

AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

b. Operations (Wednesday, January 30, 2019) (Corbett)

Present

Board: Directors Ayn Wieskamp (Alt Chair), Beverly Lane, Dennis Waespi (Alt)

Absent: Director Ellen Corbett

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Mimi Waluch, Renee Patterson, Dan Cuning,  
Carlos Lare-Masters, David Phulps, Steve Castile, Denise Valentine

Guests: Gino Torali, Ted Strohl, Kelly Abreu

**Agenda Item 1: 2019 Committee Work Plan Final Review**

Management Analyst Ruby Tumber provided an overview of the final 2019 Committee Work Plan through the staff report handout.

**Policy Reviews and Recommendations**

Item 3 – Natural and Cultural Resources Policy Update (or alternate Committee)

Director Lane requested clarification on the update. AGM of Operations Jim O'Connor recalled that Cultural Resources Coordinator Beverly Ortiz has been reviewing policies related to Natural Cultural resources protection and is ready to move forward to bring the item into compliance with current Park District practices. A Committee will be formed to review the policy, which will be presented to both the Executive Committee and the full Board.

**Concessionaire and Special Use Agreement Reviews and Recommendations**

Item 4 – Review Gateway Friends Memorandum of Understanding

O'Connor commented that the Bay Bridge Alliance Community members are interested in financing and designing the build-out at the park. There is expressed interest in forming a “friend’s group” and drafting a Memorandum of Understanding with the Park District. As this is the first of its kind, staff is currently working on a draft.

Item 18 – Review Save the Bay Special Use Agreement: MLK Jr. Regional Shoreline

Lane requested clarification on the agreements. Business Services Manager Mimi Waluch commented there are two agreements, one with the Audubon Society and other with Save the

Bay. Both organizations host grade school children within Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, to perform science programs, propagation, and other curriculum tied to third and fourth grade levels.

### **Informational Reports and Discussion Topics**

#### **Item 8 – Park Operations Interpretive Parklands Unit Update: Backtimber Project**

Lane requested clarification on the project. O'Connor stated the Hazel Atlas entrance shaft to Black Diamond Mine is lined with deteriorating timbers that need to be replaced.

#### **Item 16 – District-wide Operational Pesticide Use Update**

Director Waespi inquired if a date has been scheduled for the report on this item. Tumber replied in the latter part of the year. O'Connor recalled the item was added to the work plan at the request of Director Corbett. A conversation was had with General Manager Robert E. Doyle on the topic, and the item could potentially be reassigned to another Park District Committee.

Waespi requested to add a review on the progress of Redwood Canyon Golf Course to the plan. Tumber replied the update will be included in item 10, Annual Review of Concession Maintenance Fund, Concession, and Special Use Revenues: District-wide. Waespi requested it to be listed as a separate item; staff complied.

Lane made comment in reference to the Annual Integrated Pest Management report and the inclusion of information provided by Operations. O'Connor recalled there is a performance objective within the 2019 budget that requires Operations to perform an analysis of pesticide use within the Division, which is a separate process and included in the annual report provided by the Stewardship Department.

### **Agenda Item 2: Update: After-Hours Commuter Bicycle Permit Pilot Program**

Police Lieutenant David Phulps provided an update of the pilot program through a PowerPoint presentation. Items covered included the program background, pilot program locations, Ordinance 38.409.8(f), new proposed languages, application process, after-hours commuter bicycle permit sample, recommendation, implementation, and future developments.

Lane inquired if there have been issues aside from the helmet requirement and fee. Phulps replied additional issues included registering preferred routes and wearing a reflective permit.

Phulps commented that two applications have been submitted and not completed. Currently there are no registered permit holders.

Lane inquired the cause for District Public Safety hesitation with the program. Phulps replied it is due to the possibility of incidents occurring between evening, swing shift hours during which there is limited coverage on trails by Public Safety staff.

Lane inquired on bikers in the Dumbarton Quarry area. Phulps replied Coyote Hills and Alameda Creek Park District staff have had issues with e-bikes in this area due to access to the Dumbarton Bridge. O'Connor recalled that bikers often circumvent Paseo Padre Parkway to access the bridge, instead taking a shortcut through the parks.

Waespi suggested to eliminate the new signage and requested a copy of the requirements and restrictions for the program. Phulps acknowledged affirmatively.

#### Public Speaker on Item 2

Kelly Abreu – commented on the item in relation to Ordinance 38.

Waespi moved to approve the staff recommendation to continue the Pilot Program with Current Trails: Alameda Creek Trail, Delta de Anza Trail, Iron Horse Regional Trail, and Temescal; and approve 5 additional trails to the pilot program: Big Break Trail, Contra Costa Canal Trail, Marsh Creek Trail, Lafayette-Moraga Trail, George Miller Regional Trail (SF Bay Trail Segment); and suspend the \$10 Fee. There will be a reassessment at the end of the Pilot Program. Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item 3: Authorization to Negotiate an Agricultural Lease Agreement with New Tenant: Delta Access Regional Recreation Area**

Business Services Administrative Analyst Renee Patterson provided an overview of the agreement through a PowerPoint presentation. Items in the presentation included location, property photos, type of crop, and recommendation.

Patterson introduced new tenant Gino Torlai of Lemhi Land and Cattle LLC.

Waespi inquired on the cost per acre. Patterson replied \$48,450 per year. Waespi inquired if the Park District covers water costs. Patterson replied no.

Waespi inquired if alfalfa will be grown and if pesticides will be used. Torlai replied affirmatively that herbicides and pesticide would be used. However, the levels used are much lower than what is used on vegetables. Patterson commented that Torlai will be working the Park District Integrated Pest Management Manager.

Lane inquired if asparagus used to be grown on the land. Patterson replied yes, but the last farmer grew alfalfa.

Waespi moved to approve the staff recommendation to the Board of the Directors for negotiation of a new tenant and a new agricultural lease agreement to provide the Park District with the opportunity to maintain the property and continue agricultural operations. Park District staff recommend plowing and planting crops on the property to generate revenue and, more importantly, manage onsite vegetation during the period that the subject parcels are land-banked prior to staff commencing the park planning process. The existing irrigation channels and drainages need to be kept clear of vegetation and may need repairs to facilitate crop irrigation. Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comments**

Ted Strohl – commented on the multi-use trail system in the Park District.

Kelly Abreu – commented on the upcoming Niles Canyon Roll & Stroll event on September 22, 2019 and bikes on trails.

### **AGM Comments**

- The YMCA has notified the Park District their intent to cease operation of Camp Arroyo on June 1, 2019.
- The Park District is working with Dumbarton Quarry Associates on a Phase II amendment for the Dumbarton Quarry Campground. O'Connor mentioned attending the City of Fremont Planning Commission meeting. The item passed 4-1 vote for the Reclamation Plan Conditional Use Permit.

### **Board Comments**

Waespi inquired on the opening date for the Dumbarton Quarry Campground. O'Connor replied that his best estimate was spring 2020. Staff continues to work through permitting issues.

Lane commented scheduled Committing meeting dates should remain as is, as much as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.