

## **OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE**

### **ACTION MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 9, 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, Richards, Stiehler, and Chair Miller

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

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

Administrative Services Director Schillinger  
Management Analyst Pontecorvo

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

Under “Other Committee Matters” Chair Miller asked to add “Sustainable Communities Strategy” to the agenda as item #5f. MC Fieldman moved and MC Gutekanst seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Oral Communications for items not on the agenda.**

There were no public comments under Oral Communications.

#### **3. Resignation of Kevin McHenry and Election of replacement Vice-Chair.**

Chair Miller announced the resignation of Vice-Chair Kevin McHenry from the Open Space and Ecology Committee. The Committee suggested writing a letter thanking Mr. McHenry for his service.

Chair Miller nominated MC Gutekanst as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by MC Fieldman. MC Gutekanst noted that she does not wish to serve as Chair in May. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Energy Strategy Subcommittee report.**

##### **a. March Energy Forum**

Chair Miller announced that the City Council approved the appropriation of funds for a camera technician from MCTV to videotape the Energy Savings Forum scheduled for March 9. Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported on the forum agenda and the various presenters slated to participate. MC Gutekanst proposed focusing the forum on energy savings in the built environment. MC Fieldman suggested prioritizing energy efficiency, and recommended inviting Johnny Arthurs. MC Richards offered to engage a contractor to discuss building performance. The Committee discussed the optimal order for the speakers.

##### **b. Energy Upgrade California**

MC Fieldman reported on the Energy Upgrade California Advisory Committee meeting. She noted that the County had recently published the first promotional brochures and flyers. The program's main product will be the Energy Upgrade website, where customers can enter their County and zip code to get referred to local information on rebates, contractors, and the audit and retrofit process. The website is expected to be fully operational by late February.

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

##### **a. Mountain Biking on San Bruno Mountain**

Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported on efforts to curb illegal motorized mountain biking in the Ecological Reserves on San Bruno Mountain. She highlighted a recent article in the Star about this issue, and noted that staff is working with Mountain Watch, County Parks and the State Department of Fish and Game to address the problem. Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported that the Brisbane police would be willing to attend an OSEC meeting to discuss the issue from a law enforcement perspective.

##### **b. CAG update**

MC Gutekanst reported that CAG had recently submitted its Baylands scoping comments. She also noted that the Community Advisory Group is seeking a new Chair. The next CAG meeting is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### **c. Sustainability Committee update**

Administrative Services Director Schillinger provided a report on the work of the Sustainability Committee. He noted that the Committee was planning to invite guest speakers to their next meeting in March, including someone from Sonoma Mountain Village, as well as a representative from Ecocity Builders. The Committee is working to identify sustainability metrics and to ensure that sustainability is built in from the inception of the Baylands development.

#### **d. Baylands Scoping Comments**

Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported that he and Chair Miller had met with the City Council Liaison Subcommittee to go over the Committee's scoping comments. There was a brief discussion about high speed rail. The Liaison Subcommittee was impressed with the overall quality of the scoping comments. Mr. Schillinger then submitted the scoping comments to Community Development Director Swiecki. Staff will prepare a letter for Chair Miller's signature to be included in the Committee's submission. The OSEC Baylands scoping comments have been posted on the City of Brisbane website.

#### **e. Discussion of recognition of Fred Smith**

Management Analyst Pontecorvo announced that a retirement party had been scheduled for Fred Smith. MC Stiehler presented the framed photos of the Brisbane Acres that he had prepared as a gift for Mr. Smith on behalf of the Committee. The Committee thanked Peter for his effort. Ms. Pontecorvo then shared the letter of appreciation for Fred Smith to be signed by each member of the Committee.

#### **f. Sustainable Communities Strategy**

Chair Miller introduced the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). He explained that the SCS is required under SB 375, the California law pertaining to greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles. The SCS is an integrated land use, housing and transportation plan for the region aimed at reducing transportation-related GHG emissions in the Bay Area. Chair Miller noted that the first step of the SCS would be the release of an Initial Vision Scenario that the Committee may wish to review at its April meeting.

#### **6. Approval of minutes January 12, 2011.**

MC Gutekanst made a motion, seconded by MC Richards to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

#### **7. Next meeting date: March 9, 2011.**

The next meeting of the Committee will be the Energy Savings Forum on March 9.

#### **8. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.