

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Spring 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
Hercules City Hall, Council Chambers
March 30, 2016**

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Board Members

Julie Bondurant, Co-Chair
Bruce Beyaert
Rosemary Corbin
Corinne DeBra
Leo DuBose
Bill Keene
Joe LaClair
Karen Langdon
Bill Long

Steve McAdam
Julia Miller
Dave Mitchell
Juan Raigoza
Antoinette Romeo
Don Weden
Maggie Wenger
Betsy Wilson

Guests

Mike Roberts, Hercules
Nance Donati, PG&E
Lance Fung, Fung Collaboratives
John Talley, Fung Collaboratives
Kevin Mulder, MTC

Patrick Miller, 2M Associates
Jane Miller, 2M Associates
Seung Hong, Placeworks
Ellen Miramontes, BCDC

Staff

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney
Ben Botkin

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Introductions / Agenda

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

Agenda/Minutes

ACTION: Keene moved, Beyaert seconded adoption of the 3/30/16 agenda and Beyaert moved, McAdam seconded adoption of the 7/25/15 minutes. The agenda was approved unanimously; the minutes had two abstentions.

Yes Votes:

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No Votes: None

Abstentions from minutes vote: Wenger, Keene

Announcements

Board Announcements

- Mulder The Active Transportation Program (ATP) will soon issue a call for projects at the state and local levels: \$20 million is available for the region and \$120 million statewide. The call will be made around April 15 with applications due June 15.

- Beyaert The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is designing 2.5 miles of Bay Trail from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to the northern border of Point Molate. The project is expected to be complete by December 2017 in conjunction with the bridge opening. Discussions are underway about the future use of the Point Molate property and recommendations to the city and EBRPD are to develop 200 acres of parks/open space.

- Miller An exciting public-private partnership is underway in Santa Clara County. Google spent \$2.2 million to refurbish 4 miles of Bay Trail between Sunnyvale and Mountain View (phase I) and phase 2 will start in late fall to extend trail improvements through Sunnyvale to Santa Clara. A ribbon cutting will be held on May 20 at 11:00am for phase I.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Summarized the ABAG/MTC merger discussions underway and the hiring of the consultant team Management Partners to study the range of issues related to further integration of the two agencies. The next meeting will be held on April 22 where analysis of seven options will be discussed. The Silicon Valley Trail Loop Study, launched by the Ridge Trail, Bay Trail and other partners, is wrapping up. The purpose of the study is to quantify greenhouse gas emissions reduction associated with mode shifts from cars to trails and trail-transit combinations. Bay Trail

and Water Trail staff will be presenting at REIs around the region in April and May.

- Gaffney The new Bay Trail website launched late last year and the second edition of Bay Trail map set and updated brochures have been released. A ribbon-cutting will be held on May 15 at Sears Point to celebrate 2.5 new miles connecting to existing 2.5 miles at Sonoma Baylands. Elected officials will help us celebrate with Sonoma Land Trust. The fall board meeting is planned to be at the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge headquarters at Sears Point. Solano Transportation Authority is applying for ATP funds to complete a section of Bay Trail/Vine Trail through Vallejo.

- Huo City of Alameda plans to complete an on-street segment of Bay Trail on Central Avenue as a Class IV facility and will apply for a TIGER grant. The City of Fremont is revising their pedestrian master plan and proposing a potential realignment through Newark and Fremont. Staff will bring the new alignment to the Steering Committee soon. This alignment is a potentially better Bay Trail experience, funded in part through a Bay Trail planning grant. Contra Costa County public works received a grant to look at the Bay Trail alignment along San Pablo from Lone Tree to Crocket and will be holding public workshops this summer.

- Botkin The Bay Trail 'Explore the Coast' application has been submitted to the Coastal Conservancy for a grant to complete 5 more smartphone audio tours. On April 26, 12:00 – 1:00, ABAG will host a brownbag on Measure AA, the June ballot initiative proposing a \$12 parcel tax for wetland restoration and shoreline public access. We now have 20 designated Water Trail sites, four were designated at the last meeting (3 in San Francisco and one in Foster City). Staff is working with the East Bay Regional Park District on a District-focused Water Trail implementation plan, and forging a new partnership with the SF Bay Estuary Partnership to develop a set of maps highlighting access/sensitive habitats and sea level rise, etc.

Welcome

Mike Roberts, public works director for the City of Hercules, welcomed the Bay Trail Board of Directors to Hercules City Hall. He provided an overview of the Regional Intermodal Transit Center, planned in Hercules along the bay that will include a train station along the Union Pacific Capital corridor, a bus station (WestCat), and a WETA ferry stop, with the Bay Trail extending along the shoreline. This area encompasses one of Hercules two Priority Development Areas. 1100 transit-oriented-development homes as well as commercial uses are uniquely designed for low impact. He invited the board to join him for a walk after the meeting to see the recently completed Bay Trail near BioRad and the other sections in planning stages near the transit.

