

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Operations (Thursday, September 19, 2019) _____ (Corbett)

Present

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

Staff: Jim O'Connor, Ruby Tumber, Steve Castile, Tiffany Margulici, Renee Patterson, Sarah Lamborn, Dan Cuning, Kevin Damstra, David Kendall, Helen Wu, Ira Bletz Alisa Kim and Denise Valentine

Guest: Evelyn Ortman

Agenda Item 1: Update: Interpretive and Recreation Services Southeast Region

Interpretive and Recreation Services South-East Regional Manager Ira Bletz provided an update of the South-East region through a presentation. Bletz provided updates on various projects, including the immersive coal mine exhibit and timeline at Black Diamond Mines, the Del Valle Visitor Center update, the Shadow Cliffs Interpretive Pavilion, and the Sunol Visitor Center temporary exhibits,

Director Lane inquired if members of the public can see through the pavilion. Bletz replied yes.

Director Wieskamp inquired if it would be easy to demonstrate the watershed at Del Valle. Bletz replied that an interpretive panel could be created.

Wieskamp inquired if there is a protective coat of the map Big Break. Bletz replied affirmatively.

Director Lane inquired if staff anticipated that the map at Big Break would need to be resurrected so soon. Bletz replied affirmatively.

Lane expressed concerns of the quality and longevity of the sound systems and interactive components at the visitor centers. Bletz replied staff is planning for longevity and will have backup devices installed in the event the main system experiences issues.

Lane questioned what prompted staff to continue with the visitor center project at Del Valle considering the agencies that favored allowing additional water into the lake. AGM of Operations Jim O'Connor replied that state funding was provided to develop this facility and staff has made a good case with the agencies in the rehabilitation of the facilities. Although the park is designed under the top of the spillway, staff reassured all parties involved that the design of the new visitor center will incorporate materials that are water resistant and have some mobile exhibits.

Lane inquired if any thought is given to redesign the topography map in the visitor center. Bletz replied a new 3D map was created.

Corbett inquired if it is normal that the island disappeared at Big Break. Bletz replied that the island disappeared due to levy failures.

Corbett inquired if there are plans for installing art with the pavilion. Bletz replied that the exhibit will include wildlife models.

Lane inquired if there will be a signature image for each visitor center. Bletz replied that staff worked with Public Affairs staff to create the buttons. Lane requested a set of buttons for the Board members.

Lane inquired if staff was repositioned to different sites during the construction of Del Valle. Bletz replied that programs were shifted to Del Valle and staff was invested in testing programs.

Bletz mentioned Cultural Services Coordinator Beverly Ortiz will be receiving a media award for her work on the Ohlone map and will be honored in November by the National Association of Interpretation. Naturalist Ashley Adams will receive the Outstanding New Interpreter award at the same event.

Agenda Items 2: Review Martinez Equestrian Arena Special Use Agreement: Radke-Martinez Regional Shoreline Park

Business Services Administrative Analyst Renee Patterson provided an overview of the agreement through a presentation. Items included a historical review of the location and association with photos.

Wieskamp inquired if non-club members can utilize the facility. Tri-Cities Horsemen's Association President Evelyn Ortman replied that the arena is open to the public, as long as an event is not being held.

Corbett inquired if riding lessons are offered. Ortman replied no, as horses are not kept at the site.

Corbett questioned the status of indemnification. Patterson replied that the indemnity can change depending on the activity. Approximately \$1 to \$2 million for aggregate, otherwise a standard indemnity clause that the licensee carries.

Director Lane moved to approve the staff recommendation and recommend to the full Board a five-year Special Use Agreement with Tri-Cities Horsemen's Association for continued use of the designated area in the Ted and Kathy Radke-Martinez Regional Shoreline for a public equestrian arena with a snack shack/entry booth, along with continued maintenance of the area and the structures they have established there. The Park District can expect revenue of \$500 annually. Director Wieskamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 3: Update: Reservable Facilities

Rental Facilities Supervisor Sarah Lamborn and Senior Office Specialist Helen Wu provided an overview of the Rental Facilities Department through a presentation. Items included rental facility review, department staff updates, visitor and special event statistics, revenue and fee updates, and Taylor Family Foundation statistics.

Corbett requested additional information on weekend events at the Brazilian room. Lamborn replied due to popularity, the weekday business has increased.

Corbett sought clarification of flush water reclamation. Lamborn replied that the current pressure washing technique doesn't allow water to run into the landscape.

Corbett inquired if the market being targeted is venues with indoor/outdoor spaces for rent. Lamborn replied yes, as the seating capacity is 60 and limits to a specific demographic. Pairing the indoor with outdoor spaces could reach more businesses in the area.

Lane inquired if the public can host their own events at the Brazilian room. Lamborn replied affirmatively, only if it is considered a non-catered event where customers can utilize the kitchen for cooking or have a potluck. An orientation is provided by staff for these types of events.

Lane inquired if all the Park District rental facilities are ADA accessible. Lamborn replied affirmatively.

Lane commented that the food served at Big Break for the Special Park Districts Forum is a great example for meals served at this type of facility.

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item 5: AGM Comments

- Staff issued the request for proposal for the Del Valle Kayak concession and have a mandatory site visit with only one respondent, who is the current operator.

Agenda Item 6: Board Comments

- There were no Board comments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
/s/ Denise Valentine
Executive Secretary