

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Spring 2011 Board Meeting Minutes
Shoreline Center, Martin Luther King Jr., Regional Shoreline, Oakland
April 18, 2011**

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Board Members:

Chair: Rick Parmer	Ellen Johnck
Co-Chair: Tom Huening	Bill Long
Bruce Beyaert	Judy Malamut
Julie Bondurant	Steve McAdam
Ann Buell	Betty Moose
Sean Co	Elish Ryan
Rosemary Corbin	Philip Sales
Leo DuBose	Don Weden
Cecily Harris	Brian Wiese
Minane Jameson	John Woodbury

Advisory Council:

Linda Stonier, National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program

Guests:

Christopher Gray, Chief of Staff to Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty
John Coleman, Executive Director, Bay Planning Coalition

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

DuBose made a motion to adopt the agenda and minutes; Jameson seconded.
The agenda and minutes were adopted unanimously.

Board Announcements

- Beyaert Informed the Board that the Trails for Richmond Action Committee New Year report has been distributed. Announced that the West County Landfill Loop Trail will open on April 30; details will be announced soon including a group bike ride from the Richmond Plunge. The new Wildcat Marsh & Landfill Loop Trail Guide celebrates this new shoreline access area made possible through partnerships. Later this year, the Wildcat Creek trail will open and connect to the landfill loop trail.
- Johnck Announced that the Bay Planning Coalition's 24th annual decision-makers' conference will be held on April 26 with a focus on the connections between the economy, the environment and recreation. Congressman John Garamendi will be in attendance. Also announced the upcoming America's Cup in 2013 as an opportunity for expanded regional recreation.
- Long As chair of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Board of Directors, announced the recent completion of a strategic plan update with a new focus on what it will take to finish the trail system. Announced that the Marin County Parks and Open Space District has embarked on a 2-year road/trail/planning exercise that may have an impact on sections of the Bay Trail.
- Co Informed the Board that the Regional Transportation Plan update is underway as part of the Sustainable Communities Strategy and SB 35. Announced that the Transportation for Livable Communities grant program and the \$20 million Regional Bicycle Program funding cycle is set to begin. Draft guidelines will be out in approximately two months.
- Woodbury J. Informed the board about significant progress along the Napa River Trail.
- Buell Announced that on March 17 the Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors approved a \$1 million grant to ABAG for Water Trail implementation tasks. The funds will allow ABAG to hire new staff for outreach/education and grant management.
- Moose Announced that the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 a.m. - noon.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Announced the dedication this Friday, April 22 at 10:30 am of a memorial to our board member and chair Bill Bliss along the Bay Trail in Palo Alto. Bill's family will be joined by Palo Alto Mayor Sid Espinosa, the artist James Moore, Palo Alto Arts Commissioners, Rick Parmer and Julia Miller in recognizing and remembering Bill.
- Gaffney Announced that the Bay Area lost a bicycle and pedestrian champion and friend with the recent passing of Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan. He will be remembered as a visionary and strong supporter of the Bay Trail.

-Huo Informed the Board that the Richmond City Council recently voted against the casino proposal at Point Molate which includes a segment of Bay Trail.

Bay Trail Board Candidates

Thompson announced the candidacy of two board members – John Coleman, Executive Director of the Bay Planning Coalition, replacing Ellen Johnck; and Ellen Johnck to remain on the board as an interested citizen.

ACTION: Weden moved, Malamut seconded Bay Trail Board support for John Coleman as a new Bay Trail Board Director. Unanimously approved.

ACTION: Weden moved, Coleman seconded Bay Trail Board support for Ellen Johnck to remain on the board as an interested citizen. Unanimously approved.

Trail Naming Policies and Guidelines

Thompson provided a summary of trail naming policies and guidelines as context for the Board discussion. She listed examples of public facilities, including parks, that have been named after individuals, such as: Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge and Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline. In addition, local sections of the Bay Trail have been named after individuals, places or historic events, including sections of trail named after individuals in Hayward and San Mateo and after local places and history in San Francisco and Richmond. Thompson summarized staff research on Bay Area local policies and guidelines for naming trails and park facilities pointing out that they differ by jurisdiction: some allow naming recognition only for people who are deceased, and others allow naming after those living and deceased. The final point was made that trail facility naming responsibilities fall to the local jurisdictions.

Christopher Gray, Chief of Staff to Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, introduced a compromise proposal, developed by Supervisor Haggerty and Treasurer Lockyer. Rather than naming the entire trail after Treasurer Lockyer, they propose that a large rock and plaque would be installed along the Bay Trail, likely in the East Bay, explaining the history of the trail and Lockyer's involvement in the project. The monument would also recognize the contributions of others to the Bay Trail vision.

The Bay Trail Board of Directors enthusiastically supported this proposal and adopted the following two resolutions:

ACTION: Huening moved, Beyaert seconded Bay Trail Board adoption of this resolution:

That the Bay Trail Board support the name "San Francisco Bay Trail," unaltered, to commemorate the vision and shared responsibility of the entire nine-county Bay Area community to complete and operate the Bay Trail and to reflect the trail's unique regional characteristic. And that the Bay Trail Board direct the Board Steering Committee to work with Bay Trail staff to develop policies

to guide local jurisdictions in naming local Bay Trail features or amenities after geographic features, historic events, individuals, organizations or agencies in honor of their significant contributions in creating and completing the San Francisco Bay Trail.

Yes = 14; Abstained = 7; No = 0

Bruce Beyaert YES
Julie Bondurant YES
Ann Buell ABSTAIN
Sean Co ABSTAIN
John Coleman YES
Rosemary Corbin YES
Leo DuBose YES
Cecily Harris YES
Tom Huening YES
Minane Jameson ABSTAIN

Ellen Johnck YES
Bill Long YES
Judy Malamut YES
Steve McAdam ABSTAIN
Betty Moose ABSTAIN
Elish Ryan YES
Philip Sales YES
Linda Stonier ABSTAIN
Don Weden ABSTAIN
Brian Wiese YES
John Woodbury YES

ACTION: DuBose moved, Huening seconded Bay Trail Board adoption of this resolution:

That the Bay Trail Board recognize the contributions of Treasurer Lockyer for his efforts to seek funding for the Bay Trail and other contributions. We recognize this contribution by supporting the placement of a suitable monument recognizing his efforts and others. The Bay Trail Steering Committee will work with staff and Supervisor Haggerty's office to craft the language for this recognition. Yes = 19; Abstained = 2; No = 0

Bruce Beyaert YES
Julie Bondurant YES
Ann Buell ABSTAIN
Sean Co YES
John Coleman YES
Rosemary Corbin YES
Leo DuBose YES
Cecily Harris YES
Tom Huening YES
Minane Jameson YES

Ellen Johnck YES
Bill Long YES
Judy Malamut YES
Steve McAdam YES
Betty Moose YES
Elish Ryan YES
Philip Sales YES
Linda Stonier ABSTAIN
Don Weden YES
Brian Wiese YES
John Woodbury YES

Discussion Regarding Naming of the Bay Trail

The discussion regarding the naming of the Bay Trail will go back to ABAG's Legislation and Governmental Organization (L&GO) Committee at their next meeting. Staff will inform the L&GO Committee of the Bay Trail Board of Directors' actions.

Adjournment

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