

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
February 9th, 2006**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Rick Parmer, Chair
Brian Wiese
Joan Cardellino
Joe LaClair
Leo DuBose
Stana Hearne
Cathy Woodbury
Julie Bondurant

Bay Trail Staff:

Laura Thompson
Patrycja Bossak
Maureen Gaffney
Lee Huo

Board of Directors:

Bruce Beyaert
Steve McAdam

ACTION Adoption of 02/09/06 agenda and approval of 12/14/05 minutes.

Hearne moved, Wiese seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes with correction on page 3 inserting reference to the East Bay Bicycle Coalition.

Introductions

Announcements by Staff and Board Members

- Cardellino Informed the Committee and Staff about the upcoming hearing on February 21st with State Senator Sheila Kuehl on the infrastructure bond and asked for Staff and Board support in “greening” the bond. Announced that the City of Oakland and the Coastal Conservancy are planning a Memorial Day weekend event on May 27, 2006 celebrating the installation of new art at Union Point Park..
- Thompson Bay Trail will send a sample letter to the full Board for the Kuehl meeting supporting more funding for the Coastal Conservancy.
- Beyaert Distributed TRAC’s New Year Report and Baycrossings article about the Bay Trail.

- Wiese Announced a memorial for long-time trail activist Jean Siri at Miller Knox Regional Shoreline and that the District is conducting a search for a new board member.
- Woodbury Mentioned that the Alameda Point plan was accepted by the reuse agency beginning the master plan process. This project has Bay Trail segments.
- LaClair Gave an update on the first Water Trail Steering Committee meeting during which the project's mission, goals and issues were identified and will be discussed over the next year.
- Gaffney Informed the Committee that staff will submit an article about the Bay Trail project to the American Trails newsletter and that she is working with BCDC on new Bay Trail sign fabrication.
- Bossak Gave an update on attending and displaying the Bay Trail exhibit at the annual Pacific Flyway Festival on Mare Island in Vallejo. Provided an update on the new Bay Trail merchandise.
- Huo Announced the release of the Bay Trail newsletter.

Modification of Grant Review Criteria

- Thompson In response to Steering Committee comments on review criteria at the last meeting, staff revised the grant scoring criteria. The proposed projects for review are based on the new ranking. The Committee discussed the changes and provided general approval of the criteria revisions.

Review of Planning and Construction Grant Applications for the \$3.8 Million Grant Program

- Thompson Introduced a second batch of planning and construction grant applications received under the \$3.8 million program. Staff reviewed and scored six projects recommended for Steering Committee review.
- Gaffney Presented the Cargo Way Planning Study grant request from the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency for \$75,000 that would provide bicycle and pedestrian access design for Cargo Way as well as gateway improvements for Third Street and Heron's Head Park.

ACTION LaClair moved, DuBose seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

- Gaffney Presented the Yosemite Slough construction grant request from California State Parks for \$472,900 for construction of 1,920 feet of Bay Trail at the southern end of Candlestick Point State Recreation Area. Staff recommends a grant award of \$172,000 that does not include costs associated with the

interpretive center. The Committee asked staff to follow-up with State Parks to ensure that the trail surface includes binders to avoid erosion at the site.

ACTION **Cardellino moved, Wiese seconded the motion with the understanding that this construction grant award is contingent on certification of environmental review and approval from the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors. Unanimous approval.**

-Huo Presented the Eden Landing construction project request from the East Bay Regional Park District in the amount of \$163,588 for the construction of 2.94 miles of Bay Trail spine. The Committee asked staff to follow-up with the District (for all proposed projects) regarding the base rock trail surface for trail shoulders to ensure it provides a smooth surface for trail runners and walkers.

ACTION **Woodbury moved, Cardellino seconded the motion with the understanding that this construction grant award is contingent on certification of environmental review and approval from the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors. Unanimous approval.**

-Huo Presented the Oliver Gap Bay Trail construction grant request from the East Bay Regional Park District for \$87,500 to construct 900 linear feet of trail along the edge of Oliver Salt Works Property.

ACTION **LaClair moved, Du Bose seconded the motion with the understanding that this construction grant award is contingent on certification of environmental review and approval from the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors. Unanimous approval.**

-Huo Presented the West County Wastewater District funding proposal from the East Bay Regional Park District for \$150,000 to construct 1.08 miles of trail along the western and northern perimeters of the West County Wastewater District facility in Richmond.

ACTION **DuBose moved, Hearne seconded the motion with the understanding that this construction grant award is contingent on certification of environmental review and approval from the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors. Unanimous approval.**

-Huo Presented the Bio-Rad Bay Trail construction grant proposal from the East Bay Regional Park District for \$198,000 for construction of 0.53 miles of trail behind the Bio-Rad facility in Hercules.

ACTION **La Clair moved, Bondurant seconded the motion with the understanding that this construction grant award is contingent on certification of environmental review and approval from the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors. Unanimous approval.**

-Bossak Introduced for discussion the \$500,000 Coyote Point Park trail improvements grant request from the San Mateo County Parks Department and asked for feedback on the project components and the requested grant amount.

Committee discussion included the importance of this specific trail connection to the Coyote Point Museum and newly restored San Mateo Shoreline Parks. Also mentioned that the Bay Trail funded the feasibility study for this area and would like to support the project, however with other regional competing projects, we might not be able to accommodate the requested amount. The Committee would review a revised application with a smaller grant request along this or another segment of the project.

-Thompson Informed the Steering Committee of the Bay Trail Board meeting on May 11, 2006 from 12:00 to 4:00 at the Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center in Palo Alto.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.