

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, July 27, 2011 7:00PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order

Chair Gutekanst called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Committee members present:

Fieldman, Miller, Moreau, Richards, Stiehler, and Chair Gutekanst

Committee members absent:

None

Staff members present:

Administrative Services Director Schillinger
Management Analyst Pontecorvo

1. Adoption of the agenda.

MC Miller moved and MC Richards seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Oral Communications for items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments under Oral Communications.

3. City Council Matters.

a. Modification of General Fund annual contribution to Open Space Fund.

Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported the City Council adopted Resolution 2011-22, with a slight modification in language from “consider” expenditures to “make appropriate” expenditures. Resolution 2011-22 rescinds Resolution 99-1 and reaffirms the Council’s commitment to acquisition and protection of open space. It was adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council on June 27, 2011.

4. Other Committee Matters.

a. CAG update

Chair Guteknast said that the CAG would not meet again as a whole until September, but that subcommittees would continue to meet.

b. Sustainability Committee update

Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported that the Sustainability Committee has been reviewing the One Planet Living Principles and Sonoma Mountain Village Sustainability Action Plan to consider how these might be tailored to the Baylands project. Mr. Schillinger also noted that the City Council has contracted with sustainability consultant Geof Syphers.

c. Energy Upgrade / Energy Strategy update

Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported on the Advisory Board meeting and the County's efforts to promote Energy Upgrade California. She also discussed the County's lack of funding to staff the green business certification program, and shared information about a recent Tri-Chamber event on green business. MC Richards brought flyers about a new Skyline College class that offers free contractor training in residential energy efficiency and building performance.

MC Fieldman brought attention to a new bill, H.R. 2599, that has been introduced to revive Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs. She read a sample resolution of support for the legislation that would restore the ability of local governments to offer PACE financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements. After Committee discussion, MC Fieldman made a motion that the Committee ask the City Council to adopt a resolution in support of PACE urging Congresswoman Speier to support the PACE Assessment Protection Act of 2011 (H.R. 2599). MC Miller seconded the motion and also suggested sending the resolution to Senators Boxer and Feinstein. The Committee voted unanimously to add a resolution in support of PACE as an urgency item on the City Council's August 1st agenda, and to urge the Council to adopt it.

d. Community Festival planning

MC Richards said she would still serve on the Community Festival planning subcommittee, but would be unable to attend the event on October 1st. MC Moreau volunteered to join the subcommittee and to prepare a display highlighting the importance of open space to health and well-being. MC Fieldman suggested that the OSEC booth include an invasive plant display. The subcommittee agreed to meet again in August.

e. Follow-up discussion of Presidio students presentation on Economic Strategy for Crocker Industrial Park

Chair Guteknast explained that she agendaized this topic so that the Committee could continue its discussion about the presentation the Presidio students had made at the June 8th meeting. Administrative Services Director Schillinger observed that the students had benefited from OSEC's feedback and delivered an improved presentation to the City Council as a result. He noted that the matter will go back to the Economic Development subcommittee to consider how to bring sustainability values and business opportunities to

Crocker Industrial Park. MC Richards suggested that the Committee follow-up at a future meeting with a more thorough discussion about the Presidio students' report and recommendations for Crocker Industrial Park.

f. Permeable paving materials

MC Fieldman raised a concern about excessive pavement causing increased storm water run-off in Brisbane. The Committee asked staff to check with the City Engineer / Public Works Director about permeable paving materials and storm drains issues.

5. Approval of minutes May 11, 2011.

MC Richards made a motion, seconded by MC Fieldman to approve the minutes with no changes. The motion passed.

6. Next meeting date.

Chair Gutekanst suggested that the Committee skip its August meeting, but continue with subcommittee meetings. The next regular meeting of the Open Space and Ecology Committee will take place on September 14, 2011.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.