



**Napa County Regional Park
and Open Space District**

Harold Kelly—Vice President
Director Ward One

Tony Norris
Director Ward Two

Guy Kay
Director Ward Three

Dave Finigan—President
Director Ward Four

Myrna Abramowicz
Director Ward Five

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Monday December 12, 2011 2:00 P.M.
1195 Third Street, Third Floor, Napa, CA 94559

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order.

Directors present: Dave Finigan, Guy Kay, Tony Norris, Harold Kelly (late) and Myrna Abramowicz.

Staff present: John Woodbury, Chris Apallas, Chris Cahill, Sarah Minahen

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Set Matters

None.

4. Administrative Items

- A. Consideration and potential approval of Minutes of Board of Directors meeting of November 14, 2011.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Park & Open Space were approved as presented.

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- B. Update and potential direction to staff regarding the planned closure of Bothe-Napa Valley State Park and the Bale Grist Mill State Historic Park, and the District's proposal to operate the two parks in partnership with the Napa Valley State Parks Association (oral report).

John Woodbury gave the report. Negotiations are continuing and things are going forward, but nothing final yet. The timing sequence of retaining an existing park ranger

is causing some trouble. Existing staff are being reassigned to different parks as State parks are closing. This should still work out, however.

- C. Update and potential direction to staff regarding the development of plans for the stewardship and use of the District's Spanish Valley, Crystal Flats and Stone Corral properties (oral report).

John Woodbury gave the report. Meeting with Lake Berryessa Estates on December 4 went well. Intent of the meeting was just to gather and share information. The overall message is that group of folks want to solve the problem and come to an agreement. Somewhat hopeful that can be done.

Spanish Valley - Agreed with David Trincherro to purchase the existing water tank and controller. He took generator, so the next step is to put in a new power (solar system) to generate water at the site. The hope is to get a camp host there.

Access to Spanish Valley – Should County assert easement as public road? There are tradeoffs either way. Currently no recommendation.

Vincent/Fifield easement – Chris Apallas confirmed that all documents have been recorded and \$5,000.00 received.

- D. Adoption of calendar of regular meetings for the Board of Directors for 2012.

The calendar of regular meetings for 2012 was approved.

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- E. Receipt of report on expenditures, encumbrances, donations and grants approved by the General Manager.

John Woodbury gave the report.

- F. Review of the District Projects Status Report.

John Woodbury gave the report.

Napa River Bay Trail – Construction almost complete. Volunteers to provide work party. We may have a soft opening once things are ready – maybe within a week of early January.

Napa River Bay Trail Phase II – John Woodbury reported on the status of negotiations.

Blue Ridge Berryessa Peak Trail – Volunteers worked last weekend on the trail – coming along well. There was an incident with the adjoining property owner yelling at volunteers about what they were doing.

Camp Berryessa – Chris Cahill reported. An RFP has been released to get a contractor for the labor compliance program. An RFP for well drilling will be ready to launch within the next day or two to close up the existing well.

Master Plan update – John Woodbury reported that the update has been delayed because of the urgency of working on the State Park closures.

Moore Creek – Another work party this coming weekend. About two weeks ago County road crew paved the driveway between road and parking area.

Napa River Ecological Reserve – School groups will be coming out again. Chino had high school kids plant about 25 different native plants. Met with Fish & Game staff on site and discussed game plan for next year.

Skyline Park – Draft appraisal has been prepared, and is under review by the County and the State.

5. Announcements by Board and Staff

- ▶ **Chair Abramowicz announced Flyway Festival Feb 10-12.**
- ▶ **Director Norris announced meeting at NCTPA regarding ½ cent sales tax for transportation needs, date and time TBA, location 130 Randolph Street.**

6. Agenda Planning

Chair Abramowicz discussed potential By-Laws change regarding election of incoming President of the Board. Currently this occurs at the beginning of the January meeting. Should be at the end of the December meeting and have the new director seated at the beginning of the January meeting.

John Woodbury reported that NCTPA is preparing their County-wide Bicycle Master Plan. Scheduled for presentation at the January District Board meeting.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned (2:50 p.m.) to next regular meeting of January 9, 2012.


MYRNA ABROMOWICZ, Board President

ATTEST:


SARAH MINAHEN, Acting District Secretary

Key

Vote: HK = Harold Kelly; TN = Tony Norris; GK = Guy Kay; DF = David Finigan; MA = Myrna Abramowicz

The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.

Notations under vote: N = No; A = Abstain; X = Excused

