

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 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 7:05pm

Committee members present:

Fieldman, Gutekanst, McHenry, Moreau, Richards, Stiehler, and Chair Miller

Committee members absent:

None

Staff members present:

Administrative Services Director Schillinger
Management Analyst Pontecorvo

1. Adoption of the agenda.

Under "Other Committee Matters" MC Gutekanst asked to move the CAG update to follow the Baylands item. MC McHenry moved and MC Stiehler seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Oral Communications for items not on the agenda.

Annie Lovell, Special Day Class teacher at Westmoor High School, requested a donation of funds to purchase top soil for a classroom gardening project for developmentally challenged teens. The Committee agreed to consider the matter and agendaize it for the November meeting.

3. City Council Matters.

a. Proposition 23

Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported that on October 4, 2010, the City Council adopted a resolution opposing Proposition 23, the initiative that would suspend AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

b. 55 Lassen

Management Analyst Pontecorvo presented the staff report on the City Council acquisition of 55 Lassen for preservation as open space. Following discussion, MC Stiehler moved and MC Moreau seconded to recommend to Council that the Lassen Street right-of-way known as Bicentennial Walkway, no longer be recorded as a street. The motion passed unanimously. The Committee wished to acknowledge the property owners for selling the land below market value, and the City Council for negotiating the acquisition. In addition, the Committee discussed landscaping and habitat management of Bicentennial Walkway and other areas of City owned open space. Chair Miller asked staff to survey these public open spaces and bring back an inventory to the Committee for consideration at a future date.

c. Baylands Sustainability Committee

Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported that the City Council agreed with OSEC's recommendation that the Baylands Sustainability Committee retain its focus on the Baylands project, rather than expand its scope.

4. Baylands EIR Scoping.

Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported on the Baylands EIR scoping process, and referred the Committee to the Open Space and Ecology Committee's scoping comments prepared in April 2007. Chair Miller provided additional background information and suggested that the Committee build on its prior work and update its earlier comments.

John Burr commented on the CEQA process and issues pertaining to UPC and the Baylands EIR.

5. CAG update.

MC Gutekanst encouraged people to attend the next Brisbane Baylands Community Advisory Group (BBCAG) meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00pm when Dr. Lee would be presenting his report on remediation of the Baylands.

6. Work Plan Update.

MC Richards moved and MC Moreau seconded to approve the Work Plan as amended at the September 15, 2010 retreat. After discussing the suggested list of subcommittees, MC McHenry moved and MC Gutekanst seconded to approve the Work Plan subcommittees as amended. The motions passed unanimously.

7. Brisbane Energy Strategy

Management Analyst Pontecorvo provided a program update on Energy Upgrade California. She reported on her communication with the Chamber of Commerce and

outreach to local contractors, as well as contact with MCTV to arrange airing programs on Channel 27 pertaining to energy efficiency and renewables. Ms. Pontecorvo summarized the availability of energy rebates and tax credits and agreed to publicize this information to the Brisbane community.

8. Other Committee Matters.

a. HCP TAC meeting update

MC Moreau reported on the meeting of the Habitat Conservation Plan Technical Advisory Committee. She suggested that an OSEC member be added to the TAC. Ms. Moreau made a motion, seconded by MC Stiehler, to send a letter to San Mateo County Parks Director Dave Holland asking to appoint an OSEC representative to the TAC. The motion passed unanimously. MC Moreau offered to draft the letter to Mr. Holland.

b. Community Festival report

MC McHenry reported on the October 2nd Community Festival and the interest in the Committee's booth, especially the display of invasive plants and the sale of native plants provided by MC Stiehler.

c. Discussion of recognition of Fred Smith

This item was continued to the November 10th meeting.

9. Approval of minutes September 22, 2010.

MC McHenry moved, and MC Stiehler seconded to approve the minutes as revised. The motion passed.

10. Next meeting date.

The next meeting date was set for November 10, 2010.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.