

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 6:30pm
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order

- Chair Salmon called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

Committee members present:

- Court, Ebel, Fieldman and Salmon

Committee members absent:

- Hayuk and Sweeney

Staff members present:

- Finance Director Schillinger
- Management Analyst Muñoz

1. Adoption of the agenda.

- Ebel would like to discuss storage of liquid fuels from a City Council meeting from past Monday, due to it's relevance to ecology. Brisbane is looking at adoption of an ordinance through the fire code how close liquefied gas can be located next to residential and what zone it can be in. Review of this will occur at the next council meeting. Liquefied gas is currently on Bayshore and at the Tank Farm. Schillinger will send out a copy of the proposed ordinance to OSEC members. Ebel and Salmon will form a subcommittee to discuss and make comments. This item will be discussed in the February 5th OSEC meeting.

2. Review and approval of comments.

- Salmon would like to check that specific references have been added, which were discussed in the December 4th OSEC meeting: Stauffer Chemical, Hazardous waste from Dr. Lee's report, Golder and Associates, Muni budget and Ground level ozone.
- Fieldman found the reference for Stauffer Chemical, page 31 under Other areas needing investigation. Fieldman also confirmed that the reference for Muni budget has been added.
- Ebel confirmed that the Ground level ozone reference has been added.
- Fieldman would like to add CMP to the definitions list.

- Fieldman pre read the comments and found corrections to be made, a few examples are: words changes, cut and paste corrections, and clarifications of comments that were unclear. Comment 4.A-5 was meant to express creek views, not Bay views. Comment 4.D-34 should discuss core sample extraction methods rather than bedrock for artifacts.
- Ebel found comments that were redundant in the document. Ebel also emailed corrections, which have been incorporated into the comments.
- Salmon mentioned that having more comments is better, thus comments that address similar issues will be left in the document for now. In the best interest of time comments should not be moved around to different sections. Many planning comments will also go back into the CEQA document.
- BAAQMD thresholds can't be upheld in court, thus if these are the only standards mentioned in the comment, how could they be implemented? Other standards should be considered and the most stringent be adopted.
- An introductory statement will be added to sections that contain comments from different chapters/ sections to make it clear that the comment is relevant.
- Ebel will combine the 4.P-11 comments to save some space and paper.
- The sustainability committee for the City of Brisbane is focusing on sustainable issues. OSEC did not have time to redefine the term 'sustainability'.
- Salmon added some questions to who developed and paid for the CPP? Without housing development will a school be needed? Does CEQA have different standards for a school compared to other uses? Different standards should be explained.
- What happens with the OID contract if water runs out, this will be addressed to council.
- Muñoz will make corrections for a subcommittee to look at before the document is submitted. Ebel, Fieldman and Salmon will form the subcommittee.
- Ebel would like to submit a letter with the comments with regard to the morality of the project. Schillinger will draft the letter.

3. Miscellaneous

- Salmon mentioned that the City Council is accepting applications for members for the Open Space and Ecology committee. Applications should be into City Hall by January 31st. They are available on the city blog, or in person from Schillinger or Sheri Spediacci. Three members are departing from OSEC, Sweeney, Gutekanst and possibly Court.
- Fieldman would like to add items to next meetings agenda.
 1. Quarry Rd. (entrance to both canyons) is littered with trash and animal excrement.
 2. Teen center is closed or is closing. What are the plans for the building?
 3. Divestment from fossil fuels. Fieldman is attending a state wide conference in Berkeley and will draft a divestment letter.
- Salmon would like to include on the next agenda; review of last years work plan.
- Schillinger would like to add a discussion about tree removal with Maria Saguisag-Sid. Fieldman asked if there is a way to encourage removal of dead trees from private property. Salmon mentioned that the removal of dead Monterey Pine is important in preserving other trees in the area.
- Schillinger mentioned that an invasive plant species ordinance is possible, but is time consuming after consulting with the City Attorney.

- Salmon mentioned that Mountain Watch is continuing to plant. Due to it being a dry year they are planting less than normal. Specific areas will be chosen where to plant due to availability of fog drip and limited sun exposure.

4. Approval of the minutes.

- Muñoz will make corrections to what members are due to reapply for OSEC.

5. Adjournment.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM

*Public comment on the agenda items is welcome at the discretion of the Chair.