

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Spring Board Meeting Minutes
Redwood Shores Branch Library, Redwood City
June 16, 2009**

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Board Members:

Chair: Rick Parmer
Bruce Beyaert
Julie Bondurant
Sean Co
Leo DuBose
Cecily Harris
Dan Hodapp
Minane Jameson
Joe LaClair
Gayle Likens
Bill Long
Judy Malamut

Pat Mapelli
Steve McAdam
Maira McEnespy
David Mitchell
Betty Moose
Rob Powell
Diane Ross-Leech
Philip Sales
Linda Stonier
Don Weden
Cathy Woodbury
John Woodbury

Guests:

Sara Woo, Solano Transportation Authority
Todd Holmes, Sonoma County Regional Parks

Staff:

Laura Thompson, Project Manager
Lee Huo, Bay Trail Planner
Maureen Gaffney, Bay Trail Planner

Introductions / Agenda / Announcements

Parmer welcomed Board members and guests and recognized this occasion of the 20th anniversary.

Introductions were made.

Agenda/Minutes

Harris made a motion to adopt the agenda; DuBose seconded.

Beyaert made a motion to adopt the previous meeting's minutes; C. Woodbury seconded.

The agenda and minutes were adopted unanimously.

Board Announcements

-Co Announced that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission recently adopted the Regional Transportation Plan which includes \$1 billion for bicycle projects over a 30-year timeframe. Funds will possibly be available by 2010 contingent on reauthorization of the SAFETY-LU transportation bill.

-Mapelli Informed the group that as a representative of Cargill, he is working in partnership with the Bay Trail Project, Coastal Conservancy, NASA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and

others to move forward on opening the gap adjacent to Moffett Field in Mountain View.

- Long Recognized the lifetime legacy of Brian O’Neill as Golden Gate National Recreation Area superintendent. Brian was the first chair of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and recently issued a challenge to the Ridge Trail to complete 100 more miles by 2015, which they plan to accomplish.
- Moose Acknowledged the successful Bay Trail anniversary event in Hayward on June 6 and thanked all who were involved.
- Jameson Thanked Betty Moose for her hard work on the anniversary celebration.
- McEnespy Announced that the Coastal Conservancy adopted new project selection criteria regarding climate change that should be integrated into our grant program. Informed the board that funds for Proposition 40 have been released from the statewide hold and release of Proposition 84 funds are pending.
- J. Woodbury Announced that Napa County has encountered some challenges with the proposed Bay Trail alignment near the Napa County Airport and will be meeting with BCDC, the Bay Trail Project and the Department of Fish and Game to address concerns.
- LaClair Informed the board that BCDC is sponsoring a design competition for shoreline development in the context of climate change and sea level rise. The jury meets on July 13 to review the proposals.
- Weden Announced that a bench has been dedicated in honor of Artemas Ginzton, a strong trail advocate throughout the county, in the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District’s Fremont Older Open Space Preserve.
- Sales Announced that the concept for the Napa Valley Vine Trail extending from American Canyon to Calistoga is moving forward with the creation of a nonprofit organization focused on raising public and private funds.
- C. Woodbury Announced the Grow Smart Bay Area, a study sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance.
- Beyaert Highlighted the upcoming event on July 5 in Richmond closing a ¼-mile gap at the Ford Assembly Building. The benefit bike ride could attract up to 1,000 bicyclists.
- Harris Informed the board that she is working on improvements to a 1.2-mile segment in Coyote Point Park. A 20th anniversary event is possible this year along this new stretch of trail.
- Powell Informed the board that he is working with Caltrans near White Slough in Vallejo on a segment where parking is blocking bicycle access. BCDC has become involved as part of a permit condition.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Announced that MTC recently authorized a dedicated annual grant to the Bay Trail Project in the amount of \$250,000. We are very grateful to Supervisor Kinsey and the MTC Commission for allocating this funding increase which will help continue to pay

for administration of the project. Announced that the Palo Alto Arts Commission received 6 proposals for Bill Bliss' memorial along the Bay Trail in the Palo Alto Baylands. Julie Bondurant and I will join Bliss family members on the selection panel June 25. Thanked Tom Huening for representing the Bay Trail Project recently on the Peninsula Coalition cable television panel regarding the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project and public access.

- Gaffney Informed the Board that Bay Trail staff is working on a new Bay Trail brochure with the assistance of the East Bay Regional Park District. This process encouraged us to create a new regional map designed by Ben Pease.
- Huo Informed the Board that the Chevron Bay Trail segment is moving forward after Richmond released a request for proposals for engineering analysis of the alignment. Six proposals were received and interviews were conducted. Selection will take place soon. Reminded the board that the San Leandro Slough Bridge groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for July 17. Mentioned the release of our anniversary issue newsletter that focuses on the past, present and future of the Bay Trail. Also mentioned that the new website homepage has launched while we continue to work on the other pages.

Bay Trail Board Candidate / Outgoing Board Director Recognition

Thompson introduced and announced the consideration of Sara Woo of the Solano Transportation Authority as a new Bay Trail Board member. A motion for approval was made by DuBose and seconded by Long. All board members approved and welcomed Sara as a new director. Thompson and the Board recognized outgoing board director Rob Powell for his long-time service to the organization and vision of the Bay Trail.

Bay Trail Alignment Discussion

Thompson and Gaffney provided an overview of challenging Bay Trail segments that are potentially too narrow to accommodate Class I or Class II facilities consistent with Bay Trail Plan policies. A Board discussion followed without strong consensus summarized by the following wide range of points: consider the best long-term advocacy position for the project; while there is a benefit to showing these segments as complete, there is strong concern that a precedent will be set making future trail completion more difficult; support for more than one alignment providing alternative access routes; support for taking these segments off or calling complete recognizing the publicity value in signed segments. No action was taken on this agenda item. Bay Trail staff will table this item and bring back to the board when appropriate.

Future Bay Trail Bicycling / Walking Event

This item was tabled for a future meeting. Board members were encouraged to provide comments to staff.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

20th Anniversary Celebration

Board members and staff viewed the Bay Trail anniversary video produced by Doug McConnell and the East Bay Regional Park District. Bay Trail staff distributed certificates of appreciation to Betty Moose, Minane Jameson and Bruce Beyaert for organizing successful 20th anniversary events in Hayward and Richmond. Staff and board members enjoyed cake recognizing this important milestone.