

DRAFT Meeting Summary
City of Richmond/East Bay Regional Park District
Liaison Committee
September 24, 2010

Attendees:

City of Richmond: Mayor McLaughlin, Bill Lindsay, Tom Butt, Nicole Valentino, Lynne Scarpa, Edric Kwan, Lina Velasco

East Bay Regional Park District: Mike Anderson, Patti Zierman, Anne Rockwell

Guests: Donald Bastin (TRAC)

A meeting of the City of Richmond/EBRPD Liaison Committee was held September 24, 2010, City Manager's Conference Room, Richmond City Hall. **Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting was informational only.** Mayor Gayle McLaughlin acted as chairperson for the meeting. The following is a summary of the items discussed.

The meeting was called to order at 12:47 pm.

1. Introductions

Round robin introductions were made.

2. Public Comment

TRAC representative Donald Bastin reported that the trail at Shipyard 3 is complete and sculptural work and interpretive exhibits are in progress. He said that Bruce Bayaert is in the running for an award and if he wins TRAC will receive \$5,000.

3. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as submitted.

4. Approval of Draft Meeting Summary from June 4, 2010

Held over to next meeting

5. Status of Wildcat Creek Bay Trail Undercrossing/Overcrossing

Mayor McLaughlin reported that Terrance Chung told her there is movement on the issue of the land being set aside for an overcrossing. Mike Anderson reported that a meeting took place and now there is an interest from County Redevelopment in putting in an at-grade crossing which would be signalized and linked to the access to the project. The crossing could probably be added in with the development since they will need a turn-out into the development anyway.

He said he thinks the City resisted an at-grade crossing because the City wanted to have Caltrans maintain the Richmond Parkway. Bill Lindsay said he had not heard the recent proposal for an at-grade crossing but he said he will keep an open mind. He said the City has abandoned the hope of transferring the maintenance of the Parkway over to Caltrans. Mr. Lindsay expressed concerns for safety because of the speeds at the location and said the Iron Horse Trail has two overcrossings and the speeds are much slower at those locations. Mayor McLaughlin agrees that it is a very fast moving street and safety is a concern. Mr. Lindsay will

contact the County and initiate a discussion. Tom Butt said he thinks it would be a good idea for Mayor McLaughlin, Supervisor Gioia, Whitney Dotson, and a City and County public works staff person to meet. Bill Lindsay will setup the meeting.

6. Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor Appraisal

Bill Lindsay reported that the City Council voted to make the yacht harbor appraisal public. He provided a summary of the appraisal, which is \$1.2 million for 199 permitted slips and some structures including a closed café. Mike Anderson asked how many residents currently reside there and no one knew the answer for sure but there was a guess that there are about 50 boats. Bill Lindsay thinks there is a possibility that the current residents (the non-profit) may want to purchase the property themselves, Tom Butt will send a copy of the appraisal to the non-profit.

7. Update on Oil Spill Coordination Efforts

Lynn Scarpa showed the group one of the new coordinated oil spills signs made for the City of Richmond at the Park District sign shop. She also passed out a brochure created by the volunteer group entitled “How You Can Help After a Oil Spill.” She said the oil spill recovery group continues to meet quarterly and is constantly updating the contact list. She said there will be training on October 6th using the trailers that were acquired by using oil spill response funds. Anne Rockwell said approximately 40 people from Richmond, EBRPD and Contra Costa County will participate in the on-the-water oil boom deployment training.

Lynn Scarpa said the group is looking for training on impacts to habitat and they did some research on available boats. She said there are two police boats in need of overhauling, which are not in the water. The Port has a small boat and will be trying to obtain a boat through the Homeland Security grant. She said contracting with MSRC has some difficulties because of the expense since if they are deployed by the City of Richmond they will not be paid, but if they are deployed by incident command there is no charge for using their boats. She said that after talking with the Port and the Harbor, it didn't seem to make sense to contact MSRC. The harbor master would handle it if it's in the marina. The harbors with businesses already have a contract with MSRC, the same applies for the port area. Mayor McLaughlin asked if there was a need for a contract with MSRC to protect the City's section of the port. Tom Butt said if the City calls MSRC, the City will pay them. The City would pay MSRC and then seek reimbursement from the responsible party. Bill Lindsay explained that the idea is to have a procedure in place with the quickest possible response.

8. Breuner Marsh Bay Trail Update

Mike Anderson reported that the District is beginning the planning process for the wetland restoration and then will plan for the Bay Trail. USF&W is concerned that a trail by the wetlands will have an impact on wildlife. He guessed that the trail will be completed in 4 to 5 years and that there will be a lot of CEQA and permitting issues. Tom Butt asked where the money is coming from. Mr. Anderson responded that there are several sources.

Tom Butt asked what it would take to rename the marshes. Mike Anderson explained that naming is done during the planning process. Lynn Scarpa said there was an effort in the historical society to rename marshes, but the project is at a standstill. She said the City can name marshes, but she usually defers it to the historical society. Bill Lindsay said he believes

there is a formal naming processes that goes through the Parks and Recreation Department. Mike Anderson said if the City wants to rename Hoffman Marsh, they can suggest it to the Park District.

Donald Bastin said a small section of the Bay Trail will still be incomplete after the District puts in its section at Breuner Marsh. He said it's ¼ mile, or maybe only a few hundred yards, from the Parkway to the staging area. He asked the City to start thinking about funding for it. Mike Anderson thinks there will be about 1.5 miles of Bay Trail at Breuner and Giant Marshes.

9. East Side Trail at Miller Knox Easement

Anne Rockwell reported that the bridge section of the new trail has slipped twice. She said there are several different plans on types of fixes, but there is no implementation date. Edric Kwan said the easement transaction was completed, so the District has acquired the trail.

10. Request for Copy of Boundary Survey for Keller Beach Lift Station

Mike Anderson reported that no progress is being made on this issue and that he has been asked to plead with the group to resolve this. If the lift station is on Park District property, should there be a spill, the District is responsible. Edric Kwan said in the late 1970s the District gave the City an easement and the City Council accepted it, but it was never recorded. There has been another request to pull the files to find the grant of easement document and have it recorded. Everything is in place to re-survey the area and re-create the grant of easement if it is not found in the next two weeks.

11. Update on Atlas Road Bridge Construction

Mike Anderson reported that the project is moving forward. The next task will be removing six acres of eucalyptus trees. Marway Steele cut the trees down several years ago, leaving the stumps. These trees are re-growth from those stumps. Trees that go back to the old company town, as well as the old foundations, will be retained. The tree removal will happen in three to four weeks and the area will be signed in advance. Mr. Anderson spoke with the Sierra Club and the California Native Plant Society and both groups are understanding of what the District is doing. Anne Rockwell said there will be a buffer of eucalyptus between the park and the railroad track. Edric Kwan wants to ensure an element of art is included in the bridge. He will double check with the Project Designer, Francisco Mariscal.

12. Agenda Building

Land Use Plan Amendment for Alvarado Park.

Draft Meeting Summary Approval for June 4, 2010 meeting as well as the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm