

PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING  
APPROVED MINUTES

April 6, 2009

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Dan Wilkins and Ron Treabess

STAFF PRESENT: Matt Homolka, District Engineer  
Cindy Gustafson, General Manager  
Bob Bolton, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Ginger Charlton, District Clerk

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Wally Auerbach

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

A. PUBLIC FORUM

No public input.

B. LAKESIDE TRAIL PHASE 5 – 7

Ms. Gustafson and Mr. Homolka did a cursory review for Director Wilkins on what we've built on Lakeside. Director Wilkins asked about a section of the trail along the highway. Mr. Homolka said that Caltrans has promised to build a new trail there and connect it as a part of their erosion control project. He said that there is a change order in the works and he is comfortable that it's happening.

Mr. Homolka said that we are at 95% design on the entire project currently. We haven't broken it up into pieces and are planning on bidding it all as one project over two and a half construction seasons. He reviewed the project and showed which sections would be done each year.

Mr. Homolka said that we are pretty close to having easements on most properties except for the Safeway and Topol properties. He reviewed the issues we are having with these two properties and said that deductive alternatives are being set up in case something falls apart so that they can be pulled out of the contract if we are ready to go. Ms. Gustafson said that she wanted the Board to be aware of the logistics of working with a potentially unfriendly party in this matter.

Director Wilkins said that it looks like there are three options. They are: 1) make proposals to the property owners to purchase an easement; 2) condemn an easement; 3) defer the trail until they go through some land use entitlement process and then get the easement for free. Mr. Auerbach said that in Martis

Valley TSD has worked successfully with one family on language that guarantees that they will get some credit for giving an easement. Ms. Gustafson asked for a copy of the language so that she could see if the Conservancy could talk to TRPA about it.

Ms. Gustafson said that the CTC funding for this project is tied up in the bond freeze but CTC has continued to put us on their agendas. The amount of money is still uncertain and their major issue is on the coverage. Director Wilkins asked if we will have the construction funding commitment before we go to bid. Mr. Homolka said that we would. He said that we'll call for bids without having funding locked down, make the funding request based on the insurance estimate, get the bid, fill in the blanks on CTC's Board document, get their funding approval, and then come back to our Board for contract approval.

Mr. Homolka said that he would like to meet with Ms. Topol and reestablish contact to discuss the trail and where she's at. In the meantime, Ms. Gustafson said that she'll see if anyone at the regulatory agencies is willing to step forward to help.

Director Wilkins asked if staff felt that deductive alternates could push the bid prices up from a concern over construction staging perspective. Mr. Homolka said they will tend to drive the price up some but it is a pretty competitive climate so they will have to balance how hard they want to push on that.

Ms. Gustafson said that snow removal is another factor that needs to be dealt with because it will definitely affect our trail here.

C. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Ginger Charlton, District Clerk