

**OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

August 21, 2019 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Called to order at 6:33 PM.

Committee members present:	Fieldman, Salmon, Rogers, Lam, Dykes
Committee members absent:	Ebel, Ankenbruck
Staff members present:	Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser Sustainability Management Analyst Etherton Engineering Technician Sage Sustainability Intern Grezdo

1. Roll call

2. Adoption of the agenda

Adopted.

3. Oral Communications (public comment)*

Salmon invited everyone to the San Bruno Mountain Watch Pancake Breakfast on September 8.

4. Approval of the July minutes

Approved; Fieldman abstained as she was absent.

5. County Disposable Foodware Ordinance - Update and Local Outreach

Grezdo described the County's ordinance and the local outreach performed. Most businesses were supportive; a few concerns were raised around clear containers so customers could see the product, safety concerns on hot soup containers, sauce cup alternatives and having adequate compost bins for facilities. Committee members asked questions about compost services, taking your own containers, reusable container service (GoBox SF Bay), compliance, and bio-based plastic. The committee voted unanimously to recommend that City Council adopt the ordinance.

6. Review 2019 Work Plan

Etherton walked through the Work Plan noting the projects that are completed or in progress. Salmon requested a trash bin outside the pool; she will send a list of recommended locations. Kinser noted that the Vegetation Management Plan has work throughout the year and is more on a fiscal year cycle.

7. Subcommittee reports and reorganization

- a. **Open Space/Acres** – Kinser noted that the Declaration of Restrictions was passed by City Council, uncertain if they have been recorded.
- b. **Climate Action Plan** – Fieldman reported on the committee's meeting the previous day during which CAP staff training, the benchmarking ordinance, and new policy ideas were discussed.
- c. **Events** – Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21 will be at Harney Way. The application for Day in the Park is due on September 5; Etherton will send out a meeting request. Salmon noted that she thought Ebel had volunteered to help; Lam will as well. Fieldman requested a carbon footprint piñata for the booth.
- d. **Education & Outreach** – Grezdo and Rogers updated the Library Shelf.
- e. **Festival Tree Replacement** – Kinser reported on her research and discussion with Davey Tree; she has sent them pictures of the tree Salmon and Ankenbruck located for identification of the Latin species name. They will look for boxed young trees of that species available and requested additional information about the accessibility, height, trunk diameter and canopy of the potential tree to move. Davey Tree reported that transplanting a larger tree has a 50% chance of survival; a young tree has a 90%+ chance of survival.
- f. **PCA Grant Application** – Kinser reported on the Letter of Intent and application process issues; she is working to submit the application within a week.
- g. **Liaison for Tree Ordinance** – Staff reported that a council subcommittee met on July 17 and our understanding is that no substantive changes are being made; the ordinance is tentatively scheduled to go back to City Council on September 5.
- h. **Liaison for Benchmarking Ordinance** – Dykes reported that there is a study session on August 29; Etherton added that most of the work recently has been on the details of the draft ordinance language.
- i. Committee members asked about working on a lighting ordinance; Fieldman, Lam and Dykes will form a new Dark Skies subcommittee on this.
- j. Lam will also join the Science Fair Judging and Events Subcommittees and will replace Dykes on the Open Space Subcommittee; he will also consider assisting with the Benchmarking Ordinance when it moves into implementation.

8. Calendar items

Etherton will reach out to SSF Scavenger about the Annual Waste Diversion Report to the October committee meeting as well as participating in Day in the Park. Committee members recommended a trash sorting contest with prizes.

9. Chair and committee member matters

Fieldman noted Climate Week is coming up in September with a strike on September 20.

10. Staff updates

Etherton shared photos from her travels to Australia and gave an update on Reach Codes, which will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Grezdo shared a photo of the updated Library Shelf display. Sage reported on the sustainability efforts of Sierra Nevada Brewery which he learned about during his recent tour on vacation.

11. Next meeting: September 18, 2019 6:30 PM

12. Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

*Public comment on the agenda items is welcome at the discretion of the Chair