

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 6:30pm

Community Meeting Room

Brisbane City Hall

50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order

-Chair Ebel called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM

Committee members present:

-Ebel, Hayuk, and Salmon

Committee members absent:

- Abney and Fieldman

Staff members present:

- Senior Civil Engineer Kinser

- Management Analyst Muñoz

1. Adoption of the agenda.

- Request to remove items 5, 6 and 9.

- Adopted as modified.

2. Oral communications for items not on the agenda.

- Ebel would like to discuss the sale of a property on Thomas. Staff will check if this is an acres property.

- Salmon would like to bring back the lot coverage/ court yard item to next month's agenda and come to consensus what to present to council.

- Community Park: a custom piñata will be ordered by staff. Staff will find out how to hang the piñata and think about filling. The Community Festival subcommittee will meet after the OSEC meeting.

3. Preparation to meet with OSEC liaison.

- Work plan prioritization will be discussed at next meeting. Members that have yet to turn in their worksheet will turn it in before then.

4. Street trees list.

- Ebel would like to expand this list. Muñoz mentioned that invasive species may be removed from the list. Salmon offered to review the list with Joe Cannon and Sean Sweeney.
- Kinser wanted to clarify if OSEC is commenting on street trees or trees on properties, such as Monterey pine replacement. An arborist will have to eventually look at the list, as was done with the older list.
- Ebel would like to create a comprehensive list of street trees and trees for properties.
- Salmon mentioned to choose species with caution because initially a species can be a good idea, but when fully grown are not ideal for Brisbane.
- Kinser said recommending council to have an arborist look at the street tree list may be a more feasible way alter the list.
- Ebel would like for OSEC members to recommend 2 alternative species for every tree that is removed from the list.
- Salmon mentioned that the street tree list should be a living document and altered as we gain experience with how species grow.

5. Polystyrene ban.

- Muñoz updated that outreach has been completed to local restaurants via mailing and phone calls. Restaurant management and owners did not express concern with ceasing use of Styrofoam products within a few months of adopting a Styrofoam ordinance.
- Salmon mentioned she went to Lucky House and they were using Styrofoam products. When mentioning the ordinance to the owner's son, he was surprised. Muñoz said Mitch Bull from the Chamber of Commerce has gone to the restaurant personally to convey the possible adoption of the county ordinance, and that they will be given some time to use the remaining stock of Styrofoam products.
- Kinser recommends adopting the ordinance as worded, otherwise if altered enforcement will be the responsibility of Brisbane. Hayuk, Salmon and Ebel agree to adopt the ordinance as written.
- Staff will move forward with implementation.

6. Invasive Species brochure.

- Hayuk would like the text to be aligned, such as the French Broom.
- Salmon would like to move the last sentence on the butterfly panel, so it is not alone.

7. Adjournment

- Salmon would like to start next meeting at 6 PM due to the number of items to address.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM