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TREASURE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2024 – 9:30AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Linda Fadeke Richardson, Chair
V. Fei Tsen
Jeanette Howard

2. General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Evaluation of Parks Governance Alternatives

AnMarie Rodgers, TIDA, reviewed background of parks governance, foundational policies, immediate operations and management, long-term issues and considerations, and next steps. Parks that will open by 2025 include Waterfront Plaza, Causeway Park, Hilltop West, Dog Park, and Hilltop East.

Additional contractual support for operations and maintenance of Hilltops, Waterfront, and Causeway Parks will be considered at the January TIDA Board meeting.

Past report highlights include 2020 CMG report and City Fellows report.

Civil Service Approval is required for TIDA's parks, limited exemptions do not apply.

Reviewed preliminary conversations with Recreation & Parks Department, including budget alignment, policy alignment, high quality care, and institutional support.

Option of a conservancy holds potential. In the interim steps include finding partners, drafting framework, and mutually agreeable business plan.

Upcoming items at TIDA Board meetings include expanding habitat contract in January, recommending draft ordinance for Parks Code in February, and a strategy for long-term operations, maintenance, and governance in March.

Director Howard requested to see past reports on parks governance and materials about conservancy options.

Director Tsen asked about analysis on long term planning and requested a roadmap of conservancy option.

Director Tsen commented that almost every major park in this country has a conservancy, the importance of ability to raise private funds, and need for horticultural oversight.

Director Howard commented on disconnect between what board is asking for and what staff can provide, and commented that this presentation did not reflect the item title.

Director Richardson commented on need to identify top conservancies in country and come up with structure for TI.

Bob Beck, TIDA, commented that staff will create a clear roadmap going forward on what governance of parks in near term and long term will be.

4. Yerba Buena Island Natural Area

Peter Summerville, TIDA, and Peter Brastow, SF Environment, reviewed the last year of YBI natural areas management.

Presented work performed in 2023 and related images including understory of fiesta flower in Oak Woodlands, removal of invasive plants such as Bermuda grass and acacia, collaborations with Rubicon, planting programs, native plant installations, partnerships with state and federal agencies, partnerships with developer, green infrastructure and stormwater gardens, landslide areas, and native plant propagation and production.

Hope to engage Treasure Island community and new residents in island stewardship.

In the upcoming year work includes ongoing efforts of Rubicon Landscape, start of natural areas management technical work contract, integrated pest management site assessment consulting, and TI/YBI Stewardship Program expansion and enhancement.

Director Richardson commented that Peter Brastow can help inform TIDA about park maintenance needs, asked about irrigation, and asked that presentation images are viewable on TIDA website.

Director Howard commented that SF Environment is currently in role of managing YBI natural areas and asked about management plan for YBI.

Director Tsen commented on differences between YBI and TI parks and asked if lessons learned during YBI work is being documented.

There was no public comment.

5. Discussion of Future Agenda Items by Directors

There was no discussion of future agenda items.

There was no public comment.

6. Adjourn