

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

AMENDED ACTION MINUTES (11/13/13)

Wednesday, November 6, 2013 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order

- Chair Salmon called to order at 6:43 PM

Committee members present:

- Court, Ebel, Fieldman, Hayuk, Salmon and Sweeney

Committee members absent:

- Gutekanst

Staff members present:

- Finance Director Schillinger
- Management Analyst Muñoz

1. Adoption of the agenda.

- Amended to add discussion of comment extension.
- Amended agenda adopted.

2. Oral communications for items not on the agenda.

- Salmon gave the update from the City Council Meeting about comments extension.
- Due to the topic not being on the agenda; in the Monday City Council Meeting there could only be discussion of this without action.
- Comments extension request will be on the November 18th agenda for discussion.
- The possible two outcomes will grant an extra 30 or 60 days to submit comments, or declined.
- Salmon suggests watching this meeting on Tape 2 at minutes: 14, 34 and 42.
- Period for certification may be extended with a chance of litigation.
- Schillinger offered to have a discussion with the attorney at the next OSEC meeting on the 13th.

3. Progress on comments

- Schillinger was expecting comments back from T. Rivasplata but have not received them back yet.
- Schillinger went over correspondence (that was provided during the meeting).
- When revised comments are received they will be sent to OSEC members.
- Schillinger and Muñoz will continue to work on comments as the due date may remain to be November 22nd.

- If given an extension Hayuk, Fieldman, and Sweeney may have difficulty attending in January.

4. Review of Chapters:

Chapter 6 Significant Unavoidable Impacts, Growth Inducements, Cumulative Impacts, and other CEQA Considerations

Ebel comments included topics on the following:

- Based on research Ebel has done a 12-24 mile commute is more reasonable compared to the 8 miles mentioned in the document.
- Effects of air pollution over time and area.
- Several phrases that are in this section are missing in previous chapters. This is important to remedy due to the fact not all readers of this document may read end chapters and will miss information as a result.
- Disturbance of species due to habitat loss and light pollution.
- The General Plan may not change and that should be considered.
- The total of projects in the area is more than what is mentioned in the document.
- San Bruno Mountain characteristics are not mentioned in previous chapters.
- Question as to what school fees are paid: Schillinger mentioned on page 6-40, payments are under SB 50.
- Reduction of wind speed will affect windsurfing in the Bay. Hayuk added that the wind surfing group did not give a quantitative number of impacts. The DEIR thus does not address impacts. Committee concluded that quantitative data on impacts should be researched.
- A diagram from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was shared to discuss energy efficiency.

Salmon comments included topics on the following:

- Wind studies conducted were done for wind turbines, not for winds on water surfaces.
- Questions about average commute in the Bay Area and San Mateo.
- Cumulative impacts of pollutants.
- Air quality control boards should be added to the document.
- Question of criteria used for the 1000ft study and if additional studies were done.
- Noise and vibration impacts will not be temporary and will be significant.
- Analysis of siltation at the Lagoon and Soil processing plant should be done.

Fieldman comments included topics on the following:

- Inconsistency between chapter 6 and impacts from proposed projects.
- Quimby act and open space, questions about adequacy and open space required by the Quimby Act. Inconsistencies between chapters seem to be due to level of impact (cumulative vs. site).

Chapter 5 Alternatives

Ebel comments included topics on the following:

- An alarm system for mitigation of broken irrigation lines should be considered.

Fieldman comments included topics on the following:

- There are missing impacts from lists that have previously been discussed in other sections.

- Footnotes should be added to table 5-6 to explain energy capacity and generation. Hayuk adds: capacity may mean the maximum energy that cells can produce. Generation/capacity is a result of dividing Annual electric generation and capacity (45,660 MWh/31.7 MW = 1,440 kWh/kW). Efficiency of capturing sun from the tracking PV panels is better because they rotate to capture more sun. Net energy generation is better for roof top PV panels due to increased amount of land cover compared to tracking PV panels. Salmon comments included topics on the following:
- Growth inducements are presented to be positive, this is a contradiction.
- Comments on superior alternatives and the state of the site in 30 years.

Chapter 7 Sustainability

Fieldman comments included topics on the following:

- Definition of sustainability should be adjusted, what does this mean for Brisbane?
- All buildings should be commissioned by a licensed professional.

Salmon comments included topics on the following:

- Page 7-3 wording should be changed to reflect destruction of resources instead of depletion.

5. Miscellaneous

- Ebel gave reusable handmade bags to Court from Day in the Park.
- Next meetings: November 13, November 20, December 4 (Tentative), December 11.
- Salmon spoke with Maria Saguisag-Sid about Zip Car. Saguisag-Sid will proceed forward.
- Minutes from 10/23/13 meeting to be amended to add submitted comments.
- Schillinger will check on comments submitted by other agencies.
- Fieldman mentioned that comments for the NOP from other agencies are in appendix A.

6. Approval of the minutes

- 10/23 minutes to be amended.
- 10/30 minutes approved.

7. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM