

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Fall Board Meeting Minutes  
Craneway Pavilion, Richmond  
October 27, 2009**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Attendance**

Board Members:

Chair: Rick Parmer  
Bruce Beyaert  
Julie Bondurant  
Sean Co  
Cecily Harris  
Dan Hodapp  
Tom Huening  
Minane Jameson  
Joe LaClair  
Bill Long

Judith Malamut  
Steve McAdam  
Philip Sales  
Linda Stonier  
Don Weden  
Brian Wiese  
Sara Woo  
Cathy Woodbury  
John Woodbury

Guests:

Elizabeth Tucker, National Park Service  
Betty Reid Soskin, National Park Service  
Marian Soosa, NPS Volunteer  
Agnes Moore, NPS Volunteer  
Marian Wynn, NPS Volunteer  
Anne Jackson, PG&E  
Kim Weden

Staff:

Laura Thompson, Project Manager  
Lee Huo, Bay Trail Planner  
Maureen Gaffney, Bay Trail Planner

**Introductions / Agenda / Announcements**

Parmer welcomed Board members and guests.

Introductions were made.

Agenda/Minutes

Wiese made a motion to adopt the agenda; Harris seconded.

LaClair made a motion to adopt the previous meeting's minutes; Sales seconded.

The agenda and minutes were adopted unanimously.

Board Announcements

-Woo            Announced that the Solano Transportation Authority is moving forward on bicycle and pedestrian improvements to Jameson Canyon Road, which serves as part of the Bay Area Ridge Trail and a connector to the Bay Trail.

- Wiese            The East Bay Regional Park District is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and has established its first kayak group camp in Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. This campsite will become part of the Bay Area Water Trail.
  
- Co                The Metropolitan Transportation Commission will announce the first round of funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects as part of the new Regional Transportation Plan in January 2010. This full cycle of STIP/CMAQ funds will total \$44 million in six years.
  
- J. Woodbury    Informed the Board of recent consensus to narrow the Bay Trail alignment in Napa County down to one location west of the Napa River.
  
- Harris           Announced that San Mateo County Parks Department broke ground on October 1 for improvements to the Bay Trail in Coyote Point Park.
  
- Bondurant      Announced the release of *Trail Planning for California Communities* by Solano Press and thanked the board members that served as chapter authors and peer reviewers.
  
- Huening        Informed the Board of the South San Francisco bridge dedication on October 21 completing the city's eight miles of Bay Trail. SSF is one of seven cities that have completed the Bay Trail and he hopes that San Mateo can be the first County.
  
- Hodapp          Informed the Board that the Port of San Francisco is working on three major projects related to the Bay Trail: 1) Embarcadero Promenade design study to address how the promenade can function as a better multi-use trail; 2) extension of the Bay Trail two additional blocks into Fisherman's Wharf; and 3) design and planning for the 3-mile BlueGreenway.
  
- Long             Informed the Board that the Bay and Ridge Trail projects are collaborating to raise awareness with the business community. Staff is considering a meeting with the Bay Area Council to provide an update and seek engagement in the projects to enhance livability in the Bay Area.
  
- Beyaert         Welcomed the Board to Richmond and informed the board of two new trail guides for the Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front National Historic Park: the Ferry Point Trail Loop Guide and the Marina Bay Trail Guide. Also informed the Board that the Port of Richmond is going out to bid on the new Shipyard 3 Bay Trail segment.
  
- K. Weden        Encouraged Board members to join Bruce Beyaert on his walk to view Richmond's shoreline parks.
  
- Parmer          Noted that the Bay Area Open Space Council received a grant to address regional park accessibility. This process will bring national, state and regional entities together. Also announced that the East Bay Regional Park District began construction on the Tidewater Aquatic Center in Oakland. The District will partner with Oakland Strokes and others to create a new waterfront boating destination and education center.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson      Announced that the Bay Trail Project joined the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the East Bay Regional Park District on October 3 in Martinez to celebrate milestone anniversaries. The successful event included a guided hike, bird watching excursion and

bike ride along the Carquinez Strait. Special thanks to Rick Parmer for leading the bird walk! / On October 8 the Greater Vallejo Recreation District broke ground on Glen Cove Waterfront Park which will include segments of the Bay and Ridge Trails. Bay Trail/Conservancy provided a \$200,000 grant to close gap in the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail. / The Bay Area Open Space Council has formed a new working group focusing on trails. The group has met twice, including representatives from Bay Trail, Ridge Trail, Coastal Conservancy, Rails-to-Trails, Sonoma County, Napa County and Land Paths, and will discuss topics such as maintenance, funding, mapping, education and use data.

- Huo Announced the opening of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge bicycle and pedestrian pathway last month and the well-attended ceremony. / Contra Costa County Transportation Authority is updating the countywide bicycle plan and most of the Bay Trail is included. / The Alameda County CMA and ACTIA are kicking off their countywide bike plan updates.
- Gaffney Informed the Board that Bob Siegel, avid cyclist and Ridge Trail Board member rode the entire Bay Trail last week with his wife and friends and Bay/Ridge Trail staff that joined him along the way. The excursion is documented by fantastic photographs that we hope to highlight on our website.

### **Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front National Historic Park**

Thompson introduced Elizabeth Tucker of the National Park Service. Ms. Tucker, joined by four women who were involved with the wartime effort, provided an informative overview of the Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front National Historic Park, formed in October 2000. The Bay Trail is included in the legislation and links the national park with eight interpretive panels to city shoreline parks. Betty Reid Soskin, a ranger with the National Park Service and NPS volunteers Marian Soosa, Agnes Moore and Marian Wynn provided personal accounts of their contributions as “Rosies” to the wartime effort along the Richmond shoreline.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

### **Richmond Bay Trail Walk**

Board members and guests joined Bruce Beyaert for a walking tour of the Richmond shoreline.