

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 30, 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 6:40 PM

Committee members present:

-Abney, Ebel, Fieldman, and Hayuk

Committee members absent:

- Salmon

Staff members present:

- Finance Director Schillinger

- Management Analyst Muñoz

1. Adoption of the agenda.

- Agenda adopted.

2. Oral communications for items not on the agenda.

- Ebel encourages members to watch news about broken water main in Los Angeles.

- Fieldman would like a signed copy of the Fossil Fuels divestment letter to post on 350.org

- Fieldman asks if OSEC will review the Recology EIR, we will ask OSEC liaisons about this.

- Ebel would like to add Ecology and Energy questions to the survey that will be going out for the Baylands.

3. Work plan review and revision.

- Ebel: under item III. 6.a. Pollution add Rodenticide. III 6.b. add Quarry Rd. and Baylands.

- Fieldman would like to add paving of backyards to the plan. Muñoz gave the update that Sausalito does not have an ordinance about permeable pavement, San Francisco does pertaining to pavement of front yards. Pavement of yards will be added to item III. 2.e. Landscaping/ Urban Forestry.

- Levinson property will be added to item II. 1. Vegetation Management for City-owned Open Space, under e. Acquisitions.

- Add local wildlife care to II. 2.
- Muñoz will set up items in a spreadsheet for members so prioritize (1 high – 3 low).
- Abney would like to include outreach in the energy plan of available vendors for solar panels.

4. Calendar of events

i. Community festival.

- The black carbon footprint piñata will cost approximately \$100.00, minus the pole and stuffing.
- Ideas for the piñata stuffing: candy, papers with energy saving tips and papers that can be turned in for prizes. A poster can be made to accompany the piñata and a designated time during the fair.
- Ebel would like to ask if the community can make the piñata. Abney suggests the local Girl Scouts. Schillinger said we will also ask Russ Carmick if the camp is doing arts and crafts, or an after school program.
- Muñoz will ask Salmon to borrow the large foot.
- Ebel will continue to work on the carbon footprint calculator. An internet hotspot and printer can be supplied from the city. Ebel will supply a laptop.
- Muñoz will bring the invasive species board to the August meeting.
- Muñoz will look for energy and water saving flyers from PG&E, BAWSCA and Energy upgrade CA.

ii. Lipman science fair.

- Ebel will contact Lipman school the first week of September.
- Muñoz will look into ideas from previous fairs.
- Ebel would like to tie in the project the work plan.

5. Energy plan

i. Review of notes from Energy Strategy Subcommittee

- Fieldman said these memo's from 2010 and 2011 are the previous attempt at the energy strategy plan. Around the same time Energy upgrade CA began. An energy forum was held and largely discussed solar.
- Hayuk asked why emissions from the highway are not being targeted. An option could be to advocate the high speed rail and support alternative transportation. Ebel said the rail yard could be the largest target.
- Fieldman said due to Brisbane's size and limited resources there is limited impact that we can have. There is also a limited amount of community support and individuals that are able to attend meetings.
- Fieldman would like to speak with the consultant about what is possible for Brisbane to achieve. An example is disclosing energy use for properties.
- Schillinger will look for the results from the energy survey.

ii. Update on meeting with Energy Strategy Subcommittee

- Fieldman, Ebel and Muñoz met with Kinser earlier in the day.
- Fieldman would like to meet with the consultant before meeting with OSEC liaison.
- Abney will send questions he may have to the subcommittee before they meet with the consultant.

6. Invasive Species brochure.

- Muñoz wrote a blurb for Pampas grass, corrections were made.
- Other items needed: cover photo, photo of Mission Blue Nursery and list of invasive species.
- Muñoz will ask Salmon for photos.

7. Street tree list.

i. Review of current list and Sean Sweeney's list.

- Ebel would like a comprehensive list of all the tree species.
- The purpose of this review was to determine what trees should remain on the approved street tree list in comparison with the approved list from San Francisco.
- Abney points out many of these trees are tall and possibly can't be used where there are overhead powerlines.
- Schillinger said public works takes height and other considerations into account when replacing a tree.
- Ebel feels that she would like to add to this list rather than remove species.
- This item will be moved to next meeting.

ii. Update on Monterey pine removal.

- Muñoz and Schillinger gave the update that they met with the City manager and have decided to approach this administratively by contacting business owners.
- Fieldman said there is a dead tree on Quarry Rd.
- Abney and Fieldman asked is there is an ordinance to remove dead trees from private property.
- Fieldman asked about the dead oak trees on Bayshore. Muñoz will follow up with Joe Friars. Are these trees in the Caltrans right of way or on Brisbane property?

16. Approval of the minutes.

- Specify what item 10 is.
- Remove the apostrophe from Publishings.
- Approved.

17. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM