

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, January 12, 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 7:08 pm

Committee members present:

Gutekanst, Moreau, Richards, Stiehler, and Chair Miller

Committee members absent:

Fieldman, McHenry

Staff members present:

Administrative Services Director Schillinger

Management Analyst Pontecorvo

1. Adoption of the agenda.

MC Moreau moved and MC Richards seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Oral Communications for items not on the agenda.

John Burr commented on potential risks associated with Baylands development.

3. Scoping Comments for Baylands EIR.

a. Meeting with Council Liaison Subcommittee

Administrative Services Director Schillinger provided a report on the meeting of Chair Miller and Vice-Chair McHenry with the City Council Liaison subcommittee (Council members Conway and Lentz). The meeting focused on the process for submitting OSEC's Baylands scoping comments. The discussion resulted in agreement that the Liaison subcommittee would meet again with the Chair and Vice-Chair to review the Committee's scoping comments and offer any additional feedback.

b. Review of updated scoping comments

Administrative Services Director Schillinger and Chair Miller began discussion of the revised scoping comments with issues pertaining to high speed rail. Management Analyst then introduced the remainder of the updated comments and invited feedback and suggestions from the Committee. After discussion, MC Gutekanst moved and MC Moreau seconded to approve the scoping comments as modified, for review by the Council Liaison subcommittee, and submission to the Department of Community Development. The motion passed unanimously.

4. City Council Matters.

a. Baylands Sustainability Committee

Administrative Service Director Schillinger reported that the Baylands Sustainability Committee would meet next on January 24, 2011 to review a variety of sustainability frameworks, including One Planet Living and Ecocity standards.

5. Other Committee Matters.

a. 8th Annual Habitat Restoration Day

Management Analyst Pontecorvo asked the Committee if they wished to move forward with the 8th annual Habitat Restoration Day this spring. MC Moreau made a motion and Chair Miller seconded that the Committee sponsor the restoration workday and that MC Gutekanst and MC Stiehler serve on a joint PB&R/OS&E subcommittee to plan the event. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Energy Strategy Subcommittee report

Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported on the proposal to sponsor an Energy Forum during the March 9th OSEC meeting to help residents reduce their carbon footprint. He explained that staff will request funds from the Council for technician from MCTV to film the Forum. Chair Miller noted that the Energy subcommittee had met with Mitch Bull, Executive Director of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce to discuss strategies for engaging the business community. Staff highlighted articles pertaining to environmental sustainability in the Star and CityNews. Management Analyst Pontecorvo distributed a list of proposed energy-related questions to incorporate into a larger city wide survey. The Committee reviewed the survey questions and offered suggestions. Staff thanked the Committee for its input.

c. CAG update

MC Gutekanst reported that CAG did not meet in December, but the remediation subcommittee had met to draft Baylands scoping comments.

d. Westmoor High School garden donation

MC Moreau reported that the teacher who had expressed interest in a donation of funds had not followed up on the matter.

e. Discussion of recognition of Fred Smith

Staff reported that the City Clerk is working on preparing the letter for former Assistant to the City Manager Smith. MC Stiehler and MC Moreau indicated that they had identified a location to take a photograph and would follow up when weather permitted.

6. Approval of minutes December 8, 2010.

MC Stiehler moved, and MC Moreau seconded to approve the minutes as slightly amended. The motion passed.

7. Next meeting date.

The next meeting date was set for February 9, 2011.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.