



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2024**

DATE	August 26, 2024
TITLE	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Park Advisory Committee Meeting August 26, 2024
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Flora Csontos, Recording Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of the minutes for the Board Park Advisory Committee Meeting of August 26, 2024.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

The August 26, 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 4:02 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Clerk Flora Csontos conducted a roll call. Present were the following Members:

Members In Person: James Chang, Susie Claxton, Linda Deschambault, Irene Dieter, Luana Espana, Casey Farmer, Bruce Henry, Corina Lopez, Dev Mahedevan, Francis Mendoza, Carlyn Obringer, Bob Peoples, Bob Reid, Bob Simmons, Igor Skaredoff, Neil Tsutsui, Ed Valenzuela

Members Remote: Dennisha Marsh

Member Absent: Roland Williams

Staff: Lisa Baldinger, Katie Dignin, Flora Csontos

Board: Director Olivia Sanwong

Vice Chair Espana read the Native American land acknowledgment.

Member Marsh confirmed no one over the age of 18 was present in the room at her remote location.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. April 22, 2024 – Park Advisory Committee Minutes

MOTION

Member Peoples moved and Director Henry seconded a motion to approve the April 22, 2024 Park Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. The question was called and the motion carried.

- b. May 20, 2024 – Park Advisory Committee Minutes

MOTION

Member Valenzuela moved and Director Skaredoff seconded a motion to approve the May 20, 2024 Park Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. The question was called and the motion carried.

- c. June 24, 2024 – Park Advisory Committee Minutes

MOTION

Member Dieter moved and Director Farmer seconded a motion to approve the June 24, 2024 Park Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. The question was called and the motion carried.

3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

John Kirkham addressed the Committee encouraging the Park District taking over clean up at Grizzly Peak.

4. Action items

None.

5. Informational Items

a. Board Member Comments

Director Sanwong acknowledged the passing of Director Ellen Corbett. Additionally, she proposed exploring different meeting locations and times for Park Advisory and Board of Director meetings.

Member Lopez and Vice Chair Espana supported this idea, with Espana also suggesting considerations for alternate languages and childcare.

Member Valenzuela endorsed more field meetings.

Member Henry agreed with evening meetings and occasional location changes.

Member Deschambault and Member Reid both recommended adding this discussion to a Board agenda for public input.

Member Obringer highlighted the City of Concord's use of Wordly for translations and Member Skaredoff suggested re-evaluating later times for public meetings.

b. Presentation(s)

Presentation I: Informational Update on the Park District's Ballot Measures

Assistant Finance Officer Katie Dignan presented a PowerPoint outlining staff and projects funded by Measures CC and FF, and Bond Allocation Measures AA and WW.

In response to Chair Tsutsui, Assistant Finance Officer Dignan explained Measure FF was allocated through 2040 and most local grant projects had been completed.

Member Lopez expressed excitement about funds going to the San Leandro City Park. Assistant Finance Officer Dignan explained the funds were for infrastructure and monitoring; and limited for operating expenses.

In response to Member Dieter, Assistant Finance Officer Dignan explained the reporting on unappropriated funds for Measure WW and what completed projects means. Legislative and Policy Management Analyst Lisa Baldinger explained staffing for police officers at Alameda Point and the Board's action to shift the purpose of Measure CC to Crab Cove operations. Member Dieter requested a comprehensive expenditure and transfer report.

Member Claxton questioned whether the Measure FF wildfire funding was adequate. Assistant Finance Officer Dignan indicated Fire would be submitting budget requests.

In response to Member Henry, Assistant Finance Officer Dignan explained the movement of Measure WW funds between development and acquisition.

Member Simmons discussed opposition to Acalanes Ridge in Walnut Creek and project completion under Measure WW.

Member Deschambault shared Commissioner Dieter's concern with the shift in projects in the report. She wondered if additional City allocations would be made. Assistant Finance Officer Dignan explained the \$214 million did not include City allocations, and funds to cities had already been allocated.

Member Farmer asked about the future of Measure WW. Assistant Finance Officer Dignan stated the Acquisition Department was working on acquiring properties.

In response to Member Peoples, Assistant Finance Officer Dignan discussed the drawdown of acquisition funds.

c. Report from Chair

Chair Tsutsui announced the PAC field trip to the carbonizer on November 16.

6. Announcements

PAC Member Comments

Chair Tsutsui discussed his interactions with Director Corbett.

Vice Chair Espana challenged all to practice mentorship in memory of Director Corbett.

Member Lopez shared memories of the work of Director Corbett and expressed condolences to her family.

Member Valenzuela acknowledged the level of service by Director Corbett. He also announced the Big Break photo exhibit.

Member Mahadevan discussed his memories of Director Corbett.

Member Dieter commended the work of Director Corbett.

Member Obringer indicated Director Corbett would be missed. She discussed the exoneration of the Port Chicago 50 and acknowledged Yulie Padmore for her work on the park naming.

Member Mendoza discussed Director Corbett's work on Crab Cove.

Member Farmer honored the memory of Director Corbett.

Member Chang acknowledged Senator Corbett.

Member Skaredoff indicated support for naming a park in Director Corbett's memory.

Legislative and Policy Management Analyst Baldinger announced at the September 3 Board meeting there would be a remembrance of Director Corbett. There is a Board field trip September 13 to Lake Temescal and Tilden Corp Yard. At the October PAC meeting there will be an interactive exercise for 2025 objectives. She reiterated the November 16 field trip to the carbonizer.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Tsutsui declared the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m. in memory of Director Corbett.

Respectfully submitted,

Flora Csontos, Legislative Assistant