

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
ABAG Metro Center  
April 13, 2006**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee:

Rick Parmer, Chair  
Brian Wiese  
Leo DuBose  
Stana Hearne

Bay Trail Staff:

Laura Thompson  
Patrycja Bossak  
Maureen Gaffney  
Lee Huo

Board of Directors:

Doug Johnson  
Philip Sales

**ACTION      Adoption of 04/13/06 agenda and approval of 02/09/06 minutes.**

DuBose moved, Hearne seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes.

**Introductions**

**Announcements by Staff and Board Members**

- Johnson      Informed the Committee and Staff that the MTC's report *Understanding Routine Accommodations for Bicyclists and Pedestrians in the Bay Area* will be presented to the MTC Planning Commission in June. Bay Trail staff will send an email to the full Board with details and opportunities for comment on this report.
  
- Thompson      Informed the Committee that the Bay Trail will have the Spring Board meeting on May 11 at the Lucy Evans Nature Interpretive Center in Palo Alto. Briefed the Committee that staff and the Bliss family have identified a location for a memorial to honor Bill Bliss. The City of San Mateo is currently designing the Bay Marshes project as part of the comprehensive redesign of the shoreline park system. This project, funded in part through a Bay Trail grant, will include benches and a plaque along the edge of the Bay Trail spine close to a restored wetland. So far, over \$4,700 has been donated in memory of Bill and his family plans to match this amount. Staff will

continue to inform the Committee of the memorial progress and send an email update to the full Board.

- Huo Announced Bike to Work Day on May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Wave Oculus Art dedication event at Union Point Park over the Memorial Day weekend on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Gaffney Updated the Committee on Bay Trail fundraising efforts. In April Rick, Laura and Maureen met with long-time fundraising experts Chuck Raaberg and Annette Lamont to discuss their thoughts on a Bay Trail fundraising strategy. The couple has made a name for themselves advising public agencies such as the East Bay Regional Park District and State Parks on fundraising techniques. Their overall recommendation for the Bay Trail is to approach philanthropic groups and individuals with an interest in environmental issues, healthy communities, and quality of life improvements, and to focus on community foundations.
  - Parmer Introduced a comment letter on Chevron Long Wharf lease renewal.
- Review of Planning and Construction Grant Applications for the \$3.8 Million Grant Program**
- Thompson Introduced a third 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 Presidio Bay Trail at Battery East construction grant request from the Golden Gate National Park Conservancy for \$120,000 for improvements to the multi-use trail between Battery East Road and the Golden Gate Bridge pathway and fabrication and installation of a new wayfinding signage.

**ACTION Wiese moved, DuBose seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

-Thompson/Huo

Presented the Oakland Bay Trail alignment change adding the Oakland Waterfront Pathway to the official Bay Trail alignment. The City of Oakland submitted a formal request to change the Bay Trail alignment within the city boundaries. The added alignment will incorporate the shoreline trail identified in the *Oakland Waterfront Trail: Bay Trail Feasibility and Design Guidelines*. The Bay Trail staff supports this trail alignment.

**ACTION Johnson moved, Hearne seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

-Huo Presented the Alameda Street/Oakland Waterfront Trail construction grant. The City of Oakland applied for \$200,000 to construct 0.2 miles of Bay Trail along the Estuary and 0.42 miles of bike lanes on Alameda Ave. Staff recommended a grant award in the amount of \$193,000.

**ACTION Sales moved, DuBose seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

-Huo Presented the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bay Trail construction grant request from the City of Oakland. The City submitted a construction grant request for \$200,000 to complete approximately 0.2 miles of bike lanes, sidewalks and landscaping along 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Willow and Wood, Wood between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and Mandela Parkway between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Staff recommended a grant award in the amount of \$60,000.

**ACTION DuBose moved, Hearne seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

-Huo Presented the Wildcat Creek Trail, 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to Davis Park, design/construction grant request for \$500,000 from the City of San Pablo. The City revised the grant application to request \$120,000 for design work only for 850 linear feet of trail along the edge of Wildcat Creek between 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Davis Park.

**ACTION DuBose moved, Sales seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**

-Huo Presented the Carquinez Scenic Drive Bay Trail planning grant request in the amount of \$50,000 from the Contra Costa County Pubic Works Department. The County requests funding for two studies along the Carquinez Scenic Drive corridor – Biological Assesement/Wetlands Delineation and Historic Property Survey. The Committee directed staff to clarify the schedule for the biological assessment and get a more detailed budget for the entire project.

**ACTION The Steering Committee supported the project but requested more information and asked for it to be brought back for consideration at the next Steering Committee meeting.**

-Gaffney Introduced a grant request for the Sears Point Restoration Public Access planning project from the Sonoma Landtrust for \$100,000. The Sonoma Land Trust proposes to develop concepts for bicycle and pedestrain access, overall trail placement, rail line crossings and setbacks, new levee configuration, preliminary engineering and geotechnical analysis, location of staging areas and signage along a 2.5 mile section of the Bay Trail.

**ACTION Wiese moved, Hearne seconded the motion. Sales abstained. Unanimous approval. Approval with comment that staff should work with Sonoma Land Trust to strongly encourage (in lieu of long term planning) not only the study but provide interrimum access as soon as possible while permanent access is studied.**

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.