

**OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

April 17, 2019 6:30 PM  
Community Meeting Room  
Brisbane City Hall  
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

**Called to order at 6:39 PM.**

**Committee members present:** Ebel, Ankenbruck, Salmon, Fieldman  
**Committee members absent:** Rogers, Dykes  
**Staff members present:** Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser  
Sustainability Management Analyst Etherton  
Engineering Technician Sage

**1. Roll call**

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

Adopted.

**3. Oral Communications (public comment)\***

Ray Miller congratulated the committee for their work. He noted and shared printouts of two recent articles regarding the potential for human extinction: Financial Times on the Extinction Rebellion, and an excerpt from Bill McKibben's new book "Falter"; staff will distribute. He encouraged incorporation of the Open Space Plan and Sustainability Framework into the General Plan when it is updated, and also highlighted eight parcels identified in the OSP all under the same ownership which are high-value habitat.

**4. Annual Brisbane Acres Vegetation Management Report-out – Mark Heath, On Point Land Management**

Heath gave a thorough presentation on the Vegetation Management work to date, noting that it is earlier in the year than usual and work is still ongoing—in May and June they will be focusing on Harold properties and addressing fennel. Heath shared that the last time cotoneaster was a focus was 2016; it has really come back and probably needs to be addressed annually. Committee members asked about the public removing plants independently; Heath responded that there is no county "roving weed warriors" program, and the best volunteer opportunity would be pulling broom in parcel 98 area as there is good access from the trail. Heath encouraged the committee to review the County's annual work plan and consider cost/benefit for brush removal.

**5. Approval of the March minutes**

Add the Climate Action Planning Conference to the minutes. Approved as amended.

## 6. Subcommittee reports

- a. **Open Space** – working to schedule meeting.
- b. **Climate Action Plan** – Fieldman reported that the committee had discussed the staff training and benchmarking ordinance. She mentioned the benchmarking workshop on April 9<sup>th</sup> which was well-attended and organized.
- c. **Events** – Salmon noted the Earth Day event on April 27.
- d. **Education & Outreach** – Etherton said the summer intern will focus on this work.
- e. **Invasive Species Ordinance** – on hold until June.
- f. **Festival Tree Replacement** – Sage reported on his outreach to a local tree mover; he will forward his notes and contact information to the subcommittee.
- g. **PCA Grant Application** – no news.
- h. **Liaison for Tree Ordinance** – Salmon thanked Kinser for her memo. Ebel asked if there was any appetite for addressing the public trees; staff noted the County's urban forest application and upper management's direction to decide between an ongoing tree-tracking database and a recurring (~7-10 years) tree plan. Kinser will send the City's older tree plan, which is focused on wildfire, not the canopy and climate change.

## 7. Calendar items

- Etherton noted the compost giveaway is being coordinated with Scavenger; tentatively dropping in early May near the community garden and orchard. Salmon noted painted ladies in that area and encouraged reviewing the site to ensure they are not damaged or moving the pile to the other side of the garden.
- Ebel will also volunteer for Bike to Work Day.
- Sage will email the Earth Day and Picnic in the Weeds graphics to the committee; Sage and Salmon will connect on a plan for the latter.

## 8. Chair and committee member matters

- Upon inquiry, Kinser stated that the Council will be scheduling committee/commission member interviews at their April 18 meeting.
- Ebel asked about OSEC participation or liaison from the Youth Advisory Committee; Kinser reported on her conversations with the Park and Rec staff. Committee members also encouraged education of the youth on litter.
- Committee members asked about the Adopt-a-Spot Stations; Etherton will follow up with the crew. Members also asked about the website's ability to search PDFs; staff will investigate.

## 9. Staff updates

Eherton:

- The city is hosting a County e-waste event on June 8 at the Marina and is requesting a few additional volunteers; Ebel and Ankenbruck signed up.

- Brisbane had one contract for 7.2kW solar signed through 2018 SunShares.
- Speaking on benchmarking panel with The Energy Coalition at the Municipal Green Building Conference & Expo in Downey, CA on April 18.
- County disposable food ware draft proposal discussed at recent CAP subcommittee meeting; there are also opportunities to volunteer as Reuse Ambassadors to do outreach to local food businesses.
- The building reach code update is plugging along; the draft framework is expected next week and will likely be on the committee's May agenda.

Kinser:

- City's contractor has recently been potholing for utilities for the Green Infrastructure project.
- Opening bids for Tunnel Ave Rehab on April 18. The project includes "sharrows", bike share-the-road arrows.
- Staff received training on the City Hall solar system monitoring program. We have an energy production guarantee for five years.
- Transportation modes survey sent out to staff as trial run and will be opened to the community April 26.

Fieldman reported that a number of cities are declaring climate emergencies as well as efforts to do so at the state level and inquired whether the city would also want to do so. Committee members were supportive of the concept but wanted more details.

**10. Next meeting date: May 15, 2019 6:30 PM**

**11. Adjourned at 8:38 PM.**

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