



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2024**

DATE	November 25, 2024
TITLE	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Park Advisory Committee Meeting November 25, 2024
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Elsa Grandvoinet, Recording Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of the minutes for the Board Park Advisory Committee Meeting of November 25, 2024.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

The November 25, 2024 Board Park Advisory Committee meeting was held in-person and via video conference pursuant to the Brown Act, as amended by AB 2449.

Members of the public can watch the meeting on the Park District's website here:

<https://www.ebparks.org/calendar/public-meetings>

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Clerk Elsa Grandvoinet conducted a roll call. Present were the following Members and staff:

Members

Present: James Chang, Susie Claxton, Irene Dieter, Luana España, Bruce Henry, Corina Lopez, Dev Mahadevan, Francis Mendoza, Carlyn Obringer, Bob Peoples, Bob Reid, Bob Simmons, Igor Skaredoff, Neil Tsutsui, Ed Valenzuela

Remote

Attendees: Dennisha Marsh

Members

Absent: Casey Farmer, Roland Williams

Staff:

Deborah Spaulding, Katie Dignan, Lisa Baldinger, Erich Pfuehler, Elsa Grandvoinet

Board:

Director Elizabeth Echols

Vice Chair Luana España read the Native American land acknowledgment.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. October 28, 2024 – Park Advisory Committee Minutes

Member Corina Lopez noted she was present at the October 28, 2024 meeting but was not listed as an attendee in the meeting notes.

MOTION

With the abovementioned correction to the meeting notes, Member Carolyn Obringer moved and Member Bob Peoples seconded a motion to approve the October 28, 2024 Park Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. The question was called and the motion carried with a vote of 12 ayes – 3 abstentions.

3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

None.

4. Informational Items

a. Board Member Comments

Board Member Elizabeth Echols provided a PowerPoint presentation with District updates and highlights from the year. She also provided remarks celebrating retiring PAC members, including Chair Neil Tsutsui, Vice Chair España, Member Igor Skaredoff, and Member Lynda Deschambault.

b. Report from Chair

Chair Tsutsui thanked members of the PAC who attended the Site Visit on November 16, 2024 to Tilden Regional Park where the PAC received informational presentations from the Park District Fire Department, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and UC Berkeley on fire mitigation and vegetation management strategies.

5. Action Items

a. Recommendation to Support the 2025 Proposed Budget

Assistant General Manager and Chief Finance Officer Deborah Spaulding presented a PowerPoint outlining the 2025 Proposed Budget.

Assistant Finance Officer Katie Dignan presented a PowerPoint outlining the 2025 Project & Program Budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Member Bruce Henry, Chair of the PAC Finance Committee, discussed the review and recommendation for approval by the PAC Finance Committee. Member Henry also summarized a few points discussed in the PAC Finance Committee meeting with regard to prioritizing fire mitigation projects and equitable dispersal of funds across the District.

In response to Committee questions, Assistant General Manager Spaulding explained the capital project prioritization scoring system, as discussed by the Board Finance Committee; funds

received from other agencies; specifying descriptions of local economic conditions; allocation of funds for employee services, acquisition, construction projects, and recycled water pipelines; and ongoing funding sources.

Member Ed Valenzuela requested an informational presentation from the Finance Department on the capital prioritization scoring system in 2025.

MOTION

Member Bob Simmons moved and Member Lopez seconded a motion to support the 2025 Proposed Budget. The question was called and the motion carried with a vote of 14 ayes – 2 abstentions.

b. Approval of 2025 PAC Objectives

Legislative and Policy Management Analyst Lisa Baldinger presented a PowerPoint outlining the proposed 2025 PAC Objectives.

Member Lopez suggested adding language to promote partnerships with indigenous peoples. Legislative and Policy Management Analyst Baldinger proposed working with the District Cultural Resources Manager on establishing such language.

Following discussion, edits were incorporated in the 2025 PAC Objectives.

MOTION

Member Irene Dieter moved and Member Dev Mahadevan seconded a motion to approve the 2025 PAC Objectives. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Election of 2025 Park Advisory Committee Officers

Chair Tsutsui outlined the procedure for election of the 2025 PAC Officers and explained the role of the Chair and Vice Chair. Chair Tsutsui nominated Member Henry, seconded by Member Peoples and Vice Chair España nominated Member Lopez, seconded by Member Francis Mendoza for the role of Chair. Vice Chair España nominated Member Mendoza, seconded by Chair Tsutsui and Member Marsh nominated Member Lopez, seconded by Member Obringer for the role of Vice Chair. Upon reconsideration, Member Lopez declined the nomination for Vice Chair, leaving Member Mendoza to run uncontested.

MOTION

The vote for Chair was cast by roll call and Member Henry was elected by a vote of 10 – 6. The vote for Vice Chair was cast by roll call and Member Mendoza was elected unanimously.

6. Announcements

Chair Tsutsui reminded the PAC of the 90th Anniversary Holiday Social on December 9.

Member Obringer thanked Chair Tsutsui for his role on the PAC and dedication to service, and wished Vice Chair España a successful transition to the District Board of Directors.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Tsutsui declared the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Grandvoinet, Legislative Assistant