




MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4 February 2009

TO: Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission

FROM: Bill Prince 
Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Baylands Public Space Planning Workshop

This workshop will be facilitated by Peter Dangermond of the Dangermond Group, the consultant hired by the City to prepare the draft Public Space Master Plan for the Baylands. For purposes of this program, the term “public space” encompasses the widest possible range of future public uses including natural open space, wildlife habitat, the lagoon, public plazas, parks, ballfields, passive and active recreation areas (public and/or commercial), trails and paths, cultural facilities, interpretative centers, museums and institutional uses (such as schools or libraries.) It is recognized that the General Plan creates separate designations for “open space”, “parks” and “aquatic areas” as well as definitions and requirements for “open space” and “open area.” While these are important issues and distinctions and will be addressed within the overall specific plan process, the public space planning program takes a more holistic view of how the various elements that make up public space relate and can be integrated to the benefit of the community and the project.

The City Council has requested that the PB&R, Planning Commission and OSEC participate in the public space planning process and offer comments and recommendations relevant to their respective areas of responsibility. The schedule established by the City Council provides the opportunity for committee/commission input in the month of February.

The purpose of tonight’s workshop is to provide an opportunity for the Commission to have a dialogue with the City’s consultant and provide input into the Baylands public space master plan. A draft workshop agenda is attached. As noted on the attached agenda, tonight’s meeting includes time for the Commission to offer comments and recommendations to the consultant. The Commission also has the option of further continuing its discussion to a subsequent meeting. If choosing to further deliberate on the matter at a subsequent meeting or meetings, the Commission should be mindful of the City Council-established schedule noted above.

Comments and recommendations received from all the advisory bodies will be integrated into the draft master plan, which will ultimately be presented to the City Council for review.

In addition to the draft workshop agenda, relevant background materials are also attached for the Commission's use. Additional background information regarding the Baylands Specific Plan and City process to date is available on the "Baylands Information" link on www.ci.brisbane.ca.us, the City of Brisbane website.

c: Jim Skeels, Parks and Recreation Director



BAYLANDS PUBLIC SPACE PLANNING WORKSHOP

With the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission

6:00 pm - February 4th, 2009

Community Meeting Room, City Hall, 50 Park Place

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Review of workshop purpose and format
- 3) Review of Vision and Guiding Principals
- 4) Summary of previous inputs generated by the Commission & City Council
- 5) Identification of specific Public Space interests relevant to the Commission
- 6) Review of major site features and presentation of Opportunities and Constraints
- 7) Discussion of potential public spaces and public space uses
- 8) Questions and comments from the Commission and the public
- 9) Identification and capture of main ideas generated by the Commission and the public
- 10) Recap of workshop and identification of take-away concepts and ideas
- 11) End of workshop

BAYLANDS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO CITY COUNCIL ON
JULY 19, 2006**

- **GOLF COURSE, PRACTICE AREAS, DRIVING RANGE, CONCESSION STAND**
- **COMMUNITY CENTER W/ GYMNASIUM & WORKOUT FACILITIES**
- **TENNIS COURTS**
- **MAN-MADE LAKE FOR BOATING & OTHER WATER OPPORTUNITIES**
- **CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**
- **SPORTS COMPLEX WITH:**
 - *FULL-SIZE SOCCER FIELD**
 - *FULL-SIZE BASEBALL FIELD**
 - *FULL-SIZE SOFTBALL FIELD**
 - *CONCESSION STAND**
- **WALKING/RUNNING TRACK/TRAIL**
- **INDOOR ICE SKATING/HOCKEY RINK**

PUBLIC SPACE CONCEPTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

CONSERVATION

- Wetlands remediation, especially expansion of Visitacion Creek channel
- Restored wildlife habitat/habitat for endangered species
- Toxins remediation
- Sculpture garden or park
- Restored lagoon
- Ice House Hill - sensitive habitat area
- Green mausoleum

