

MINUTES

City of Fremont/EBRPD Liaison Committee Meeting Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

October 14, 2021

Committee Members Present

City of Fremont: Rick Jones, Councilmember; Larry Thompson, Recreation Commissioner

EBRPD: Ayn Wieskamp, Director; Dennis Waespi, Director

Staff Present

City of Fremont: Suzanne Wolf, Community Services Director; Kim Beranek, Community Services Deputy Director; Roger Ravenstad, Parks Planning and Design Manager; Juan Barajas, Park Superintendent; Khanh Vo, Information Technology Director; Tracey Leung, Executive Assistant

EBRPD: Jim O'Connor, Assistant General Manager of Operations; Steve Castile, Chief of Park Operations; Terry Noonan, Interpretive Parklands Unit Manager; Denise Valentine, Executive Secretary

Committee Member Dennis Waespi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Introduction

The meeting commenced with the introduction of those present.

2. Approval of Minutes

By motion of Committee Member Wieskamp and seconded by Committee Member Jones, the minutes of April 22, 2021, was approved.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Committee members Wieskamp, Jones, and Waespi

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

3. Mission Peak Lease Agreement

Suzanne Wolf provided a detailed overview of the proposed agreement which included the expiration date of agreement, new 25-year agreement, parking lot, permit parking program, enforcement of parking, next steps, Mission Peak Community meeting, and City oversight that includes permit parking, neighborhood crime issues, emergency and safety response/mutual aid, and discussion of issues with agencies (AC Transit or Google).

Jim O'Connor provided a detailed overview of the Park District's Operations and Maintenance which includes facility maintenance, operations and patrol, and resources and fuels management, lease agreement changes which includes promoting Ohlone College parking as primary location, hours of operation with a 30-day notification in writing to the City for any changes, capital improvements with written approval/city requirements included and 25-year agreement with option to renew.

Larry Thompson inquired on the entrance to the site located near Canyon Heights Drive and what is the status. Terry Noonan responded the entrance being referred to is Vargas Plateau and is not a formal entrance point. The Park District promotes the formal gated entrance on Morrison Canyon Road.

Dennis Waespi inquired if the Park District will exclude the mention of the Stanford Avenue entrance on its promotion and social publications. Jim O'Connor replied no, and that Stanford Avenue is currently listed on the Park District website as an entrance to Mission Peak.

Item opened for public comment

Suresh Bazha– commented on the Vargas Plateau entrance to Mission Peak, advertisement of entrances on maps, difficulties between the Ohlone and Stanford trails to the peak.

Kelly Abreu – commented on parking lot at Sunol Regional, recording of virtual meetings, enforcement of parking at Mission Peak and parking citation fees.

William Yragui with Mission Peak Conservancy– commented on the lease agreement, capital improvements at Stanford entrance, promoting Ohlone College entrance and fees.

Prakoon Chen – commented on parking enforcement and hours, status of parking lot at Stanford

Tony Pang – commented on Park District signage located on Vineyard and Stanford for litter and noise mitigation, suggested metal barricades or kiosk to manage entries to Mission Peak at Stanford, and scale back the park hours.

Sue Diora (sp) – commented on number of visitors to Mission Peak, wildfire danger, Ohlone College entrance, and suggested electric gate installation and curfew enforcement.

Item closed for public comment

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

5. Staff Comments

Jim O'Connor expressed appreciation to staff for the time and effort committed to this long process and continued service to the public.

Ayn Wieskamp addressed the topic of public restrooms at Mission Peak and suggested staff conduct research and provide costs to perform an upgrade.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.