

**OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**ACTION MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 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 7:06pm

**Committee members present:**

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

**Committee members absent:**

McHenry

**Staff members present:**

Administrative Services Director Schillinger  
Management Analyst Pontecorvo

**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. Scoping Comments for Baylands EIR.**

Management Analyst Pontecorvo referred the Committee to the staff report on the Baylands EIR scoping process. She noted that the original OSEC comments presented in 2006 are still on the record, and she reviewed new topics that the Committee had identified following the submittal of UPC's revised proposal. Chair Miller facilitated a discussion on updating the scoping comments. He recommended changing the green building section to move beyond the LEED standard and consider other sustainability metrics and evaluation frameworks. The need to thoroughly study the community and renewable energy project alternatives was highlighted. MC Gutekanst led a discussion of toxins

and remediation issues, and stressed the findings and recommendations of Dr. Fred Lee's study presented to the Brisbane Baylands CAG.

The Committee took a 10 minute recess from 8:30 – 8:40 pm.

After reconvening, Chair Miller focused attention on the issue of housing in the Baylands. He stressed the need to study the implications of a residential component from a sustainability perspective. The Committee reiterated its earlier recommendations to maximize open space, and emphasized the need to factor in significant sea level rise. Chair Miller and other members of the Committee also recommended that the EIR include the study of a high speed rail yard in the Baylands.

After concluding the review of scoping comments, MC Fieldman moved, and MC Gutekanst seconded a motion for staff to prepare a modified scoping document for review at the January 12, 2011 OSEC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. City Council Matters.**

Chair Miller suggested that the Committee postpone discussion of the agenda topics under City Council Matters, and Other Committee Matters, except for item #5.a. Energy Strategy Subcommittee report. The Committee was in agreement.

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

##### **a. Energy Strategy Subcommittee report**

Administrative Services Director Schillinger provided the staff report for the Energy Strategy Subcommittee composed of Chair Miller, MC Fieldman and MC Richards. Mr. Schillinger drew the Committee's attention to the chart of greenhouse gas emissions sources in Brisbane and to the proposed strategies and timeline for reducing Brisbane's carbon footprint. He presented the Energy Subcommittee's proposal to sponsor a forum on climate change, energy reduction and production at the March OSEC meeting.

Chair Miller asked for a motion of conceptual approval to move forward with the energy strategy and to bring the proposal to the City Council for its review. MC Gutekanst moved, and MC Stiehler seconded the motion. The Chair invited discussion.

John Burr commented on the challenges of creating sustainable systems in cities.

The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Approval of minutes November 10, 2010.**

After noting one typographical error, MC Gutekanst made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. MC Richards seconded. The motion carried.

**7. Next meeting date: January 12, 2011.**

**8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.