

Presidio Trust Board of Directors Meeting
July 16, 2014
Minutes

Attending:

Nancy Bechtle
Paula Collins
David Grubb
Charlene Harvey
Bill Hambrecht
Alex Mehran
John Reynolds

Michael Boland
Steve Carp
Karen Cook
Bart Ferrell
Craig Middleton
Mike Rothman
Joshua Steinberger

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bechtle at 8:07 a.m.

Actions taken:

- Approval of Minutes of [May 14, 2014 \(Resolution 14-18\)](#). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 7-0.
- Approval of Adoption of Revised Operating Budget Forecast for Fiscal Year 2014 and Revised Five-Year Construction Plan ([Resolution 14-19](#)). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 7-0.
- Approval of Adoption of Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 and Five-Year Construction Plan ([Resolution 14-20](#)). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 7-0.
- Approval of Adoption of Proposed Interim Rule as Final Interim Rule and withdrawal of Proposed Rule: Public Use Limit on Commercial Dog Walking ([Resolution 14-21](#)). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 7-0.
- Approval of Presidio Trust Art Collections Acquisition – *Earth Wall* by Andy Goldsworthy ([Resolution 14-22](#)). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 7-0.

Discussion items:

- Ms. Bechtle said that September will be a significant month for the Presidio – it will represent both 20 years from post to park and the re-opening of the Officers’ Club.
- Mr. Middleton reported that:
 - Nancy Pelosi is scheduled to attend the re-opening of the Officers’ Club, and Governor Brown is anticipated to attend the 20-year commemoration of AmeriCorps.
 - There will be a public presentation in September of design concepts for the New Presidio Parklands Project.
 - Enhanced visitor amenities in the Main Post area will be a focus in the coming year, including a rehabilitation of 105 Montgomery Street for lodging as an expansion of the Inn at the Presidio, the addition of benches and other welcoming features, the design of the Visitor Center, and the staging of more events and programs.
- Mr. Mehran said that the Board needed to discuss the design and intended room rates for 105 Montgomery Street.
- Ms. Harvey updated the Board on philanthropic matters and said that she would provide additional background at a future Board meeting. She said that it was important for the Board to be involved in the fundraising process and in setting project priorities. Ms. Bechtle agreed that the Board should review and discuss the priorities.
- Mr. Rothman explained that the fiscal year 2014 budget forecast needed to be revised because of an unanticipated increase in revenue. He also reported that the Finance and Audit Committee reviewed and recommended for approval the proposed fiscal year 2015 budget. Ms. Collins said that it would be helpful to have an explanation of how expenditures fit into a strategic plan, on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis, and that a map would put the expenditures into context. Mr. Hambrecht suggested that it was time to conduct a Board retreat devoted to planning for the next few years. Mr. Mehran agreed and also said that clearer lines should be drawn between normal operating expenses and capital projects. Mr. Grubb asked the Board to discuss remaining infrastructure projects.
- Ms. Cook explained the proposed interim commercial dog walking rule.
- The Board discussed the proposed art collections acquisition, *Earth Wall* by Andy Goldsworthy, and whether the Art Collections Manual should be revised to delegate authority to the Executive Director to approved acquisitions below a certain dollar amount.
- The Board directed staff to revise the Commemorative Works Policy to address recognition of armed services and war memorials in a holistic manner.
- Executive Session: 9:17 a.m. – 9:43 a.m.

- CMG Landscape Architecture, James Corner Field Operations, Olin, Snøhetta, and West 8, the five multi-disciplinary teams selected to develop conceptual designs for the New Presidio Parklands Project, each presented their vision for the project. Following the presentations, Mr. Boland outlined the next steps, including additional public presentations and meetings, ongoing site tours for community groups and individuals, further opportunities for public input and comment, and additional technical meetings with Trust staff.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Bechtle at 11:46 a.m.