

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
Coyote Point Recreation Area – Captain’s House
May 24, 1999**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Bill Bliss

Stana Hearne

Del Woods

Board:

Joan Cardellino

Staff:

Janet McBride

Niko Letunic

Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Woods asked to add an agenda item to discuss Bay Trail opportunities related NASA flood control projects. Hearne motioned for adoption of the modified agenda; Woods seconded. Hearne then motioned for adoption of the March 29 Minutes; Woods seconded. chaired meeting.

Announcements by Board

None

Announcements by Staff

McBride-

A noontime dedication for the Sunnyvale Baylands segment is scheduled for Thursday, July 1.

Letunic-

A joint Bay Trail / GGNRA hike is planned for Saturday, July 10 from 10-noon. The tour will be jointly led with a ranger from the Presidio and will leave from Marina Boulevard at the east end of Crissy Field.

Coastal Conservancy Bay Access Grant Report

Cardellino briefed the Committee on the Conservancy’s \$500,000 Bay Access grant round.

Outreach included postcard announcements sent out in January to a list developed in coordination with the Bay Trail Project. These generated approximately 50 phone calls asking for copies of the RFP. A total of 14 proposals were submitted. The project review committee included several Conservancy staff and Bay Trail

staff Janet McBride. Staff visited all sites. Cardellino then highlighted the list of funding recommendations to allocate \$480,000 to eight projects. (Note: see attached article for a listing of funded projects). These recommendations will go to the Conservancy Board for consideration in late June.

California Trails and Greenways Grant

Letunic described a proposal to prepare a route guide for the Bay Trail segment between the Golden Gate and the Bay bridges. This would be the second in a hoped-for series of guides, and would immediately follow the guide currently being prepared for the San Francisco segment between the Bay Bridge and the San Mateo County line. Staff requested authorization to submit \$2,500 request to the California Trails and Greenways Foundation; grant funds would cover direct design and printing costs; the Bay Trail Project would contribute all staff research, writing, administration and overhead costs. Hearne motioned authorization; Woods seconded; unanimous approval.

Brainstorming for the Summer Board Meeting/ 10 Year Anniversary

Committee brainstorming included the following ideas:

- Hold a series of events and/or include an event in Sacramento
- Well-attended past include an events at the Maritime Museum and the Stanford House (Creative Designs for Conservation)
- Crissy Field is a good candidate location. The Presidio has lots of meeting facilities
- Be sure to highlight the journey from “Plan to Reality.” identify the major accomplishments over the 10 years, including the segments completed.
- Invite all original Bay Trail committee members
- Highlight communities that have integrated the Bay Trail into their community.

NASA Flood Control

Woods distributed a base map from the South Bay Ad Hoc (attached) and highlighted Bay Trail opportunities within the two circled areas. Within the larger circled area, the map shows alternative A, B, and C alignments. While A is the preferred alignment, there are potential problems near the ammunitions magazine. There is now a proposal to raise levee B to address flooding concerns. If levee B is to be improved, this might provide an opportunity for the trail alignment.

Project Reports/Updates

McBride gave the following updates:

SB 494/ Members Requests –

Since the last Steering Committee Meeting, ABAG staff met with Coastal Conservancy staff, Sen. Figueroa’s staff and the consultant to the Senate Natural Resources Committee. There was an agreement to move the budget augmentation request from the California Conservation Corps (CCC) budget to the Coastal Conservancy budget. There was also an agreement that ABAG should administer the program and that CCC should continue to play an active role and should be

allowed to recover administrative costs for up-front work with potential project sponsors/applicants.

The Members request process is moving forward. The Senate budget includes \$2.5 million for the Bay Trail; the Assembly budget includes \$750,000. This will go to joint Conference Committee, probably the first week in June.

San Mateo Hayward Bridge

Final BCDC vote on the permit for widening the trestle section of the San Mateo Hayward Bridge included the following additional features (over and above what had previously been proposed):

- a) broad commitment that Caltrans would fund “unfunded” Bay Trail segments to provide a continuous connection on the east bay side between the San Mateo Hayward and the Dumbarton bridges;
- b) an additional \$500,000 commitment from MTC for Bay Trail improvements;
- c) stronger commitment on the long-term shuttle (also tied to level of use); and
- d) policy language that if and when the high rise section is improved, a continuous pathway shall be provided

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.