

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Summer 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
Facebook Campus, Menlo Park
July 24, 2015**

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Board Members

John Woodbury, Chair
Tom Huening, Co-Chair
Bruce Beyaert
Julie Bondurant
Corinne DeBra
Leo DuBose
Jim Foran
Cecily Harris
Minane Jameson
Ellen Johnck

Karen Langdon
Diane Ross-Leech
David Lewis
Bill Long
Julia Miller
Dave Mitchell
Betty Moose
Rick Parmer
Antoinette Romeo
Don Weden

Guests

Justin Murphy
Nikki Nagaya
Jane Mark
Mark Williams
Juan Raigoza
Will Fourt
Duane Bay
Lauren Swezey
Marlene Finley

City of Menlo Park
City of Menlo Park
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
County of San Mateo
Santa Clara County Parks Department
Association of Bay Area Governments
Facebook
San Mateo County Parks

Staff

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney
Ben Botkin

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Introductions / Agenda

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

Agenda/Minutes

ACTION: Beyaert moved, Moose seconded adoption of the 7/24/15 agenda and Harris moved, Foran seconded adoption of the 10/9/14 minutes. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

Yes votes:

John Woodbury, Chair	Karen Langdon
Tom Huening, Co-Chair	Diane Ross-Leech
Bruce Beyaert	David Lewis
Julie Bondurant	Bill Long
Corinne DeBra	Julia Miller
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No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Announcements

Board Announcements

- Jameson Announced that the Hayward Area Recreation District was developing language for a plaque to honor Bill Lockyer for his role in creating the Bay Trail legislation.
- Bondurant Informed the Board that the East Bay Regional Park District was going through the process to rename a section of the Bay Trail along the Hayward shoreline after Bill Lockyer, and was coordinating with HARD.

There was a discussion about ensuring a transparent process for naming sections around the region and the desire for Bay Trail staff to be involved in reviewing plaque language since it is affiliated with our brand.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Announced that Sean Co has stepped down from the board after leaving the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and joining Toole Design Group. Sophia Recalde has also left the board after leaving the Solano Transportation Authority. Staff will work with both organizations to identify new board members. Informed the board that ABAG selected a consultant, Fung Collaboratives, to implement our regional art initiative called *Migrations*. Informed the board that through a Ridge Trail partnership, the Silicon Valley Trail Loop demonstration project, funded

in part by a Climate Ready grant from the Coastal Conservancy, is underway and collecting data about how trails can offset greenhouse gas emissions.

- Gaffney Informed the Committee that the new Bay Trail website is in the works and is expected to go live at the end of the year. (Lewis suggested that Bay Trail staff use project partners to help market the new site and drive users to it.) Gaffney also announced that a new trail is now open at Pond 10 in Napa County and progress is being made to formalize it. Informed the Committee that the Elevation 66 brewery in El Cerrito has created a Bay Trail Pale Ale!

- Huo Announced that the San Pablo Wildcat Creek Trail has been completed as part of a Bay Trail/Coastal Conservancy grant. In May the Ferry Point Loop Trail was completed with great fanfare in Richmond. Conversations are still underway about the design of a 5-year pilot for a separated bicycle/pedestrian pathway on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Informed the Committee that the Bay Trail Design Guidelines/Toolkit work is underway.

- Botkin Informed the Board about progress on the Water Trail and announced that both the Bay Trail and the Water Trail will

Welcome

Lauren Swezey of Facebook welcomed the Board of Directors and staff to the Facebook campus. She reviewed the two sections of Bay Trail recently built by Facebook as a condition of development approval. She also introduced a new trail project called the Dumbarton Rail Trail that will follow the SamTrans railroad alignment from Redwood City to East Palo Alto, connecting to the Bay Trail at the Ravenswood Open Space Preserve. Design is underway now with construction anticipated in 2018.

Bay Trail Board Candidates

Thompson introduced Juan Raigoza, Controller for San Mateo County, as a candidate for board membership. Raigoza gave the board of directors an overview of his work and interest in serving the project.

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

Thompson introduced Antoinette Romeo, a planner with Santa Clara County Parks, as a candidate for the designated representative on the Bay Trail Board after Elish Ryan's departure. Romeo has served as an alternate to Ryan. Romeo gave the board of directors an overview of her work and interest in serving the project.

ACTION: Foran moved, Parmer seconded confirmation of Antoinette Romeo as a primary member of the Bay Trail Board of Directors. The vote was approved unanimously.

Thompson introduced Will Fourt, a planner with Santa Clara County Parks, as a candidate for alternate on the Bay Trail Board to Antoinette Romeo. Fourt gave the board of directors an overview of his work and interest in serving the project.

ACTION: Weden moved, Long seconded confirmation of Will Fourt as an alternate member of the Bay Trail Board of Directors to Antoinette Romeo. The vote was approved unanimously.

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No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Tom Huening Recognition

The Board recognized Huening for his tenure on the Bay Trail Board of Directors since 1993 as Supervisor and Controller of San Mateo County. Huening was a champion of Bay Trail along the San Mateo County shoreline and participated in key legislative meetings with staff. The board joined staff in thanking Huening for his dedication and contributions to the Bay Trail Project.

Completing the Ferry Point Loop Trail

Beyaert provided an overview of over fifteen years of work on the part of the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, City of Richmond, Port of Richmond, East Bay Regional Park District and the private sector to complete the 4.4-mile Ferry Point Loop Trail, dedicated at a public event on May 31, 2015 to a crowd of over 200 people. He provided examples of creative approaches and partnerships to completing the Bay Trail in Richmond. The Ferry Point Loop required acquisition of easements from four private property owners and 12 separate trail sections each with their own design/construction/permitting process. This project in Richmond serves as a model for Bay Trail completion region-wide.

Board Officers

Thompson walked through the Steering Committee recommendations for board consideration of officer positions. The board discussed appointing additional members to the Steering Committee, approval of a new co-chair and the importance of designating board officer positions of chair, co-chair, secretary and treasurer in accordance with the Secretary of State's regulations for non-profits.

ACTION: DuBose moved, Miller seconded the motion to add two members to the Steering Committee for a total of seven. The vote was approved unanimously.

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No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

ACTION: Weden moved, DuBose seconded the motion to appoint Julie Bondurant as the co-chair of the Bay Trail Board of Directors. The vote was approved unanimously.

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No Votes: None

Abstentions: Bondurant

Model Bay Trail Partnership: Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Thompson provided an overview of the ongoing multi-agency partnership working to complete the Ravenswood Bay Trail connection in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto. The Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection is the last remaining gap in an 80-mile continuous stretch of Bay Trail that traverses three counties. The initial planning work was funded in part through a Bay Trail grant, and now the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is working to secure a trail easement with the SFPUC. Funding has been secured for all components of the project and construction is expected to begin in 2017.

Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Menlo Park/Facebook Bay Trail Ribbon Cutting & Trail Walk

Board members, Bay Trail staff, Facebook representatives and Menlo Park officials gathered to cut the ribbon on the new Bay Trail tunnel segment under Highway 84 connecting the two campuses. The group walked along the Bay Trail and viewed the campus on the southern side of the highway.