

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10, 2012 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order

Chair Gutekanst called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Committee members present:

Ebel, Hayuk, Salmon, Sweeney, and Chair Gutekanst

Committee members absent:

Fieldman

Staff members present:

Administrative Services Director Schillinger
Management Analyst Pontecorvo

Others:

Louise Schiller

1. Adoption of the agenda.

MC Sweeny moved and MC Ebel 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. Review of Work Plan.

Management Analyst Pontecorvo provided an overview of the Committee's work plan. She described current priorities, ongoing topics, and prospective projects. Ms. Pontecorvo noted that the bylaws provide a framework for the Committee's scope of

work. She suggested that the Committee consider priorities and time frames, and invited questions and discussion.

The Committee engaged in a review of the work plan and identified the top priorities as the Sustainability Analysis of the Baylands, the review of the Baylands Draft Environmental Impact Report, and update of the Green Building Ordinance. MC Salmon recommended that the renewal of the Habitat Conservation Plan also be addressed as a high priority. An HCP subcommittee was established composed of Committee members Salmon, Gutekanst, and Sweeny. Staff agreed to follow-up with City Manager Holstine who serves as an HCP Trustee.

The Committee advised that staff update the Work Plan to incorporate the ideas and recommendations made at the April 10 meeting, and bring back a revised version of the document to the May meeting.

4. Other Committee Matters.

a. CAG update

Chair Gutekanst provided background on the CAG and explained the roles of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. She discussed the history and composition of the group, and invited Committee members to attend CAG meetings. The next meeting will take place on May 15, 2012.

b. Habitat Restoration Day this Saturday

Management Analyst Pontecorvo invited everyone to participate in the 9th annual Habitat Restoration Day event scheduled for April 14 at Costanos Canyon. She thanked Mountain Watch for their partnership in sponsoring the stewardship workday.

c. Bay Area Open Space Council Annual Conference

Management Analyst Pontecorvo announced the Bay Area Open Space Conference would take place on May 10. The City of Brisbane is a member of the Open Space Council. MC Salmon said that she wished to attend the conference and would report back to the Committee at the June meeting.

d. Recognition of Service by Ray Miller, Peter Stiehler, and Anjana Richards

Chair Gutekanst informed the Committee that preparation was underway to recognize the service of former Committee members. She suggested continuing this topic at the next meeting.

e. Vacancy on Open Space and Ecology Committee

Chair Gutekanst announced that the City Clerk is currently accepting applications to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

5. Approval of minutes: March 13, 2012.

MC Ebel made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2012. MC Hayuk seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Next meeting date.

The next meeting date was set up Tuesday May 8 at 6:30pm.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.