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation covered the program background, locations, what's being counted, categories of users, and the observation process.

Wieskamp inquired if there had been any conflicts with e-Bike users. Barragan replied that the next steps of the program is to survey users more closely. When on site, there are those that inquire on his role and after providing an explanation, many people have commented their hope that e-Bikes won't be allowed. Delta Unit Manager Dan Cunning stated there have been reports of Type-3 e-Bikes speeding. This type of e-Bike is not allowed on the trails and is an illegal use. O'Connor recalled receiving a few emails in support of the e-Bike program, mostly from people who have mobility or age issues.

Cunning stated staff has worked with Public Safety on events on the trail and have monitored speeds of the e-Bikes with the Public Safety system. Most of the bikes were within the 15-mph speed limit, although they appeared to be moving faster.

Waespi suggested to coordinate with vendors on e-Bike purchases and use. Cunning replied they can check with their vendors to get an opinion of base usage when purchasing e-Bikes. Waespi requested to see the statistics for those with mobility issues using e-Bikes. Cunning replied that the raw statistics can be provided.

Corbett inquired if there are other vendors near the trails we are surveying. Barragan commented a new store has opened in Walnut Creek and there are a few more stores in the area.

Wieskamp suggested holding an e-Bike Fair with a topic of perception for a better understanding on the e-Bikes. Cunning replied that for this pilot program staff wanted to capture what is current and not necessarily have a bias for e-Bikes. Staff sought to gather raw data and find out opinions and increase of usage then determine if it is offsetting traditional use of the trail.

Corbett suggested to explore the usage of e-Bikes during non-peak hours. Cunning replied that could be a question on a new poll.

## **Public Comment on Item 2**

Kelly Abreu commented on the costs of e-Bikes, the bike policy and trails for e-Bikes and the potential backlash on e-Bike usage.

## **End of Public Comment**

## **Agenda Item 3: Park Operations Recreation Areas Unit Update: Storm Damage Trail Crews**

Recreation Areas Unit Manager Dania Stoneham provided an update on the Unit Storm Damage Trail Crews through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation covered a map on the areas of coverage, 2017 storm recovery and clean-up grant, primary goals, storm crew locations, training opportunities, trail rerouting, and trail narrowing.

Waespi inquired on the definition of a dislocated worker. Stoneham replied it is an unemployed or about to be unemployed person who is eligible for CalJobs.

Corbett inquired if feedback has been received from workers. Stoneham replied the feedback from workers has been positive. Comments have also been made on their positive feelings of being a part of something.

Wieskamp inquired if staff has the right to write a recommendation for resumes. Stoneham replied they can list their experience on their resumes.

Waespi inquired how many crews there are. Stoneham replied there are five crew members at Redwood Park and seven at Del Valle. The proposal was to have three crews of seven.

### **Public Comments on Item 3**

Kelly Abreu commented on parking stripes and cement wheel stops.

### **End of Public Comments**

### **Agenda Item 4: Public Comments**

Kelly Abreu commented on an article in the San Jose Mercury News regarding bicyclists.

### **AGM Comments**

There were no AGM Comments.

### **Board Comments**

There were no Board comments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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