

MINUTES
City of Fremont/EBRPD
Liaison Committee Meeting
April 27, 2023

Fremont Downtown Event Center 3500
Capitol Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536
Capitol Room

Committee Members Present

City of Fremont: Raj Salwan, Councilmember; Larry Thompson, Recreation Commissioner

EBRPD: Dennis Waespi, Board Member; Olivia Sanwong, Board Member

Staff Liaisons:

City of Fremont - Suzanne Wolf, Director of Community Services; Kim Beranek, Deputy Director Community Services; Roger Ravenstad, Parks Planning & Design Manager; Juan Barajas, City of Fremont Parks Superintendent; Lance Brede, Police Deputy Chief; Deirdre Rockefeller-Ramsey, Police Business Manager; John Harnett, Police Captain; Tracey Leung, Executive Assistant

EBRPD: Sabrina Landreth, General Manager; Lisa Goorjian, Assistant General Manager of Operations; Tiffany Margulici, Acting Chief of Interpretive & Recreation Services Regional Services Manager; Chris Barton, Restoration Projects Manager; Denise Valentine, Sr. Executive Assistant

Members of the Public: Steve Skala, Kelly Abreu, William Yragui, Asok Chatterjee, Jeff Haran, Veronica Pang, Alice Chang, Suresh Bazaj, Tony Pang, Ranah Pang,

Committee Member Dennis Waespi called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Introduction

The meeting commenced with the introduction of those present.

2. Approval of Minutes

By motion of Committee Member Larry Thompson and seconded by Committee Member Raj Salwan, the minutes of June 9, 2022, were approved.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Committee members Waespi, Sanwong,
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Recuse: None

Absent: None
Motion approved and so ordered.

3. Mission Peak Neighborhood Parking Permit Program

John Harnett, Police Captain provided a detailed overview and update of the Mission Peak Regional Preserve's Permit Parking Program, which has been in effect since 2016.

Item opened for public comment.

- Asok Chatterjee commented on the terms of the lease, inquired if the permit parking should continue, recommended extending the program for another 10 years, as the program has served the neighbors well.
- Jeff Haran, a Fremont resident since 1978 commented on the history and access to the site prior to residential development and current access to the site for members of the public.
- Ranah Pang commented on the allotted 43 parking spaces currently available and the need for expansion of spaces due to popularity of the site, thanked the City for the program and requested more police presence and enforcement.
- Kelly Abreu commented on the increase of traffic at the site, funds for planning and construction of parking spaces, parking revenue from parking citations, and parking citation fees.
- Alice Chang commented on the benefits of the parking permit program and requested to extend the program for another 10 years.
- Suresh Bazaj commented on the number of actual parking spaces available vs. what was presented, inability for resident guests to park near resident homes due to park user parking in front of homes, and mistake of building houses at the site.
- Tony Pang expressed support of extending the parking permit program, curfew enforcement, Stanford gate opened 24/7, disturbing car alarms, noise levels in the early hours on weekends, emergency incidents at the site, and the choice of the residents to live in the area near the site.
- William Yragui with Mission Peak Conservancy commented on purpose of the parking permit program, District funds spent on the parking permit program, District restrictions of access of the park, resident complaints of parking, additional parking inside the park.

Item closed for public comment.

4. Coyote Hills/Patterson Ranch Public Access and Restoration Project Update

EBRPD Restoration Projects Manager Chris Barton presented a detailed update of the Public Access and Restoration project.

Item opened for public comment.

- Steve Skala commented on the current lack of ADA parking and challenges, ADA parking spaces at capacity at the visitor center on weekends, and request to take a survey of ADA availability.
- William Yragui with Mission Peak Conservancy commented on limited and restricted parking access at the site, facilitating access to parks, fees for parking and hours of parking.
- Kelly Abreu commented on the funds provided to the City by De Silva Gates Company for parks, toilet facilities at Mission Peak, bird watching in the evening, expansion of park hours, and timeline of project.

Item closed for public comment.

5. Storm Damage Update

City of Fremont Parks Superintendent, Juan Barajas and EBRPD Acting Chief of Interpretive and Recreation Services, Tiffany Margulici provided updates on damages Citywide and at Ardenwood Historic Farm.

Item opened for public comment.

- Kelly Abreu commented on the Morrison Canyon Road closure and how it is listed on the City website, walk trails created by park users, repair timeline, and access to the public access to Mill Creek Road.
- William Yragui with Mission Peak Conservancy commented on downed trees on Morrison Canyon Road and regularity for Fremont Liaison Committee meetings and more collaboration between the City and EBRPD regarding park access.

Item closed for public comment.

6. Public Comments

- Steve Skala commented identifying issues in parks, demands for open space, and planning failures, access to parks, and updated and additional bike parking.
- Kelly Abreu commented on blocking of parking in front of Vargas Road, Mission Peak parking hour discussions held between City and HOA's, public health concerns raised by neighbors during pandemic and their requests for closures of parks and street closures during the pandemic at requests of neighbors.

7. Committee Comments

Dennis Waespi introduced new Committee members Olivia Sanwong with EBRPD and Raj Salwan with the City.

Dennis Waespi expressed appreciation for the productivity of the meeting and suggested meetings be held quarterly.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.