

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2013 – 6:30pm
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order:

Chair Salmon called the meeting to order at 6:31

Committee members present:

Court, Gutekanst, Salmon, Ebel, and Hayuk arrived late.

Committee members absent:

Fieldman

Staff members present:

Director Schillinger, Intern Aguilar, Intern Pelfini

1. Adoption of the Agenda.

Two changes occurred. OSEC didn't approve of the previous meeting's minutes because they were mistakenly not included in the packet. Discussion of Brisbane's efforts to designate the Levinson and Peking Handicraft Properties as a Priority Conservation Area (PCA) was added as item 4 to the agenda.

2. Oral Communications for items not on the agenda.

There were no public comments under Public Communications.

3. Discussion of locating a car sharing service in Brisbane.

Principal Analyst Maria Saguisag-Sid made a presentation to the committee regarding the City's potential to incorporate a car sharing service into Brisbane. After much discussion, Analyst Saguisag-Sid will compose a formal staff report for the committee to review and send to the City Council on behalf of the Committee. A key benefit of a car sharing service is reducing Brisbane's greenhouse-gas emissions. Chair Salmon set the motion, MC Ebel seconded.

4. Discussion of designating a spot in Brisbane as a PCA.

Director Schillinger informed the committee about the current situation surrounding designating the Levinson and Peking Handicraft Properties as a PCA, and the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the PCA grant program. Chair Salmon expressed a strong inclination towards designating the Levinson and Peking Handicraft Properties as a PCA for various reasons, and after the committee's conversation, they agreed to channel efforts towards these two properties as well as two new ones, which

Chair Salmon will discuss with Director Schillinger. A report will go to City Council requesting that these areas be declared a Priority Conservation Area and that the City apply for grant money to purchase these properties.

5. Status of the drafted letter to PERS.

There wasn't any progress to report. This item was agreed to appear on the next agenda.

6. Status of Invasive Species brochure.

MC Gutekanst discussed her need for high definition photographs of specific plants as well as figuring out the layout of the brochure.

7. Status of drafted letter regarding rodenticide.

Chair Salmon asked that the interns work on this letter.

8. DEIR for Baylands.

a. Feedback on informational sessions presented by EIR consultant.

The committee thought the DEIR informational sessions were a positive experience, specifically appreciating how the issues were picked out and the effectiveness of the presenter.

b. Discussion of Chapters 1,2,3,7.

The committee discussed potential comments on the DEIR in great detail. The discussion covered chapters 1 and 2, leaving the remainder to the next meeting. The comments will be drafted in detail by staff and returned at a future meeting.

c. Discussion of reviewing remainder of DEIR.

It was concluded that to finish a discussion which encompasses all of the DEIR, five to seven meetings will need to be held. Director Schillinger and Chair Salmon will schedule these meeting dates as best as they can. The committee members also chose topics to lead. It is anticipated the leader or leaders of the topic will acquire somewhat adept knowledge in a topic area to present to the rest of the committee and lead the discussion. Chair Salmon pointed out that if possible members should draft comments before the meeting which could be beneficial to the discussion. MC Gutekanst raised concerns when she proposed circulating the comments before meetings. Director Schillinger responded by reiterating the importance of keeping everything in the public. Therefore, it was decided if members have drafted comments before the meeting they would send them to staff who would distribute as part of the packet.

9. Discussion of circulating the agenda before finalization.

The committee agreed that they would all prefer to see the proposed agenda before was finalized in case anyone wanted to add additional items.

10.Next meeting date.

Stuart will inform the Open Space and Ecology Committee when their next meeting is.

11.Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.