

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, September 22, 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 7:10pm

Committee members present:

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

Committee members absent:

Gutekanst

Staff members present:

Administrative Services Director Schillinger

1. Adoption of the agenda.

Chair Miller asked to add to the agenda under City Council Matters, item “3b. Lassen Way property” and under Other Committee Matters “7e. Proposition 23”. 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.

There were no public comments under Oral Communications.

3. City Council Matters.

a. Modification of General Fund annual contribution to Open Space Fund

Administrative Services Director Schillinger presented the staff report on the proposed modifications of the General Fund contribution to the Open Space Fund. He directed the Committee’s attention to Attachment 1, the memo from Chair Miller outlining the reworking of the open space funding recommendation to the City Council. Chair Miller elaborated on his report, and his consultations with MC Gutekanst and Mayor Conway. After discussion by the Committee, MC Stiehler moved, and MC McHenry seconded, to recommend that the City Council replace Resolution 99-1 with a new updated resolution that includes items 5a-h [of Attachment 1]. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Lassen Way property

Chair Miller informed the Committee that the City Council had negotiated the purchase of 55 Lassen Way, also known as Bicentennial Walkway, for protection as open space. He asked to agendize further discussion of this item at the October meeting.

4. Brisbane Energy Strategy

Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported on the Energy Strategy subcommittee meeting that took place on September 3, 2010, and presented the staff report on the Energy Upgrade program. The Committee discussed the need to focus on community outreach and education. MC Fieldman reported on C3AB and stressed the need for contractor involvement. Staff was directed to research rebates and tax credits for energy improvements and identify energy efficiency videos that could be presented to the Brisbane community.

5. Community Festival - October 2, 2010

Community Festival subcommittee members Richards and McHenry reported on plans for the Committee's booth at the event. MC Stiehler offered to bring native and invasive plants. The Committee asked staff to prepare materials to distribute at the information table.

6. Work Plan / Retreat follow-up

The Committee discussed the September 15th retreat and asked staff to bring back a red-lined version of revisions to the work plan. Chair Miller suggested preparing a list of Open Space and Ecology subcommittees for the next meeting. The Committee passed a motion to add MC Richards to the Energy Strategy subcommittee.

Administrative Services Director Schillinger reported that Community Development Director Swiecki believes the Baylands EIR scoping process could restart as soon as next month. Mr. Schillinger recommended agendizing a review of the Committee's original 2006 scoping comments for the October 13th meeting. Chair Miller discussed the composition and charge of the Baylands Sustainability committee. MC McHenry moved, and MC Richards seconded to recommend that the City Council limit the mission of the Sustainability committee to the Baylands project. The motion carried.

7. Other Committee Matters.

a. Letter to Garden Center re: sale of invasives

MC Fieldman presented the letter she drafted requesting that Flowercraft Garden Center discontinue the sale of invasive plants. After hearing comments from the Committee, MC Fieldman offered to revise the letter and give it to Chair Miller to sign on behalf of the Committee.

b. HCP TAC meeting date

The Committee was informed that the HCP TAC would be meeting on September 27, 3:00pm at Brisbane City Hall.

c. CAG update

There was no CAG update.

d. Discussion of recognition of Fred Smith

Chair Miller offered to draft a letter of appreciation to retired Assistant to the City Manager Fred Smith.

e. Proposition 23

The Committee read a staff report by Management Analyst Pontecorvo regarding Proposition 23. After some discussion, MC Fieldman moved and MC Moreau seconded to recommend that the City Council oppose Proposition 23 and support AB 32. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of the minutes August 11, 2010.

Chair Miller suggested one change. MC Stiehler moved and MC Moreau seconded to approve the minutes of August 11 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Next meeting date.

The next meeting date was set for October 13, 2010.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.