

## **OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### **ACTION MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 13, 2011 7:00PM  
Community Meeting Room  
Brisbane City Hall  
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

#### **Call to order**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

Fieldman, Gutekanst, Moreau, Richards, Stiehler, and Chair Miller

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

None

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

Administrative Services Director Schillinger

#### **Others:**

Police Commander Meisner and Sgt. Garcia

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

MC Gutekanst moved and MC Fieldman 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. Presentation by Brisbane Police Commander Meisner and Sgt. Garcia**

Chair Miller introduced Commander Meisner and Sgt. Garcia to discuss two problems of concern to the Committee: truck idling in Crocker Industrial Park, and dirt bikes in the Ecological Reserves. Sgt. Garcia explained that the Air Resources Board has established regulations that prohibit certain types of idling in excess of five minutes, and approve

others. He advised that anyone with a complaint should report it to the Air Resources Board for further investigation. Commander Meisner added that any citizen who observes prolonged truck idling should call the Brisbane police as well. His presentation was followed by comments and questions by the Committee.

Commander Meisner then turned his attention to the issue of motorized dirt bikes and mountain bikes in the Ecological Reserves. He invited Committee members to share their concerns and asked them to call the police immediately if they observe any problems on the mountain. Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported that Ken McIntire of Mountain Watch plans to address the issue of dirt bikes on the mountain through educational presentations to the Brisbane schools.

The Committee thanked Commander Meisner and Sgt. Garcia for their presentations.

#### **4. Sustainable Communities Strategy**

Administrative Services Director Schillinger presented the staff report prepared by Management Analyst Pontecorvo regarding the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Chair Miller stressed that the Committee's interpretation of sustainability is far broader than the framework established by SB 375 and ABAG, and expressed concern that the Initial Vision Strategy focuses too narrowly on housing and transportation issues. After lengthy discussion, the Committee directed staff to incorporate their remarks into an updated set of comments to submit to Community Development Director Swiecki.

John Burr commented on penalties for violation of the Endangered Species Act.

#### **5. Other Committee Matters.**

##### **a. Habitat Restoration Day – April 30**

MC Stiehler informed the Committee about the workday planned for Habitat Restoration Day at Firth Canyon on April 30 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

##### **b. Sustainability Committee update**

Chair Miller updated Open Space and Ecology members on the work of the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Schillinger distributed notes from a recent Sustainability Committee meeting.

##### **c. Energy Savings Forum evaluation**

The Committee shared impressions about the Energy Savings Forum. Chair Miller suggested focusing attention on promoting energy audits for homes and businesses since this is a critical first step. He thanked and commended the panel of community presenters.

##### **d. Energy Strategy subcommittee update**

MC Fieldman reported that her schedule no longer permits her to regularly attend the Energy Upgrade California Advisory Board meetings. MC Richards volunteered to serve as a back-up representative for the Committee.

**e. CAG update**

MC Gutekanst reported that the CAG met in March and Clara Johnson agreed to serve as CAG Chair for the remainder of the year.

**f. Retirement of Fred Smith – April 29**

MC Gutekanst will present the Committee's gift and letter to former Assistant to the City Manager Smith on the occasion of his retirement celebration, since Chair Miller would be out of town.

**g. Bay Area Open Space Council Conference**

Administrative Services Director Schillinger asked any Committee members who would be interested in registering for the Annual Open Space Conference to contact him. Chair Miller and MC Moreau encouraged people to attend.

**h. Discussion of responsibilities of Chair**

Chair Miller noted that the Election of the OSEC Chair and Vice-Chair would take place at the May meeting. He explained that the Chair's responsibility and time commitment varies depending on the approach of the Chair.

**6. Approval of minutes February 9, 2011.**

MC Gutekanst moved, and MC Fieldman seconded to approve the minutes with no changes. The motion passed.

**7. Next meeting date: May 11, 2011.**

**8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.