Bay Trail Board Officers/Candidates

Thompson introduced Kevin Mulder, Active Transportation and Complete Streets Planner for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as a candidate for board membership. Mulder gave the board of directors an overview of his work and interest in serving the project.

ACTION: Miller moved, Mitchell seconded confirmation of Kevin Mulder as a member of the Bay Trail Board of Directors. The vote was approved unanimously.

Thompson recognized Maggie Wenger, Coastal Plan Analysis with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) as a candidate for the designated BCDC representative on the Bay Trail Board after Joe LaClair's transition to another agency. Wenger gave the board of directors an overview of her work and interest in serving the project.

ACTION: LaClair moved, Beyaert seconded confirmation of Maggie Wenger as a primary member of the Bay Trail Board of Directors. The vote was approved unanimously.

Thompson recognized Steve McAdam as a candidate for appointment to the Steering Committee and as the designated officer position of Secretary. McAdam gave the board of directors an overview of his work and interest in serving the project in this new capacity.

ACTION: Weden moved, Miller seconded confirmation of Steve McAdam as a member of the Bay Trail Steering Committee and as Secretary of the Bay Trail Board of Directors. The vote was approved unanimously.

Thompson recognized Juan Raigoza as a candidate for appointment to the Steering Committee and as the designated officer position of Treasurer. Raigoza gave the board of directors an overview of his work and interest in serving the project in this new capacity.

ACTION: Miller moved, Long seconded confirmation of Juan Raigoza as a member of the Bay Trail Steering Committee and as Treasurer of the Bay Trail Board of Directors. The vote was approved unanimously.

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No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Overview of Bay Trail's Regional Public Art Program *Migrations*

Thompson introduced Lance Fung and John Talley of Fung Collaboratives. Fung presented a PowerPoint overview of *Migrations* outlining the goals of commissioning world-class contemporary art for the Bay Trail, in temporary, semi-permanent and permanent forms to create destination art experiences along the Bay Trail. The art will be appropriate for the shoreline landscape and will inspire a sense of discovery commissioned specifically for each site. All of *Migrations* will involve partnerships with the cities and input from the community and will maintain an adaptable and organic vision. The first *Migrations* installation was dedicated in October 2015 in Redwood City, called "Harambee" and funded through the city's parks and arts foundation as artistic benches along the trail.

At this time, *Migrations* does not have funding. The team is currently looking for city partners, art patrons and funders and is applying for grants. A recent meeting with BCDC staff was well received. An advisory committee has been created consisting of art directors from local cities along the shoreline. The presentation included exhibit examples from international, national and local artists with the potential for participating in *Migrations*, including Ilya and Emilia Kabakov, Cai Guo-Qiang, Peter Hutchinson, Daniel Buren, John Roloff and others.

The Committee discussed how some *Migrations* art pieces could serve as multi-functional infrastructure along the trail. A program in Petaluma was mentioned as an example that included community involvement through the local chamber of commerce. On-water art pieces and installations along linear river connector trails were also mentioned.

Bay Trail Design Guidelines & Toolkit Approval

Huo provided an overview of the vision of the Bay Trail Design Guidelines & Toolkit and the recommendation before the board to approve the report. He introduced the consultant team, Patrick Miller and Jane Miller of 2M Associates and Seung Hong of Placeworks. Patrick Miller recognized the rest of the consultant team members who were not in attendance, Jeff Peters of Questa and Michelle DiRobertis formerly of Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. Patrick Miller walked through the document, highlighting where changes have been made based on board member and stakeholder comments.

The Committee discussion focused on a primary issue of how to define the trail shoulders as an integral part of the trail that serves as space for a number of functions: walking and jogging, safety buffer and water quality control. Staff and consultants were

directed to revise the definition of trail shoulder on page 30 and the trail width on page 31.

ACTION: **Weden moved, Miller seconded the motion to approve the Bay Trail Design Guidelines & Toolkit subject to: staff revisions that address the trail shoulder comments, full board opportunity to review the revisions, ABAG legal counsel review and recognition that it is a living document that can be updated periodically by staff subject to review. The vote was approved unanimously.**

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No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Hercules Bay Trail Walk

Board members, Bay Trail staff and Hercules officials walked along one of the newest sections of Bay Trail located in Hercules on the shoreline side of the BioRad headquarters. The walk was an informative tour of planned Bay Trail connections, housing development and transit center construction.