Sustainable Uses

- Renewable energy (solar or wind farm—all groups agreed)
- Wastewater treatment plant
- Greenhouse/nursery
- Biosphere

ACTIVE USE

- Walking/hiking/biking trails
- Golf course
- Sports fields/Sports complex (soccer, baseball and football fields including a football stadium)
- Gym facilities
- Ice-skating facility
- Community pool with diving facilities
- Boating on the Lagoon/marina
- Picnicking and outdoor recreation
- Bay Trail continuation/open space buffer along freeway

CHARACTER

- Integrated open spaces
- Mix of active and passive uses
- Whether passive spaces would be accessible to other uses/public was split

- Large scale parks to north and south but urban-scaled as well

AMENITIES

- Cultural or educational uses
 - Performing arts center
 - Cultural center
 - Educational center (Energy learning center)
 - Round House education center/museum
 - Science/resource center by the Lagoon
- Town square/farmer's market
- Bike and boat rentals

Report to the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission

PB&R SURVEY RESULTS

May 2, 2007

Jessica Aloft, Aloft Consulting

About the Survey

The purpose of this survey was to gauge the public's impression of current recreational programs, services, and facilities, as well as to help define potential future improvements. The last such survey of Parks & Recreation services was done over four years ago, in 2002.

The survey was commissioned by Jim Skeels, Brisbane Parks & Recreation Director, for the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation (PB&R) Commission. Jessica Aloft, principal at Aloft Consulting, created the survey and compiled the results. The PB&R Commission provided feedback on the survey instrument as it was being developed, and reviewed the initial results with the consultant.

There were 166 responses to the survey, exactly half electronic (83) and half paper copies (83). The survey contained 16 questions, with a mix of quantitative and qualitative questions, and took roughly 8-10 minutes to complete.

The survey was distributed as a tear-out in the winter 2006 issue of the Brisbane Star, which was mailed to every household in Brisbane. It was also made available electronically on the City's website using a template from Surveymonkey.com. Additional hard copies were distributed to community groups and schools, and made available at public locations such as the post office, community center, library, and local businesses. Respondents had nearly two months to complete the survey; the survey closed on January 19th, 2007.

A prize drawing of all completed surveys was held at Monte Carlo Night in late January. The prize was the winner's choice of a free Parks & Recreation class or a family swim pass at the Brisbane Pool.

QUESTION 9: With the possibility of development in the Baylands north of central Brisbane, the City may be able to create new recreation facilities. What kinds of new facilities would you like to see in the Brisbane Baylands?

105 Comments. Wide variety of ideas. Tops: Walk/bike trails (40); Gym (19); Athletic fields (18); Parks (11)

It would be nice for the preschool to have its own room so that the instructor can have their own area and not have to share it with kinder care and club rec programs.

A park with a trail along the lagoon connecting to Brisbane central and the bay. More trees for the birds. I've seen wonderful owls, hawks, etc in Brisbane but their habitat is shrinking. Trees can also serve as a wind block for a park to be more enjoyable.

Regulation size soccer field, golf course.

Softball Field and Baseball field back to back (no soccer allowed on field), soccer field, water park, trail, snack bar

I would like to see a large open playing field. Which could be configured for atleast 2-3 full size soccer fields. (used for soccer, youth and adult, youth football) In addition, one area of ample size for children and adults to play/practice while games were in progress. In addition there should be one dedicated Little League diamond (girls softball already has Mission Blue) and one full size baseball diamond. Ideally all of these facilities would have

lights, possibly a common bathroom/locker rooms and potentially a snack bar.

A bike trail.

A larger community theater. Some kind of a gym facility and maybe a Whole Foods Market

If something needs to be built you could build a climbing wall, community gym, track, art studios, horse stables (I am thinking big here)

hiking trails near or around the lagoon

A high school!!!!

