

Presidio Trust Board of Directors Meeting
November 2, 2009
Minutes

Attending:

Nancy Bechtle
Robert Burke
Nancy Conner
John Reynolds
Michael Shepherd
William Wilson, III (12:43 – 4:12)

Michael Boland
Jeff Deis
Mollie Matull
Craig Middleton
Mike Rothman

Not Attending:

Curtis Feeny

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson Wilson at 12:43 p.m.

Action taken:

- Approval of Adoption of Revised Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Forecast and Revised Five-Year Construction Plan (Resolution 10-2). By motion duly made and seconded. Vote: 6-0.
- Approval of \$200,000 to be expended in support of a collaboration with the National Park Service and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to create a visitor center and associated interpretive program.

Discussion items:

- At Mr. Wilson's request, Mr. Deis provided an update on the status of efforts to plan for the future fire and emergency needs of the Presidio and to manage the delivery of these services. Several options are on the table and discussions with the National Park Service (NPS) are ongoing.
- Mr. Middleton reviewed the proposed five-year plan as a starting point for the Board discussion of Trust planning objectives and priorities that was requested by members at the previous meeting of the Board. It was agreed at the outset that, when this plan is posted on the Trust's website, it should be made clear that it is a framework designed to guide Trust financial and work planning. Mr. Middleton assured the Board that action on a five-year plan did not constitute compliance review, and that this would be accomplished as

appropriate prior to project implementation. Board budget process also requires the Executive Director to bring projects costing over \$1M in Trust funds back to the Board for formal approval prior to implementation.

- The Board discussed a range of projects throughout the Presidio – ongoing and future projects and programs – as well as funding sources and projections. The Board agreed with staff that the Trust should take steps to work more closely with the NPS on the interpretive program with early focus on the location and programming of a visitor center. The Board voted to devote \$200,000 in FY2010 to costs associated with this collaborative effort. Mr. Middleton described a proposal he had made recently to Interim Superintendent Frank Dean to move a joint process forward with the objective of developing a set of recommendations related to this project, including an initial visitor center budget and strategy for obtaining public input. It was generally agreed that this work should precede work on a Heritage Center program.
- The Board discussed the upcoming public meeting and expressed its concern that the meeting be conducted in a way that involves substantive discussion on a number of items. Staff agreed that it would be useful to try something new in terms of format, intended to be more informative and active.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.