

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

C. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

d. Operations (Thursday, June 20, 2019) (Corbett)

Present

Board: Directors Ellen Corbett (Chair), Ayn Wieskamp, Beverly Lane

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Anthony Ciaburro, Alan Love, Lance Brede, Steve Castile, Ira Bletz, Anne Kassebaum, Meadow D'Arcy, Dan Cuning, Denise Valentine

Guest: Elaine Rasmussen

Agenda Item 1: Update: Art and Music in the Parks

Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager Ira Bletz provided an update on the initiative to incorporate additional art and music into existing special events. Items covered in the presentation included: the value of art and music, events and locations, new opportunities and funding.

Director Wieskamp commented on how it would be appropriate to view beyond these types of events and consider permanent art at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area. Operations Assistant General Manager Jim O'Connor mentioned that the General Manager's office acquired Intern Rachel Arbios, who is assigned to study permanent art in the parks and gather data for the necessary budget.

Director Lane commented on the value that art brings to regional parks and liked the idea of an arts logo associated with art programs in the Regional In Nature (RIN) Magazine. Lane suggested having a stand-alone art policy.

Director Corbett noticed additional music programs in parks and stated it is a good way to experience regional parks and draw members of the public. Corbett suggested to consider literature and poetry in the parks as another avenue to explore.

Agenda Item 2: Public Safety Update: Precision Policing and Partnerships

Assistant General Manager of Public Safety Chief Anthony Ciaburro provided an overview of the ongoing partnership between Operations and Public Safety.

Lane inquired on the partnership with local police agencies. Ciaburro replied that he attends the agency chief meetings and the commanders attend the agency commander meetings. There is on-going communication between the agencies and assistance is provided on both ends when requested.

Lane inquired on the status of the volunteer safety patrol. Ciaburro replied there are currently 130 active members. Captain Lance Brede stated Volunteer Coordinator Heather Gilfillan works closely with Operations in the program, utilizing precision policing methodology to bring in volunteers to assist. Lane suggested a once a year invite to a Board member to attend a regular meeting. Brede replied an invitation could be extended to a regular meeting or the annual summit.

Wieskamp inquired on the status of the Niles Roll and Stroll event. Ciaburro replied staff is preparing for the upcoming event in September.

Corbett inquired on the jurisdictional responsibility of the helicopter. Ciaburro responded that upon receiving calls, it is not uncommon to send the helicopter unit to assist agencies. In turn, District Public Safety staff receives ground aide when needed.

Corbett inquired if members of the public should contact Dispatch for safety concerns. Captain Alan Love replied it is encouraged to dial 911 if its an emergency. Staff is utilizing signage with the non-emergency number at staging areas.

Ciaburro mentioned that a scientific study for auto burglaries is being conducted selecting eight random parking facilities. Data shows a curb in auto break-ins in the identified areas. Months following the study, there was a slight increase although not as drastic. The second study showed no increase in valuables taken and no decrease in burglaries. A full report is being compiled and will be presented at a later date.

Public Comments on Item 2

Kelly Abreu – commented on photos of the Queen of England, retirement of the City of Fremont police chief, intelligence-based policing, Vargas Plateau water map, parking signs on county roads, Mission Peak parking, concrete wheel stops, and toilet installations at Mission Peak.

Agenda Item 3: Update: Park Operations Delta Unit

Delta Unit Manager Dan Cunning provided an overview of the Delta Unit Park areas through a presentation. Items included park introductions, storm related issues, the Alternative Work Program in Contra Costa County, Civicorp Transportation Grant Partnership, Outreach and Collaboration, Special Park District Forum – Concord Hills and Big Break, and building the future.

Corbett commended the Delta Unit staff for their hard work in preparing the park for the forum and its 168 guests.

Corbett inquired on the number of hikers who use the bike trails. Cunning replied there is a fair amount, but not as many as before. As bike trails have become more formalized, staff see the public closer to the staging area and hikers utilizing fire trails. Typically, hikers do not go into the valley to get to bike trails.

Corbett inquired on the sustainability of the trails. Cunning replied cattle tend to impede and damage trails. Park staff works with the grazers to provide detours. Due to weather conditions, timing is everything.

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

Kelly Abreu – provided the Committee members a handout and commented on Mission Peak, busy intersections, permitting and signage, accounting, Niles Canyon Roll and Stroll, and the Niles Canyon trail.

O'Connor reminded the Committee that time change of the July Committee meeting is from 12:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 5: Board Comments

Wieskamp commended the Delta Unit staff in bringing together the bikes, hikers and grazers for optimal relationships.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
/s/ Denise Valentine
Executive Secretary