

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Fall 2010 Board Meeting Minutes
Aquarium of the Bay, San Francisco
September 9, 2010**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members:

Chair: Rick Parmer

Co-Chair: Tom Huening

Julie Bondurant

Leo DuBose

Jim Foran

Judith Malamut

Julia Miller

Dan Hodapp

Minane Jameson

Ellen Johnck

Bill Long

Brian Wiese

Philip Sales

Sara Woo

Guests:

Ann Buell, State Coastal Conservancy

Jon Jainga, Sonoma County Regional Parks

David Beaupre, Port of San Francisco

Neal Hrushowy, City of San Francisco

Staff:

Laura Thompson, Project Manager

Maureen Gaffney, Bay Trail Planner

Lee Huo, Bay Trail Planner

Introductions / Agenda / Announcements

Parmer brought the Board meeting to order and introductions were made.

Agenda/Minutes

Miller made a motion to adopt the agenda and minutes; Huening seconded.

The agenda and minutes were adopted unanimously.

Welcoming Comments

John Frawley, President and CEO of the Bay Institute, welcomed the Board to the Aquarium of the Bay and provided a brief history of the Bay Institute and the Aquarium.

Board Announcements

-Sales Informed the Board that he was recently appointed engineering chair for the Napa Valley Vine Trail, a planned 22-mile trail from Vallejo to Calistoga. The Vine Trail is a non-profit organization with grape growers and agricultural interests supporting the effort.

- Miller Delivered the exciting news that the 2.4-mile section of Bay Trail behind Moffett Field will open to the public on September 20. She thanked all involved and was recognized by staff with flowers and a card.

- Buell Introduced herself as project manager with the Coastal Conservancy working on the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail and newly designated Conservancy manager for the Bay Trail. She expressed excitement to serve on the Bay Trail Board of Directors.

- Foran Informed the Board of the master planning process for the San Jose Water Pollution Control Plant. The process will determine the future alignment of the Bay Trail through the area. A coalition of environmental groups recommends a new alternative for development and a potential interim alignment for the Bay Trail.

- Jameson Informed the board that a proposed power plant in Hayward will be visible from the Bay Trail. She encouraged a letter voicing opposition of the power plant.

- Woo Announced that the McGary Road Class II bike lanes will be dedicated on September 30 and on October 2 the Highway 780 over-crossing improvements will be complete, linking the Bay Trail and the Ridge Trail in Benicia State Recreation Area.

- Hodapp Highlighted the 7 ½ miles of waterfront under the Port of San Francisco's jurisdiction that incorporates the Bay Trail, including the BlueGreenway along the southeast waterfront.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Announced that a new section of Bay Trail and restored wetland were celebrated in Menlo Park on September 7. Senator Dianne Feinstein was the keynote speaker in a dedication for the Ravenswood Pond SF2, located at the west end of the Dumbarton Bridge. The trail provides access to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's Ravenswood Open Space Preserve. // Encouraged board members to participate in the staff-led Bay Trail bike rides, the first leaving today after the meeting from Fisherman's Wharf to Sausalito.

- Gaffney Announced that 2.5 miles of Bay Trail along the edge of the Napa-Sonoma Marsh will open soon; described coordination with the Vine Trail on a new alignment in Vallejo.

- Huo Informed the Board that the Shipyard III trail, as part of the Rosie the Riveter World War II/Home Front National Historic Park, will open in mid-September, staff will request adjustments to the design; engineering consultants are looking at several alternatives for the connection between Point Richmond and Point Molate along the edge of Highway 580 and the Chevron refinery, public workshops are scheduled for later this year.

Bay Trail Board Candidates

Thompson announced the candidacy of two new board members – Ann Buell of the Coastal Conservancy, replacing Moira McEnespy and Antionette Romeo of the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, as alternate to Elish Ryan.

ACTION: Huening moved, Wiese seconded Bay Trail Board support for Ann Buell as a new Bay Trail Board Director. Unanimously approved.

ACTION: Foran moved, Hodapp seconded Bay Trail Board support for Antoinette Romeo as a new Bay Trail Board Alternate. Unanimously approved.

Hayward Sea Level Rise Study

Thompson introduced the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency's invitation to participate in a study to determine sea rise vulnerability and alternative Bay Trail alignments along the shoreline. The Board discussed the draft resolution, and with a few minor changes, it was adopted.

ACTION: Miller moved, Huening seconded Bay Trail Board adoption of a resolution of support for the cooperative study of the impact of sea level rise on the infrastructure of the Hayward/San Leandro shoreline. Unanimously approved.

North Bay Alignment

Gaffney provided an overview of the existing adopted alignment in the North Bay. She highlighted studies, reports and agency approvals in Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties that have resulted in an improved Bay Trail alignment closer to the shoreline of San Pablo Bay and the banks of the Napa River. The Board discussed the specific proposed revisions to the alignment.

ACTION: Huening moved, Johnck seconded Bay Trail Board adoption of the staff recommendation for a new alignment in Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties.

San Francisco Blue Greenway

David Beaupre, Senior Waterfront Planner with the Port of San Francisco, provided an overview of the BlueGreenway project. This effort to complete Bay Trail gaps and Water Trail launch/landing sites along the southeastern section of the city has been underway for several years with numerous partner agencies and organizations. Illinois Street bike lanes are expected to be installed in 6 – 9 month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. for lunch

During lunch, Neil Hrushowy, planner and urban designer with the City of San Francisco, reviewed plans for the Fisherman's Wharf area as a follow-up to a previous Steering Committee presentation.

Bay Trail Bicycle Ride

The first of nine bike rides along the Bay Trail began after the board meeting. Board members and partners cycled from Fisherman's Wharf to Sausalito, stopping along the way to discuss recently completed sections of trail and proposed improvements. The group returned to Pier 41 by ferry.