

## **OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### **ACTION MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 4:15 PM  
Community Meeting Room  
Brisbane City Hall  
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

#### **Call to order**

Vice Chair Fieldman called the meeting to order at 4:23 pm.

#### **Committee members present:**

Ebel, Fieldman, Hayuk, Richards, Salmon

#### **Committee members absent:**

Chair Gutekanst

#### **Staff members present:**

Administrative Services Director Schillinger

Management Analyst Pontecorvo

Community Development Director Swiecki

#### **Others:**

Dana Dillworth

#### **1. Adoption of the agenda.**

Vice Chair Fieldman called the meeting to order, noting she would chair the meeting due to Chair Gutekanst's absence. MC Salmon moved and MC Hayuk 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. Welcome to New Members of the Open Space and Ecology Committee.**

Vice Chair Fieldman welcomed three new members of the Committee: Barbara Ebel, Yakim (Kima) Hayuk, and Michele Salmon. She invited them to introduce themselves and thanked them for serving on the Open Space and Ecology Committee.

**4. Presentation by Community Development Director John Swiecki on Update of Sierra Point Design Guidelines.**

Community Development Director Swiecki provided background on the Sierra Point Design Guidelines and the topics the City Council referred to the Committee for its input. These include sustainability principles, green building, renewable energy, sea level rise, and consistency in usage of the terms ‘open space’ and ‘open area’ in the Design Guidelines relative to the General Plan. He directed the Committee’s attention to the redlined version of the Guidelines with proposed new language to launch the Committee’s discussion. Mr. Swiecki highlighted the section of the report pertaining to sea-level rise and the need to plan using an adaptive management strategy. He invited questions and comments from the Committee.

**a. Discuss revisions to Guidelines.**

Committee members engaged in a lengthy discussion about the draft revisions. Among the topics addressed were projected sea-level rise, landscaping, lighting, energy, water, transportation and parking. The Committee also inquired about the General Plan definitions of ‘open space’ and ‘open area’.

Dana Dillworth commented on maximizing energy efficiency and renewables, conducting a wildlife study, and the differences between the original and proposed land use plans that result from the land swap.

The Committee expressed concern that the plaza in the new land use configuration represented less valuable open space than the higher quality open space in the original plan. Mr. Swiecki pointed out that this issue falls outside the Committee’s purview and the Council’s direction.

Staff agreed to incorporate the Committee’s feedback into a revised updated draft of the Sierra Point Design Guidelines for final consideration at the March meeting.

**5. City Council Matters.**

**a. Green Building Ordinance: Appoint Subcommittee**

On February 6, 2012, the City Council referred an update of the Green Building Ordinance to the Planning Commission and Open Space and Ecology Committee. The Council asked to establish a joint PC/OSEC subcommittee to provide guidance and recommendations. MC Richards moved, and MC Salmon seconded to appoint MC Hayuk to serve on the green building subcommittee, with Chair Gutekanst or Vice Chair Fieldman to serve as the second member or alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee took a 10 minute break.

**6. Other Committee Matters.**

**a. Energy Upgrade California**

Management Analyst Pontecorvo provided the staff report on the Energy Upgrade program. She explained that a maximum rebate of \$4000 will be available from PG&E through December 2012. The San Mateo County Advisory Board had a final meeting to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the program.

**b. Science Fair**

MC Richards served as a judge for the Lipman School Science Fair. She announced that the first Ecology Award went to Raymond Breault.

**c. Recology Art Exhibit / Library Display**

Vice Chair Fieldman noted that the Committee wished to use the library display for an exhibit on plastic marine debris. She invited three of her college students to prepare the exhibit and provide a presentation. The Recology Art Exhibit is impressive but too large for the library space.

**d. Recognition of Service by Ray Miller and Peter Stiehler**

Chair Gutekanst is working on a scrap book for former Committee member Ray Miller, and recommended a tool for Peter Stiehler.

**e. Habitat Conservation Plan 2011 Report**

Management Analyst Pontecorvo introduced the San Bruno Mountain HCP report for 2011 prepared annually by TRA Environmental Services for the County Parks Department. She offered to send an electronic or hard copy to any interested members of the Committee.

**f. Letter for San Bruno Mountain Watch**

Chair Gutekanst prepared a letter to support a Mountain Watch grant application. MC Salmon announced that there will be a native plant sale on Saturday, February 25.

**7. Approval of minutes: January 19, 2012.**

MC Richards moved, and MC Hayuk seconded to approved the minutes of January 19, 2012. The motion was approved with one abstention by MC Ebel.

**8. Next meeting date.**

**a. Discuss meeting dates/times for 2012**

The Committee decided to wait until its next meeting to determine the meeting schedule for the rest of the year. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00pm.

**9. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.