

## Meeting Minutes

### Lake Merced Task Force

Quarterly Meeting, January 14, 2009

#### Attendees:

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Organization Represented</b>
Joan Ryan	SFPUC
Suzanne Gautier	SFPUC*
Lisa Wayne	SF Rec & Park*
Ross Wilkinson	Lakewood Tenants Association*
Mona Cereghino	Lakewood Tenants Association
Dick Allen	Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn.
Pyszary Dziadier	San Francisco State University*
John Hentz	South End Rowing Club*
Jim Stark	Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club*
Walt Berger	Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club
Richard Young	Lake Merced Hill R&M*
Bernadette Warren	Lake Merced Hill resident
Mondy Lariz	Cal Trout*
Dan Murphy	Golden Gate Audubon*
Patrick Sweetland	City of Daly City
DeeDee Workman	San Francisco Beautiful*
J.M. Pisias	Pacific Rowing Club*
Tim Colen	Greater West Portal Neighborhood Assn.
Dennis Shea	San Francisco Rifle Assn*.
Shirley Hoskins	San Francisco resident
Gunard Mahl	San Francisco resident (P.J.R., GGACC, PR&G)
LaMoyne E. Addleman	Golden Gate Angling & Casting Club*
Joseph B. Mucelli	Civilian Marksmanship Program*
Irene Sheynis	Pacific Junior Rifles*
JeanineMahl	Pacific Junior Rifles
Walter Caplan	Model A Ford Club of America*
James Grant	Pacific Rod & Gun Club*
Fred Tautenhahn	Golden Gate Rod & Gun Club*
Andrew Jensen	Pacifica 4H Club*
Robert B. Maddow	Olympic Club*
Craig Cooper	San Francisco Tyee Club*
Laura Castellin	Nature in the City (votes next meeting)
Dawn Taffler	Kennedy Jenks
Jean Debraux	Kennedy Jenks
Betsey Eagon	SFPUC
Lesley Steele	Janet Pomeroy Center*

\* There were 22 organizations present of 30 organizations qualified to vote. The asterisk indicates the organizations present qualified to vote and is applied to only once, where more than one representative attended, for the purpose of counting. (The asterisk is not intended to indicate which representative was actually voting.)

**1.) 6:05 pm. Call to order** by Chair, Mondy Lariz

Announcements by Mondy Lariz:

Mondy announced that the current Secretary, Eric Rosegard, had tendered his resignation as Secretary and requested a volunteer to take minutes for this meeting. Ross Wilkinson volunteered. Next meeting: April 8, 2009. Quarterly meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the quarter.

**2.) Public Comments:**

Dennis Shea asked for information about a lawsuit regarding trout planting by Stanford Environmental Law Clinic. Mondy said he was familiar with the lawsuit, which was based upon failure of Cal. Fish & Game to obtain an E.I.R to plant fish that might be to detriment of frogs and other creatures. A settlement has been reached whereby urban lakes will be allowed to be planted.

**3.) Approval of Agenda:** No comments or requests on the agenda. However, Suzanne Gautier asked that introductions be made and the Chair agreed and everyone at the table stated their name and organization represented.

**4.) Approval, Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A spelling correction was requested for the name of Mr. Maddow. James Grant asked if there were minutes from the Steering Committee meeting. Mondy said that there were none. It was moved by (unrecorded) that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Dan Murphy and the motion was carried by a show of hands.

**5.) Action Items:**

Mondy stated that the membership Committee recommended readmission of Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn. Dick Allen read the mission statement of the GGHNA. A motion to readmit GGHNA was moved by Suzanne Gautier, seconded by Mona Cereghino and passed by a show of hands.

Neighborhood Parks Council was also approved.

**6.) Announcements and Communications:**

Mondy Lariz stated that the City of Daly City has established a blue ribbon panel to model the aquifer of the Westside Basin. The model is still under development. Three firms are involved:

(spelling corrections please)

John Fields

Vixton Davis

Scallamini

Patrick Sweetland: The City of Daly City will be hosting a meeting January 28, 2009 at 7pm at the Larcombe Clubhouse regarding the Harding Park Recycled Water Project.

Fred Tautenhahn announced that the PRGC Board of directors unanimously approved moving ahead on environmental policy issues at the club site. Fred was named as direct representative to the SFPUC and the lawyer has been put on hold. Fred said that he would personally get to the bottom of the issue regarding potential environmental concerns at the PRGC site and that the PRGC was prepared to spend money. Not everyone understood what this was about so Fred explained that there were some with concerns about environmental contamination of the PRGC site from lead shot etc. in the past even though the use of lead shot had been discontinued in the early 1990s. A study has been in progress, at the expense of PRGC, for about a year related to lead in the soils. Fred said that SFPUC's David Behar is frustrated with the lack of progress. Fred committed to report back to the LMTF at the next meeting in April on their progress.

Mondy Lariz announced that he would be resigning as LMTF Chair effective after the April, 2009 meeting. Cindy Charles will begin representing Cal Trout at that time. The July quarterly meeting will be chaired by current Vice-Chair Tim Colen until the voting is completed and then the newly elected Chair will conduct the remainder of the July meeting.

Mondy also announced that he has been providing a website for the LMTF free of charge since 2003 and that LMTF will need to find a new web host unless they want to pay him to continue. Fred asked what Mondy would want to be willing to continue to host the website. Mondy said probably \$300. Fred offered to contribute the entire sum of \$300. Mondy and others thanked Fred and said the Steering Committee would consider Fred's offer.

John Hentz asked if we need to activate the Nominating Committee. Mondy agreed and said the Steering Committee will arrange for nominations but nominations can always be made from the floor at the time of the election.

Dee Dee Workman said that she discovered a website on the internet describing the Lake Merced Youth Fishing Program. She questioned who was behind the website and why it listed LMTF as a sponsor of the program. She asked whether she missed a meeting where such an endorsement was made. Mondy responded stating he had volunteered to build that website and that he thought any reference to endorsement by LMTF, which had been listed there in error, had been removed but that if it had not it would be as soon as he arrived home. Fred stated that the program had not yet been completely defined. (Later the same evening members received emails from Ms. Workman identifying the website she was speaking of to be: <http://lakemercedfishing.org/partners.html>)

Fred Tautenhahn made a motion seeking endorsement of LMTF as a sponsor of the Lake Merced Youth Fishing Program. Mondy said that the LMTF would need a description of the program to be able to vote on such a proposal. Dan Murphy said that because the LMTF is an organization of organizations, some of the representatives need to confer with their organizations before they can take a stand on such a motion. Lisa Wayne recommended that new members to the LMTF read the rules. Fred withdrew his motion for the present and asked that it be agendized for the April meeting.

## **7.) San Francisco PUC Presentation**

Suzanne Gautier introduced the SFPUC presentation announcing that there would be a Lake Merced Watershed Plan Update notice of preparation of meeting on January 28, 2009.

Ms. Gautier then introduced SFPUC's Joan Ryan for a general overview. Ms. Ryan noted that an overview of the Harding Park project was presented to the LMTF last June. The project consists of an 18" pipeline from the Olympic Club to a 700,000 gal. storage tank to be built at the Harding Park maintenance yard under the parking lot. A small pump station will also be added. In addition, some trees will have to be removed. The project will undergo an environmental review. A scoping meeting will occur at 7 pm on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Larcombe Clubhouse. The SF Arts Commission must be involved in the aesthetic design of any new project such as this. Ms. Ryan said that 12 trees will have to be removed, 4 being already dead. Each will be replaced and some additional shrubbery will be added for screening. The plan is for 5 Cypress, one Oak and (from handout) one Arbutus Marina. This is in keeping with the existing landscape. Storm water will be captured in a swale and directed to the maintenance building. She described the new pump shed as 300 square feet and covered with stucco or metal siding. The elevations of the shed are depicted in the handout.

(?) asked why recycled water could not be provided by existing facilities. It was explained that for irrigation purposes, tertiary treatment is required. The output of the Oceanside plant is secondary only. The output of the Daly City plant is tertiary and, therefore, useable.

(?) asked about the sound levels that might be emitted by the pump station. The response was that an environmental review will be done that will consider sound emissions.

Jim Stark questioned why a pipe as large as 18" would be required and asked if there would be any other end users besides Harding Park. The response was that the only user would be Harding Park. Ross Wilkinson asked what was the maximum flow rate demanded by Harding Park. The response, quoting the handout, was 0.39 mgd average and 1.37 mgd peak.

Betsey Eagan of SFPUC gave a report on the status of the lake level. At the time of the last LMTF meeting, the level was 5.1 ft City datum. It is now 5.2. Last year it was 1 ft higher. The target level is 7.5 to 9.5 ft.

Jean Debroux, for Kennedy Jenks, discussed the project for recycling storm water from the Vista Grande canal. The project will treat the storm water for bacteria, metals and solids through three artificial wetland cells for eventual discharge near the gun club. He described three flow scenarios:

- 1.) Discharge to South Lake;
- 2.) Draw necessary minimum amounts from lake during dry periods to maintain the wetlands;
- 3.) Draw from Impound Lake water to be returned to the lake after treatment to clear the lake water, if needed.

Betsey mentioned an open house in May of 2009 (need info to fill in here)

Betsey discussed the wells proposed to be drilled (2 on John Muir Drive, one at Harding Park) to provide the city with alternate sources to outside supplies such as from Hetch Hetchy.

Ross Wilkinson asked if the wells proposed to be drilled will tap an aquifer that is isolated from the groundwater affecting the level of Lake Merced. Betsey answered in the affirmative.

Bob Maddow asked what coordination there is between Daly City and San Francisco given Daly City is considering alternatives to prevent flooding of the Vista Grande canal and San Francisco has its own project for treating storm water coming from Daly City. He noted his organization has sent some letters that have not been answered. Betsey said SFPUC communicates with Daly City. They comment. They cooperate as much as possible. San Francisco will not be proceeding with the

wetland project if Daly City's project, that may require excavation in the same area, becomes imminent.

Someone commented that the walkway to go over the wetland shown in the a/v presentation looked frivolous.

Any formal written comments on the SFPUC presentation are due by 01/23/09 to Suzanne.

(?) Asked what was the loss from the lake under scenario #2 (pumping from the lake to maintain wetlands). Response: 0.27 to 0.37 or about 15% (units?)

Suzanne discussed local projects. Drilling of the three wells is planned for the end of January.

The output of the three wells would be combined with the city's potable water system. They have a goal for 2018 of capping demands on Hetch Hetchy and hope between changing local customs and finding other supplies to reduce demand on Hetch Hetchy by 35 mgd.

RFBs are out for a project to upgrade the (old) pump station.

SFPUC has received funding to add erosion control to the scope of the watershed plan, not only on John Muir Drive but at other locations around the lake. Sherwood (Engineers?) will conduct the study in Sept. 2009.

Mondy asked about future public meetings. Suzanne said none planned.

Comments on the watershed plan can be emailed to watershedplan@sfgwater.org

## **8.) Committee Reports**

Mondy noted that since the LMTF restructured in 2003 the committees were only meeting irregularly. Last year: water once, nature twice. New members particularly should consider participating in committee work. The LMTF seems to have morphed into an information sharing organization. The water, nature and recreation committees need to weigh in on water level issues. Perhaps we should revisit our recommendation on desired water levels.

Dan Murphy commented as the meeting was winding down that he was aware a potentially competing group was holding a meeting on Lake Merced issues tonight at the same time:

Neighborhood Parks Council. Dee Dee said she is involved and aware of what that organization is doing and that the website announcement that Dan was referring to was inaccurate: they will not be discussing Lake Merced tonight.

Mona Cereghino gave the treasurer's report. The treasury contains \$2,937.36 before expenses for tonight's catered meal.

**Adjournment:** approximately 8:20pm.

## **Handouts:**

- 1.) "Harding Park Recycled Water Project, Notice of Preparation, January 2009" (14 pp.)
- 2.) "Penninsula Update," Hetch Hetchy Water System Improvement Program, Penninsula Update, Winter, 2009" (4 pp.)
- 3.) "Harding Park Recycled Water Project - Pump Station, San Francisco Arts Commission, Phases I Civic Design Review Informational Package [sic], February 9, 2009" (10 pp. 11' x 17")

**Catering:** Doelger Garden Deli, Daly City