

OPEN SPACE AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall

50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order

Chair Fieldman called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Committee members present:

Court, Ebel, Gutekanst, Hayuk, Salmon, Sweeney, and Chair Fieldman

Committee members absent:

None

Staff members present:

Administrative Services Director Schillinger

Management Analyst Pontecorvo

1. Adoption of the agenda.

Under "Other Committee Matters" Chair Fieldman asked to add "Potential for bioremediation in the wetlands" to the agenda. MC Gutekanst moved and MC Hayuk 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. Welcome to Committee member Elena Court.

Chair Fieldman welcomed and introduced Elena Court. MC Gutekanst noted that MC Court had served on the original Open Space and Ecology Committee more than a decade ago and made many contributions over the years, including the publication of the brochure "Protecting San Bruno Mountain: A guide to invasive and non-invasive plants."

4. Community Festival preparation for October 6.

Chair Fieldman asked for a report from the subcommittee of MC Hayuk and MC Sweeney. MC Hayuk and Sweeney volunteered to staff the table for the entire day. MC Sweeney shared his plan to set up an exhibit on carbon sequestration using biochar. MC Hayuk said he could put together information on Fukushima. The Committee decided to distribute other literature including the invasive species booklet, and to include a display of invasive plants. Management Analyst Pontecorvo reported that two tables and four chairs were reserved for the OSEC booth. She drew attention to the carbon footprint flyer, and to the “Bag Monster” costume available from the County of San Mateo. The Committee asked staff to prepare materials for the booth, and to meet with the subcommittee as needed before the Community Festival on October 6.

5. Other Committee Matters.

a. CAG update

MC Gutekanst announced that the July meeting of the Brisbane Baylands Community Advisory Group featured a presentation by Alyx Karpowicz from the SF Bay Regional Water Control Board. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18 at 7:00PM in the Community Center. It will feature Ron Oremland, USGS Senior Geologist and Brisbane resident speaking on the impact of sea level rise on the landfill.

b. Sustainability Committee update

Chair Fieldman reported that Management Analyst Pontecorvo had carefully summarized the Committee’s comments and feedback on the Baylands Sustainability document, and sent a revised version to the Chair and Vice-Chair for approval. Ms. Pontecorvo added that the City Council received comments from the OSEC, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission at their August 27 meeting. The Council then referred the comments back to the Sustainability Committee. The Committee will review and incorporate the comments at their next meeting on October 16, before moving on to discuss the metrics and action plan. It is anticipated that the Baylands Sustainability document would then be sent back to the Council and forwarded to the respective advisory bodies for further review and comment.

c. Baylands DEIR update and process for review

Management Analyst Pontecorvo informed the Committee that Community Development Director Swiecki is anticipating the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report at the end of November. Chair Fieldman asked about the process for reviewing the EIR. MC Gutekanst suggested that each person begin by carefully reading the Executive Summary. The Committee agreed that once everyone has done so, the next step would be to establish subcommittees to analyze specific chapters and topics within the DEIR.

d. Green Building subcommittee update

Chair Fieldman reported that she and MC Hayuk serve on the Green Building subcommittee. The subcommittee has met twice so far. The first meeting established the subcommittee's work program, introduced Brisbane's current ordinance, and provided an overview of green building ratings systems. The second meeting examined CalGreen, the California state green building code. Management Analyst Pontecorvo explained that staff had engaged consultant Kathleen Gallagher from CSG who specializes in green building and sustainability. She will attend the October 3 subcommittee meeting to discuss LEED, GreenPoint Rated, and CalGreen.

e. Recognition of Service by former OSEC members

Chair Fieldman announced that Peter Stiehler has received the park bench, Anjana Richards has received a gift of native plants, and the project for Ray Miller is underway. The Committee decided to invite Ray Miller to the November meeting. Staff and OSEC members thanked Chair Fieldman and Vice Chair Gutekanst for their efforts.

f. Potential for bioremediation in the wetlands

Chair Fieldman introduced the idea of inviting a speaker to discuss the potential for bioremediation in the wetlands. Committee members supported this proposal and asked staff to help identify someone with expertise in bioremediation. Management Analyst Pontecorvo raised the possibility of inviting Mark Heath of Shelterbelt to discuss vegetation management in the Brisbane Acres. The Committee suggested inviting him to the October meeting, while searching for someone to discuss bioremediation at a subsequent meeting.

6. Approval of minutes

- a. **June 12, 2012**
- b. **July 10, 2012**

MC Gutekanst made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, seconded by MC Hayuk. The motion was approved unanimously.

MC Gutekanst moved to approve the minutes of July 10. MC Ebel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Next meeting date: October 9, 2012.

The next meeting date was set for October 9th at 6:30 pm.

8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.