

**OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 15, 2020 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Called to order at 6:45 PM.

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

1. Roll call

2. Adoption of the agenda

Adopted.

3. Oral Communications (public comment)*

None.

4. Approval of the November minutes

Approved.

5. 2020 Work Plan

Questions about coordination with SamTrans or Commute.org to improve public transit; suggested community conversation or revised/targeted local survey. Agreed to further discuss this suggestion and entertain additional items at the next meeting.

6. Staff updates

Etherton:

- Brisbane Building Efficiency Program (BBEP) and Reach Codes were both adopted by City Council on December 12.
- BBEP implementation Request for Proposals is posted, responses are due Jan 24. Will set up a meeting with committee project liaisons to discuss submissions.
- Requested local exemption for the BBEP from the CA Energy Commission, which is expected to be approved.
- Presented BBEP to the City/County Association of Government's Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP) which was well

received by other cities. They are very interested to hear how it goes; one note of caution was that the potential impact of “split roll” property tax proposals which may be on the November ballot combined with this program could be very problematic for some businesses.

- Learned at the RMCP meeting that:
 - County Energy and Water Strategy 2025 and the updated Climate Action Plan template final drafts are expected to be out in next month or two.
 - 2016 and 2017 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventories are almost complete. Office of Sustainability staff said Brisbane’s 2016 inventory showed a 17.5% reduction from 2005; the full impacts of Peninsula Clean Energy are not until 2017.
- Working with Public Works Director and SSF Scavenger to schedule annual CalRecycle reporting meetings
- Invited to table at SSF Scavenger Earth Day on Saturday April 25. Members did not see a need, but Salmon offered to share any materials at Mountain Watch’s table. The group was interested to know what activities (e-waste, shredding, etc.) they will have at the event; Etherton will follow up.
- Reported that the December planting day had a huge turnout! About half the attendees were AP Environmental Science students from Hillsdale High School.
- Requesting funding in the upcoming budget for an Urban Forest Management Plan. Salmon noted that Sean Sweeney, local resident & retired urban forest manager for SF, expressed interested in helping with this.
- Shared an update from Rogers: she talked to school contact about Lipman Science Fair, judging scheduled for Feb 3 and awards following Thursday. Rogers will send info to the rest of the subcommittee. Ebel had also been in touch with the school.

Kinser:

- Crocker Trail Master Plan proposals are due in early February and has received a lot of interest; Rogers and Lam are on the subcommittee to review proposals.
- Still working on Green Infrastructure Safe Pedestrian Routes projects; construction costs have gone up so checking into funding and planning for bidding with flexibility to remove certain aspects.
- Festival Tree planted! Lions Club contributed for the original tree and wanted to contribute again; getting a plaque made to recognize them and the committee. Members asked about the proximity to the sidewalk.
- Guadalupe Channel Erosion Control mitigated negative declaration on the city council agenda on Jan 16. Kinser provided background on the project; she will set up an ad hoc meeting with Salmon and Ebel to discuss details and ensure strong communications with the community.

Sage:

- Noted that we are waiting for the Weed Management Area’s Memorandum of Understanding renewal, due by June, before taking the recommendation for Brisbane to sign on to the City Council.

7. Subcommittee reports

- a. **Open Space** – Kinser will set up a meeting for when she returns from vacation.
- b. **Climate Action Plan** – Had a good meeting with Beth Grossman to begin planning a Climate Reality Workshop; proposed to hold in lieu of OSEC meeting on March 18.
- c. **Events** – Staff has been coordinating on dates and Sage will be sending a doodle poll for a meeting with P&R Commissioners. Start thinking about ideas for Day in the Park; a few ideas discussed included bringing back the piñata, a solar oven and/or vegan cook-off, art contest/show for items made from trash or reclaimed materials.
- d. **Education & Outreach** – No report.
- e. **Invasive Species Ordinance** – Sage will recirculate documents; Fieldman will rejoin subcommittee.
- f. **Dark Skies Ordinance** – Meeting next week.
- g. **Festival Tree Replacement** – Remove from list.
- h. **Lipman Science Fair** – Previously discussed.
- i. **PCA Grant Application** – Salmon wanted more details on why application was unsuccessful; successful applicants should be posted on website. Grant cycle is four years.
- j. **280 South Hill Funds** – Kinser previously reported on Crocker Park Master Plan.
- k. **Tree Issues** – Had a good brainstorming meeting in December. One item was regarding re-opening tree ordinance; subcommittee members will draft a request to Council to reopen.
- l. **Liaison for Benchmarking Ordinance** – Etherton will send meeting request.
- m. **Beautification (w/ Council, Parks & Rec)** – Ankenbruck absent. Etherton shared her email regarding her absences and requesting the committee's input. Kinser outlined the Council process and timeline. The committee discussed and would be sorry to see her go, but if she feels she cannot commit now is as good a time as any to resign because we have an additional applicant. We should reassign this role; for now if Ankenbruck cannot attend Dykes will sub, then Salmon.

8. Calendar items

- Even year – staff will send letters to nurseries regarding sale of invasive plants
- Briefly discussed compost giveaway
- Kinser noted suggestion to host a site tour/hike of the Brisbane Acres during one of our meetings in the longer days of the summer; members liked the idea.

9. Chair and committee member matters

- Salmon encouraged everyone to fill out the survey all local residents received from the Dept of Toxic Substances Control.
- Salmon inquired about the status of Callippe Hill land that was supposed to be turned over to the County Park from Toll Brothers. Staff recalled prior emails on the subject, Sage will follow up.

- Ebel is organizing donations to Australian wildlife of knitted mittens and such for recovering burned wildlife; contributions welcome, contact her directly.
- Ebel is organizing a Sustainability Master Class which will be held at City Hall in the Police Training Room until the Library opens; coordinating with County OOS about scheduling.
- Ebel encouraged Etherton to consider how OSEC can contribute to BBEP rollout.
- Fieldman requested consideration of workplan addition regarding trash dumped on Guadalupe Canyon Parkway.

10. Next meeting: February 19, 2020 6:30 PM

11. Adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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