Rentable space for events would be nice - maybe with a variety of sized spaces. Are there swings in any of the parks in town? I know BES and the park on Old County Road don't have them. My daughter loves swings!

I would love to have a place where to grow organic food for the community.

A Soccer field, a new library, a very, very large park with facilities for families, such as: trails, play structures, bowling alley, go-karts, bicycle paths, education center for wildlife and the ecosystem for kids (interactive!).

Larger community center Parks/playground Walking trails

Big open fields for play. A dirt trail for walking. The new Crocker trail is pretty rocky and difficult to walk on.

It would be great to have a little bit of everything. Play structures, tennis courts, playing fields.... the works. Plus, some type of trail like the new Crocker Trail sweeping in and around the whole area.

Playgrounds. Bike lanes.

more parks, more organized sporting location

24hour fitness. Good walking/jogging/stroller paths.

sports....skateboarding, golf, tennis, running, walking, parks

tennis, miniature golf, jogging course, concert venue

Tennis. Extension of the Bay Trail.

I would love a grocery store, and possibly a gas station.

hiker/bike trails that connect to town an overpass connecting to a pier in the bay that could be used for kayaks and canoes
bike paths, walking trails, tennis courts

Soccer/football/baseball fields 8-hole golf course bocce ball

A functional gym with free-weights, machines, aerobic machines. Just a thought, as there is no gym near Brisbane.

Walking trails (esp. that allow dogs)

multi use trails for walking and bicycling to connect with marina and downtown Brisbane.

An actual auditorium with a stage would be nice...it's hard to view a play at the Mission Blue.

no big box stores, unless its trader joes. a nice big park for bike riding and walking with no cars. bike rentals, skate rentals, like stow lake. maybe an outdoor amphitheater for shows theatrical events. gathering place.

Frisbee golf course. Walking and cycling trails.

A full service gym and perhaps 3 classrooms dedicated to dancing and art & crafts. etc.

New gym, better basketball courts, tennis courts, on the water recreational uses such as wind surfing, kayaking, botanical garden, walking track

A sports complex: Soccer field, baseball field, Gym, running track around the complex. other facilities for Baylands: golf driving range, some recreational water oriented facilities for lagoon: kayaking, or similar facilities

adult badminton

Softball fields

More bike/pedestrian trails. Why not a beach? There is a beach at Oyster point. Also a boat ramp for small boats.

Bike trail

A fitness center

boating for kids..golf, miniature golf and bowling

paved trails

Open space

More (paved) trails or bike routes.

Lots of multi-use open space from pedestrian/bike even equestrian (linked to ice house hill) trails to lagoon front water uses. Include full size soccer and softball fields. Make sure the majority of the open space/open area can be used by a broad cross section of the public vs. focusing just on a golf course that would appeal to a relatively small and wealthy segment of the population. If golf turns out to be the way the community wants to go, then leave room for other uses intermingled and consider a small 9 hole course so it doesn't dominate the site. Consider also large event sports and convention facilities for some of the buildings.

Bathrooms, Drinking fountain, dirt trail, flora/fauna education placards on self guided walks.

YMCA with the works! Infant-toddler center/day care. Family destination like a science center, urban farm or zoo, etc. Integrated bike/ped trails.

New gymnasium, a room (other than Mission Blue) for yoga, exercise, etc.

Trees, rock climbing, picnic tables, bike path

Library, gymnasium

Big playground for kids

Raquetball court, ceramics and art studio

Childrens' museum

A childrens' space, childrens' museum

YMCA or gym, more tennis, playing fields

Baseball/football stadium - to generate more income for our city (if the land is big enough).

Basketball court, football field

Not sure, as these have potential hazardous waste. Don't want my family exposed to it.

Activities for teens and pre-teens

Shoreline trail, bikepath, nature habitat, park

Daycare

Nature trails, parks, open space, golf course

Walking trails

Bowling, croquet, bowling-on-the-green, picnic grounds, horseshoe courts, bocce ball

A world-class complex of soccer fields: like Crestmoor but professional-grade

NONE! There should be no development in the Baylands.

