

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Community Meeting Room

Brisbane City Hall

50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order:

Abney called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Committee members present:

Abney, Ankenbruck, Ebel, Fieldman, Hayuk, Salmon and Vladimirova

Committee members absent:

- N/A

Staff members present:

Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser

Management Analyst Escoffier

1. Adoption of the agenda

- Agenda adopted.

2. Oral communications

- N/A

3. Approval of the minutes

- Minutes approved

4. Presentation regarding 2016 Brisbane Acres Vegetation Management – Mark Heath, Shelterbelt

- Presentation given by Shelterbelt staff, Dan Brubaker and Jesse Furrow on the work they completed for the vegetation management plan this year.
- Target invasive species: Cotoneaster, French broom, Fennel, Eucalyptus, Baccharus, Ehrharta and Scabiosa.
- Three treatment areas were discussed: Harold Rd., The water tanks and Margaret Ave.
- Kinser clarified that the city has a contract with a tree company to remove Monterey Pine trees at city-owned Harold Rd properties.
- Staff wore GPS units to track their movement in the field and map their route.
- Grasslands that contain butterfly habitat have been a main target for restoration.

- A trial was done on preventing scrub from spreading on parcels 71, 71A and 72. The result was a reduction of over 50% of encroaching brush. Salmon would like this information to be presented to City Council for funding to continue to be approved and possibly expanded.
- Salmon asked if the Firth Canyon restoration was funded. Kinser said the project is funded and staff will work with Shelterbelt.
- Heath said he will present at this year's Invasive Plant Council conference about issues in removing invasive species.
- Fieldman would like to discuss weed abatement and an invasive species ordinance at the next OSEC meeting. Ebel requests staff to contact South San Francisco to see if they are going to remove fennel. Kinser added that much of the property mentioned is private, and an invasive species ordinance will be discussed at the next OSEC meeting with the liaisons.
- Vladimirova mentioned there is an area full of fennel around Altamar and Viewpoint and asked if the city will maintain it. Kinser will look into if these areas are city property.

5. Chair and committee member matters

- Salmon announced that Day in the Park is this Saturday and encourages community members to visit the OSEC booth.
- Salmon stressed the importance of attendance to the committee.
- Salmon requested no dumping signs at Fisherman's Park and at the southbound 101 off-ramp at Sierra Point Pkwy. She further asked that such signs be enforced.
- Salmon asked when the yard clean-up dumpsters will be placed this year.
- Salmon would like to find ways to better promote the habitat restoration days.
- Salmon expressed her desire that the funds from the Sheng Kee Bakery property sale should be used for open space land acquisition. There was a committee formed to review opportunities for uses of these funds which has not met yet.
- Ebel noticed a clothing collection bin next to the hardware store. The company is called Recycle for Change, but they only take reusable clothing and not rags.
- Hayuk may have a conflict with the meeting dates going forward and would like to see if other members are willing to change the meeting date. Staff will look at the Community Meeting rooms availability.

6. Subcommittee reports

- a. Day in the Park
 - Bob Dettmer is building the shadow boxes.
 - Escoffier will bring the pamphlets and help set up the table.
- b. CAP subcommittee
 - Ebel made progress on the toolkit and would like to bring it to Day in the Park.

7. Staff updates

- a. BAWSCA landscape lecture
 - There will be a free landscaping course on September 29 from 6 - 7 pm on landscape design and water conservation.
- b. Bay Area SunShares Workshop
 - A workshop was held on the August 31st, of which a small group attended. There will be a second workshop on October 8.
- c. Peninsula Clean Energy
 - There was a workshop held on August 29th, the workshop was recorded and posted on the city website.
- d. Letter to Lipman Principal
 - The CAP subcommittee drafted a letter to the Lipman principal to ask for students to be involved in environmental stewardship and aspects of the Climate Action Plan. An email reply was sent to Escoffier and a meeting will be set up.
- e. San Francisco Bay Day
 - The city may participate next year in promoting saving the bay, by coordinating a hike or an activity.
- f. SMC Sea Change –Owl
 - Kinser said the Owl that displays sea level rise is now located at Coyote Point Recreation Area. SMC is asking for volunteers to outreach to the community about sea level rise and gather feedback about the Owl.
- g. Monterey Pines at Quarry
 - The dead trees are being scheduled to be removed.

8. Next meeting date and time

- Ebel asked about what items will be discussed with the council liaisons.
- Kinser read through the list of items to be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM