

MINUTES

City of Fremont/EBRPD Liaison Committee Meeting

Teen Center - Central Park
39770 Paseo Padre Parkway
Fremont, CA 94538

April 26, 2018

Committee Members Present

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

EBRPD: 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; Tracey Leung, Executive Assistant

EBRPD: Jim O'Connor, Assistant General Manager Operations; Terry Noonan, Unit Manager Interpretive Parkland; Chris Barton, Environmental Programs Manager; Kim Fisher, Landscape Architect; Ruby Tumber, Management Analyst; Lance Brede, Police Captain; Denise Valentine, Executive Secretary

Committee Member Vinnie Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Introduction

The meeting commenced with the introduction of those present.

2. Approval of Minutes

By motion of Committee Member Wieskamp and seconded by Committee Member Bacon, the minutes of October 19, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Committee members Wieskamp, Waespi, and Bacon

Noes: None

Abstain: Committee member Pavan Vedere

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

3. Mission Peak Modified Hours Pilot Program

Assistant General Manager Operations Jim O'Connor gave a background of the modified hours pilot program. He informed the public that on May 17 the Park District Board Operations Committee would vote on the staff recommendation regarding the modified hours.

Ruby Tumber provided a presentation and update on the Mission Peak Modified Hours Pilot Program.

Item opened for public comment

Ben Yee commented that we need to have something to remind people physically and visually of the park's operation hours.

Marty Koller, Shailesh Niranjana, William Yragui, Kelly Abreu, Steve Skala, Rich Godfrey, Mark Aragon, Suresh Bazaj spoke in support of extending the operation hours.

Jannet Benz, Colin His, Alice Chang, Surinder Chowdhury, Vijay Pitchumani, Tony Pang, Veronica Pang, Kelvin Li, Hiu Ting Li, Randy Buswell, William Hsu, Asok Chatterjee, Henry Lau, Jing Zhang spoke in support of maintaining the current operation hours.

Item closed for public comment

Director of Community Services, Suzanne Wolf reminded the public that the Park District Board Operations Committee (BOC) makes the decision on the park hours. The City of Fremont City Council does not have jurisdiction on setting park hours. The public is encouraged to provide comments on this item at the next City Council and/or BOC meeting.

4. Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project

Chris Barton provided an update on the conceptual site plan of the Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project.

Item opened for public comment

Kelly Abreu, Fremont resident: Mr. Abreu mentioned that the free parking lot at the corner of Paseo Padre Parkway and the park entrance is heavily used; he suggested staff to consider a better parking fee model.

Item closed for public comment

5. Dumbarton Quarry Update

Bob McCarrick from Dumbarton Quarry Associates provided an update on the Dumbarton Quarry Campground Project.

6. Public Comments

Kelly Abreu, Fremont resident: Mr. Abreu commented on the parking congestion and restroom problems at Mission Peak.

William Yragui, Mission Peak Conservancy: Mr. Yragui commented on making better connection of Alameda Creek Trail and other multi-use trails in the Fremont and surrounding cities. He also mentioned that the City should encourage access to the Vargas Plateau Park by restricting autos access on Morrison Canyon Rd. on weekends and consider the use of the 2.4 acres at Pickering.

7. Staff Comments

Next meeting date will be August 30, 2018 at Ardenwood Farm.

Committee Member Vinnie Bacon adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.