More walking trails; Move skateboard park to Baylands and improve; new sports complex

Walking trail with benches, restrooms

Roller rink

Walking and bicycle trails

Bike trails; larger, better dog park

Soccer field so I don't have to drive to Westmoor.

A new children's playground with indoor space for birthday parties.

Larger dog park; softball and baseball field with snack bar

Not sure if I want to see development, but a continuation of the Bay-side trail, as it is along Marina (Sierra Point to Oyster Point) would be great.

Gym; Golf course on the Baylands; interactive exhibits on open space

Soccer field, ice skating, theater/concert venue

YMCA or low-cost gym for families, building for classes, including arts and music rooms.

Bike paths, walking paths.

Health club with indoor pool and spa

Park with trail for jogging, bikes, strollers; Petting Zoo (see Tilden Park). Childrens' discovery science center/museum for babies and toddlers (see Habitat

in Berkeley)

Walking/bicycle trails

Miniature golf, golf, bowling

More for young children

Horse shoe, bocce court, hand ball court

Picnic area, bike ride trails, walk trails

Walking and bike trails; bird watching

Leave lagoon alone. Hiking trails through north Baylands.

More open space for walking, biking.

Performance space with stage and backstage, practice rooms, dual use for classes also. Meeting rooms for groups small and large. Full service gym.

Gym, full size soccer field, track around the full size soccer field

Shopping! Water access and activities on and around the lagoon!

Gym with weights and fitness classes

Gym, pool with spa

Baylands returned to natural state as a haven for birds

Bigger outdoor swimming pool, full gym and exercise classes

Indoor basketball/volleyball court for Brisbane teams.

A pre-school facility, with a multipurpose room for classes with children: dance, art, ceramics, etc.

Biking and hiking trails, roller-skating rink, fountain park with some play apparatus, pond or lake for birds, ducks, etc.

Gym; Multipurpose fields with lights, including soccer fields.

A full-size gym with indoor pool and spa facilities.

Concerned about toxicity of location and use by children - otherwise, soccer field, bike paths, velodrome

A Prime Time gym

Bicycle lanes and make parking with bigger added space

*City of Brisbane Community Issues,
Goals & Policies Survey 2005*

Main Survey Report

*Prepared for the City of Brisbane
by the
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QUALITY OF LIFE

8. Presence of historic buildings

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	96	23.3	24.7	24.7
	Mildly Important	144	35.0	37.0	61.7
	Of Little Importance	94	22.8	24.2	85.9
	Not At All Important	55	13.3	14.1	100.0
	Total	389	94.4	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	15	3.6		
	Blank	6	1.5		
	MultiAnswer	2	.5		
	Total	23	5.6		
Total		412	100.0		

20. Opportunities for sports activities, such as soccer, tennis, swimming, etc.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	165	40.0	41.6	41.6
	Mildly Important	148	35.9	37.3	78.8
	Of Little Importance	62	15.0	15.6	94.5
	Not At All Important	22	5.3	5.5	100.0
	Total	397	96.4	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	8	1.9		
	Blank	6	1.5		
	MultiAnswer	1	.2		
	Total	15	3.6		
Total		412	100.0		

21. Library facilities

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	259	62.9	63.3	63.3
	Mildly Important	117	28.4	28.6	91.9
	Of Little Importance	27	6.6	6.6	98.5
	Not At All Important	6	1.5	1.5	100.0
	Total	409	99.3	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	2	.5		
	Blank	1	.2		
	Total	3	.7		
Total		412	100.0		

22. Community parks

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	287	69.7	70.9	70.9
	Mildly Important	104	25.2	25.7	96.5
	Of Little Importance	11	2.7	2.7	99.3
	Not At All Important	3	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	405	98.3	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	4	1.0		
	Blank	2	.5		
	MultiAnswer	1	.2		
	Total	7	1.7		
Total		412	100.0		

23. Community celebrations

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	167	40.5	41.6	41.6
	Mildly Important	158	38.3	39.4	81.0
	Of Little Importance	59	14.3	14.7	95.8
	Not At All Important	17	4.1	4.2	100.0
	Total	401	97.3	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	6	1.5		
	Blank	5	1.2		
	Total	11	2.7		
Total		412	100.0		

B. SMALL TOWN CHARACTER

In the past public workshops many participants talked about Brisbane's small town character. Please rate the degree of importance that the following factors contribute to the small town feel in Brisbane.

26. Participating in community events

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	122	29.6	30.3	30.3
	Mildly Important	195	47.3	48.5	78.9
	Of Little Importance	66	16.0	16.4	95.3
	Not At All Important	19	4.6	4.7	100.0
	Total	402	97.6	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	8	1.9		
	Blank	2	.5		
	Total	10	2.4		
Total		412	100.0		

28. Organized sports

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	82	19.9	20.7	20.7
	Mildly Important	146	35.4	36.9	57.6
	Of Little Importance	108	26.2	27.3	84.8
	Not At All Important	60	14.6	15.2	100.0
	Total	396	96.1	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	13	3.2		
	Blank	3	.7		
	Total	16	3.9		
Total		412	100.0		

34. Having a high school

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	104	25.2	27.6	27.6
	Mildly Important	114	27.7	30.2	57.8
	Of Little Importance	89	21.6	23.6	81.4
	Not At All Important	70	17.0	18.6	100.0
	Total	377	91.5	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	31	7.5		
	Blank	4	1.0		
	Total	35	8.5		
Total		412	100.0		

36. Neighborhood parks

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	278	67.5	68.6	68.6
	Mildly Important	103	25.0	25.4	94.1
	Of Little Importance	21	5.1	5.2	99.3
	Not At All Important	3	.7	.7	100.0
	Total	405	98.3	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	5	1.2		
	Blank	2	.5		
	Total	7	1.7		
Total		412	100.0		

37. Community Park activities

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	172	41.7	42.8	42.8
	Mildly Important	172	41.7	42.8	85.6
	Of Little Importance	42	10.2	10.4	96.0
	Not At All Important	16	3.9	4.0	100.0
	Total	402	97.6	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	7	1.7		
	Blank	3	.7		
	Total	10	2.4		
Total		412	100.0		

39. Presence of many historical buildings

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very Important	84	20.4	21.4	21.4
	Mildly Important	158	38.3	40.3	61.7
	Of Little Importance	98	23.8	25.0	86.7
	Not At All Important	52	12.6	13.3	100.0
	Total	392	95.1	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	16	3.9		
	Blank	2	.5		
	MultiAnswer	2	.5		
	Total	20	4.9		
Total		412	100.0		

ECONOMIC VITALITY

68. Build attractions, such as museums, for tourists and residents

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	31	7.5	7.8	7.8
	Support	87	21.1	21.9	29.6
	Neither Support nor Oppose	120	29.1	30.2	59.8
	Mildly Oppose	82	19.9	20.6	80.4
	Strongly Oppose	78	18.9	19.6	100.0
	Total		398	96.6	100.0
Missing	Blank	12	2.9		
	MultiAnswer	2	.5		
	Total	14	3.4		
Total		412	100.0		

F. FACILITY OR BUSINESS TYPES

While the previous question discussed approaches to growth, this question asks about the types of facilities that you would like to see in Brisbane. Please rate your support of the following types of facilities that could develop in the next 10 to 20 years.

96. Cultural facilities

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	120	29.1	30.2	30.2
	Mildly Important	138	33.5	34.7	64.8
	Neither Support nor Oppose	93	22.6	23.4	88.2
	Mildly Oppose	26	6.3	6.5	94.7
	Strongly Oppose	21	5.1	5.3	100.0
	Total	398	96.6	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	6	1.5		
	Blank	8	1.9		
	Total	14	3.4		
Total		412	100.0		

106. Recreational uses

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	172	41.7	44.1	44.1
	Mildly Important	158	38.3	40.5	84.6
	Neither Support nor Oppose	46	11.2	11.8	96.4
	Mildly Oppose	10	2.4	2.6	99.0
	Strongly Oppose	4	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	390	94.7	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	4	1.0		
	Blank	15	3.6		
	MultiAnswer	3	.7		
	Total	22	5.3		
Total		412	100.0		

107. Soccer fields and track

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	113	27.4	29.0	29.0
	Mildly Important	110	26.7	28.3	57.3
	Neither Support nor Oppose	130	31.6	33.4	90.7
	Mildly Oppose	27	6.6	6.9	97.7
	Strongly Oppose	9	2.2	2.3	100.0
	Total	389	94.4	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	8	1.9		
	Blank	14	3.4		
	MultiAnswer	1	.2		
	Total	23	5.6		
Total		412	100.0		

109. Gymnasium

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly Support	110	26.7	30.8	30.8
	Mildly Important	116	28.2	32.5	63.3
	Neither Support nor Oppose	104	25.2	29.1	92.4
	Mildly Oppose	16	3.9	4.5	96.9
	Strongly Oppose	11	2.7	3.1	100.0
	Total	357	86.7	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	14	3.4		
	Blank	41	10.0		
	Total	55	13.3		
Total		412	100.0		

G. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Please evaluate community services and rate which services need to be improved, are adequate as is, or can be reduced.

112. Larger Library facility

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Improve Significantly	142	34.5	38.9	38.9
	Improve Somewhat	119	28.9	32.6	71.5
	Adequate As Is	100	24.3	27.4	98.9
	Reduce Somewhat	2	.5	.5	99.5
	Reduce Significantly	2	.5	.5	100.0
	Total	365	88.6	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	43	10.4		
	Blank	4	1.0		
	Total	47	11.4		
Total		412	100.0		

123. Community festivals and events

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Improve Significantly	20	4.9	5.2	5.2
	Improve Somewhat	99	24.0	25.5	30.7
	Adequate As Is	256	62.1	66.0	96.6
	Reduce Somewhat	9	2.2	2.3	99.0
	Reduce Significantly	4	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	388	94.2	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	12	2.9		
	Blank	11	2.7		
	MultiAnswer	1	.2		
	Total	24	5.8		
Total		412	100.0		

124. Support to the arts

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Improve Significantly	39	9.5	10.7	10.7
	Improve Somewhat	112	27.2	30.7	41.4
	Adequate As Is	198	48.1	54.2	95.6
	Reduce Somewhat	11	2.7	3.0	98.6
	Reduce Significantly	5	1.2	1.4	100.0
	Total	365	88.6	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	31	7.5		
	Blank	13	3.2		
	MultiAnswer	3	.7		
	Total	47	11.4		
Total		412	100.0		

126. Tourism promotion

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Improve Significantly	23	5.6	6.6	6.6
	Improve Somewhat	70	17.0	20.2	26.9
	Adequate As Is	164	39.8	47.4	74.3
	Reduce Somewhat	30	7.3	8.7	82.9
	Reduce Significantly	59	14.3	17.1	100.0
	Total	346	84.0	100.0	
Missing	No Opinion	56	13.6		
	Blank	9	2.2		
	MultiAnswer	1	.2		
	Total	66	16.0		
Total		412	100.0		

Baylands Process 2009 and Beyond

Public Space Planning

- 1/26/09 City Council Workshop
- 2/09 Advisory Board Workshops
- 3/09 Council Review of Draft Plan
- Public Space Plan Incorporated into Alternatives

UPC Prepares Additional
Technical Reports
(Submitted 12/08)

Final Alternatives Selection by
City Council
(Timing/Process to be Determined)

