

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011 7:00PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order

Vice-Chair Gutekanst called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Committee members present:

Fieldman, Moreau, Richards, Stiehler, and Vice-Chair Gutekanst

Committee members absent:

Chair Miller

Staff members present:

Administrative Services Director Schillinger
Management Analyst Pontecorvo

Others:

David Johnson, Architect; John Glaub, Leno Bellomo, Rich Borghello, et al. of Recology

1. Adoption of the agenda.

MC Fieldman moved and MC Moreau 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 Dave Johnson, Recology Architect

David Johnson, a partner in William McDonough Architecture and Community Design, began with a PowerPoint presentation on Recology's proposed expansion on the

Baylands. Mr. Johnson stated that one of Recology's objectives is to design a zero waste and zero carbon operation. He noted that the project is still in the visioning stage, as Recology is working to define flexible systems to accommodate changing flows of nutrients, materials, and technologies over time. The project will go through the CEQA environmental review process with the City of Brisbane as the lead agency. He concluded by taking questions from the Committee. After Mr. Johnson and Recology staff members answered questions and engaged in discussion with the Committee, Vice-Chair Gutekanst thanked them for their work and their presentation.

4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Gutekanst called for nominations for Chair. MC Moreau nominated Mary Gutekanst, seconded by MC Fieldman. By unanimous vote, Mary Gutekanst was elected Chair of the Open Space and Ecology Committee. Chair Gutekanst then proceeded to nominate MC Fieldman for Vice-Chair, seconded by MC Richards. By unanimous vote, Glenn Fieldman was elected as the new Vice-Chair of the Committee.

5. Other Committee Matters.

a. Community Festival planning

Chair Gutekanst raised the issue of planning for the OSEC booth at the Community Festival and engaging the schools to participate. MC Richards recalled that she and former OSEC member Kevin McHenry had comprised the Community Festival planning subcommittee last year. MC Fieldman volunteered to serve with MC Richards on the subcommittee going forward. MC Stiehler offered to help with a display of invasive plants. The Committee asked to agendize a discussion about the Community Festival for its July meeting.

b. Quarry Road signs

Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported that the Quarry Road signs are finished and ready for installation. She held up one of the signs for the group to see. Ms. Pontecorvo noted that the next step would be to determine the exact locations for the signs. MC Fieldman suggested writing a thank you note to the County Parks ranger who fabricated the signs. Chair Gutekanst asked Management Analyst Pontecorvo to draft a letter for her signature.

c. Habitat Restoration Day report

Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported that a group of about 35 volunteers participated in the 8th annual Habitat Restoration Day. Ms. Pontecorvo thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mountain Watch, community volunteers, and members of the Open Space and Ecology Committee, especially subcommittee members Stiehler and Gutekanst, as well as MC Richards and Moreau who came to the event. MC Moreau suggested sending a thank you letter to Mountain Watch.

d. Fred Smith retirement report

Chair Gutekanst reported on the April 29 retirement celebration of former Assistant to the City Manager Smith. She told the Committee that she had presented Mr. Smith with the letter and gift from the Committee. She noted that the Committee had received a thank you note from Mr. Smith in which he conveyed his appreciation for the kind words and beautiful photos of San Bruno Mountain. He also expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the members of the Open Space and Ecology Committee.

e. Energy Upgrade program update

Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported that the Energy Upgrade program is up and running. She informed the Committee that speakers from the County can make presentations to elected officials and community groups, and that marketing materials and displays are available to cities. Ms. Pontecorvo suggested promoting Energy Upgrade at the Community Festival.

6. Approval of minutes March 9, 2011.

Chair Gutekanst noted that she arrived late, but was not absent at the March Energy Forum meeting. MC Richard moved and MC Stiehler seconded to approve the minutes of March 9 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Next meeting date

The next meeting date was set for June 8, 2011.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.