

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Recreation and Park Commission Meeting

SUBJECT: Sutters Landing ADA Trail

DATE: January 23, 2025

TIME: 6:30 am – 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Sacramento County Regional Parks
10361 Rockingham Dr, Ste 100
Sacramento, CA 95827

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. Action Items

Call to order and roll call followed by pledge of allegiance. The Board approved the October, November, and December Regular Meeting Action Summary with six members in attendance: Liz Bellas, Becky Herz, Claudia Goss, Daniel Gonzales, Bill Hambrick, and Chris Shultz. Liz Bellas stated that the Save the American River Association included a letter to go along with today's agenda.

2. Presentation of the Lionheart Community

Charlene Vine, founder of Lionheart Community, gave a presentation to the Commission.

3. Presentation of the Sutters Landing ADA Trail Project

Pamela gave a presentation on the Sutter's Landing ADA River Access Trail Project, providing information on Project Background/Details/Objective/Location, Existing Conditions, Trail Alternatives, Environmental Compliance, Public/Agency Coordination, Restoration, and Schedule.

Questions from Board Members:

Bill Hambrick asked what Friends of Sutters Landing's (FOSL) think about the project. Pamela stated that they would like Sutters Landing to continue to be a natural place with less people. They are concerned about people littering on the beach. They would also prefer that access to the trail consists of more natural material instead of concrete, which would be a challenge for both an ADA trail and City maintenance. FOSL is also interested in the restoration components of the project. Based on their comments, the City is looking at a more robust restoration plan. One member of the public asked if aggregate had been considered for the trail surface. Pamela stated that it would be too hard to achieve ADA compliance standards and that it can be difficult even with asphalt. Concrete is best for long term ADA compliance.

Becky Herz asked to review the slide with the picture of the parking lot and fish stamps. She asked if the City had considered tying into that style of aesthetics to give the ramp a more natural feel, like earth toned colored concrete with leaf and/or imprinted animal tracks. Pamela stated that we would take that into consideration. Becky indicated that she supports the project.

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Comments from the Public:

Mark Berry stated that his concern with the project is that the American River Parkway has the goal to preserve recreational opportunities but that preserving nature is essential. He stated that it seemed like the point of the project is to serve commercial opportunities and that the City has no mechanism for controlling capacity in the area. Chris Shultz asked if he was confusing this project with the commercial rental facility project on City property. Mark replied that people with cars can already access the river but if you establish a commercial facility with access to the river, more people will come. Chris stated that only allowing people with cars to access the river turns this into an equity issue and that access needs to be provided to all people with various modes of transportation.

Charlene Vine stated that she prefers Alternatives 2 and 3 because she likes to use the loop.

Tom Biglione (FOSL) asked if rip rap would be around the ramps as well as the stairs. Pamela said that some form of erosion control would need to be incorporated along the ramp. To ensure that it blends with the aesthetics and minimizes visual impacts, the design team could consider alternative erosion control measures. Tom said that he prefers Alternative 3 because it utilizes the existing trail instead of constructing a new one.

Charlene asked if there would be beach wheelchairs made available as part of the project. Pamela stated that the concession stand might make those available and that they are trying to figure out where to end the trail on the beach.

One member of the public asked what criteria the City is using to select an alternative, and could they use a scoring system. Pamela said they are using public input and feasibility but that a scoring system based on cost, public input, and environmental impacts is a possibility.

Chris Shultz asked why the City was including stairs in addition to a ramp and has that ever been done at another location. Liz Bellas said yes, it's been used at CSU Sacramento. Pamela said the stairs are included because people who do not need to use the ramp for ADA purposes would just keep going straight down the levee which is a safety hazard. In addition, the American River Flood Control District requested that stairs be included.

4. Meeting Adjourned

Liz Bellas asked if there were any comments on the monthly staff reports. Mather Park is now re-opened to the public. Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

NOTE: These minutes are preparer's understanding of items discussed at the meeting. If discrepancies are noted, please contact the preparer within three days of receipt.

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