UPC Refines
Project Description

EIR Preparation Commences

Community Survey

- City Council Appoints Subcommittee
- Survey Consultant Hired
- Preliminary Discussion of Survey Content/Form

Draft EIR (DEIR) Published

- 45 Day Public Comment Period
- Planning Commission Hearings on DEIR
- OSEC/PC Subcommittee Review of EIR-Sustainability Analysis
- Response to Comments on DEIR

5 to 7 Months

Survey Finalized/
Performed/Analyzed

Review and Decision on
Final EIR and Specific Plan

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RE: Notes from Brisbane Open space Meeting

1. All participants agreed that it is critical to the success of a parks and open space planning process to start with a vision.
2. All panelists agreed that community input can be solicited in advance to gather ideas, but the syntheses and expression of a set of guiding principles and goals must be formulated by the agency or its design professionals. Educating the public about planning principles and goals that support and consummate the vision is critical to the success of a public planning process.
3. The participants gave examples of guiding principles that inform their park planning.
 - (a) At Treasure Island, the City of San Francisco is developing a new neighborhood and retail core, as well as a system of open spaces which are intended in part to fulfill its mandate to be a regional destination. It is guided by the goals of (1) identity; (2) diversity and (3) sustainability. It seeks to create both neighborhood size and serving parks as well as regional and civic gestures. Activating the public realm, and providing a governance structure and resources sufficient to maintain viable operations are critical features of its approach to open space.
 - (b) The Presidio is somewhat similar to Treasure Island because each has a received mandate. While Treasure Island is influenced by the state "public trust" doctrine, the Presidio is governed by a Congressional Act and the history of National Parks in the United States which must be reinterpreted at the Presidio as a National Park in an urban setting. Stating that parks must speak to some broadly perceived social need, the Presidio Trust explained that it came at the question of a vision for the park through three components of social need: 1) sustainability (including biodiversity); (2) Community Health (creating community and providing recreational opportunities such as ball fields) and (3) connect the park to the past and a sense of collective identity.
4. In looking at the open space question for Brisbane, the panelists commented that Brisbane should consider the poles of natural versus developed spaces and regional versus local serving functions as sliding scales in need of a balance.
5. The panelists also emphasized that planning the open space alone is not sufficient to ensure the long term success of such spaces. In addition to a vision and governing

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principles to structure open space and parks decisions, the panelists cited a need to plan for governance, maintenance and operations. Fiscal self-sufficiency of parks systems was stressed by the panel. Finding opportunities for revenue generation to ensure funds for maintenance and operations was seen as critical to creating successful parks and open spaces.

6. Fundamental design considerations to consider regarding Brisbane:

a. Connectivity. The town of Brisbane is at a physical remove from the location of open space. What will connect this open space to the community? Trails? Bike paths?

b. Safety. Large expanses of open space without "eyes on the street" present safety and policing challenges. Activating open space is important. Completely unprogrammed open space is not as safe or successful.

Activating uses can be modest in scale but are critical to success. A good example of this is the Chrissy Field Warming Hut. It is a gathering place. Provides shelter and warmth on cold days. It's a place to get a sandwich and coffee. It also provides toilets and water.

c. Activating versus programming.

Greater density allows for more activated open space.

Lack of density requires a greater commitment to programming. Programming can be costly.

d. Connectivity with the denser commercial development to the North.

Density should be located north towards Geneva Avenue in accordance with good urban design principles.

How can the commercial spaces and users experience open space?

Should open space be integrated into the northerly development?

Brisbane should consider activating the open space and creating connectivity by extending a "finger" of the northerly commercial uses into the southerly open space.

e. A ring of open space?

Should Brisbane consider a greenbelt or ring of open space from the San Bruno mountains down to the lagoon and up 101N?

f. Topography and noise.

Should the open space be bermed and protected from noise?

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Is noise a serious problem? Not all panelists agree on this point.

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