

OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE
Minutes

June 21, 2017 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:42PM

Committee members present:

Salmon, Ankenbruck, Ebel, Fieldman

Committee members absent:

Abney, Hayak, Vladimirova

Staff present:

Deputy Director of Public Works – Kinser
Senior Civil Engineer - Flanagan
Engineering Technician – Sage

1. Adoption of the agenda

- Agenda was adopted

2. Presentation – Update on drought regulations and Public Notification of Water Quality by Jerry Flanagan, Senior Civil Engineer, Utilities, Public Works

- The presentation focused on government initiatives and responses since the start of the drought in 2013.
- The committee suggested that city staff continue to explore ways to reuse water that is released to the storm or sanitary sewer systems as part of routine flushing practices that occur for water quality reasons.

3. Oral Communications (public comment)

- No public comments were made

4. Approval of the minutes

- The minutes were approved with one change – ‘parcel 80 and 81 was excluded from the plan changed to – was omitted from the report.’
Ebel abstained since she missed part of the last meeting.

5. Subcommittee reports/ Calendar items/ Chair and committee member matters

- The City Attorney has not yet presented the Brisbane Acres open space preservation options to the City Council.
- The Climate Action Plan subcommittee is working on a draft Building Energy Savings Ordinance, using Berkeley’s ordinance as a model.

- The Festival tree in the Community Park has been trimmed, and the subcommittee will review options for a replacement tree.
- The next Habitat Restoration Day will be held on Saturday, June 24 at Costãnos Canyon.
- Michele and Megan will volunteer for the Invasive Species Ordinance subcommittee, and they would like to see examples of any existing ordinances, at the state or local level.
- Barbara wants to rejoin the Lipman Science Fair subcommittee.
- Staff to finalize and bring a request to City Council to update the 2001 Open Space Plan at the request of the subcommittee that reviewed it.
- Waste Stream subcommittee wishes to meet with Park and Rec Commissioners after new recycling and compost bins at Mission Blue Center are operational.
- The committee suggested using community service volunteers to help manage the waste stream at Festivals, etc.

Chair and Committee Member Matters

- Community Garden Update: Megan requested that staff send her a copy of any regulations or ordinances that pertain to the community garden. There has been a request to bring new gardeners in to plots that seem to be unused.
- Committee members were hesitant to spearhead a program, suggested at a prior meeting, in which residents sharing their yard space with other residents who wish to have fruit and vegetable gardens.
 - Staff will check with the city attorney regarding potential liability concerns.
- The Community Garden monitor is open to growing and expanding the garden, due to high demand.
- The committee requested that staff to check with the city attorney regarding the committee inviting a local business to display at their booth at Day in the Park.

6. Draft list of discussion topics for SSF Scavenger's presentation of Annual Diversion Report

- The committee came up with the following questions:
 - Are there any Styrofoam recycling developments?
 - What are the consequences of plastic bags in recycling containers?
 - Why do different jurisdictions handle recycling differently?
 - Has SSF Scavenger studied the cost and benefits of a recycling program consistent with others?
 - Walk us through SSF's waste stream process so all users understand what happens to items they dispose of.
 - Does SSF Scavenger have a video presentation for the waste stream process that OSEC could promote?
 - Has the city's diversion rate gone up or down since the prior year's report?
 - What is the status of business recycling in Brisbane and what laws govern it?
 - What is the best way to handle pet waste disposal (new trends to use biobags)?
- The committee requested a copy of the previous year's questions.

7. Staff updates

- Staff presented updates regarding the Eco-Mat Subsurface irrigation product being considered for future drought tolerant plantings.

- Staff presented the draft city walking and biking map prepared by Bike/Ped Master Plan consultant Alta Planning + Design.
- OSEC recommended using the Eco-Mat at the dog park.
- OSEC wanted to know specifics regarding the Eco-Mat's construction and breakdown rate.
- OSEC would like an opportunity to comment on the walking and biking maps before we finalize.

8. Next meeting: July 26, 2017 at 6:30 PM

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:35