

OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 22, 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 6:41 PM.

Committee members present:

Ankenbruck, Ebel, Fieldman, Salmon, Hayuk, and Vladimirova

Committee members absent:

Abney

Staff members present:

Deputy Director of Public Works – Kinser
Maintenance Program Manager – Black
Engineering Technician - Sage

1. Adoption of the agenda

- Agenda Adopted

2. Storm Drain Trash Capture Presentation – Public Works Maintenance Program Manager Keegan Black

-Black gave a presentation describing the City's trash capture program under the Municipal Regional Storm Water permit. The City has installed more than 200 trash capture devices with capabilities of filtering trash particles over 5 mm in size. The City has met the 2016 benchmark of 60% trash reduction and is on track to meet the 2017 benchmark.

-The committee voiced concern with trash blowing out of the back of garbage trucks, and they requested that Black look into placing public ashtrays in certain locations.

-Regarding the committee's concern about decomposition of sandbag material, staff suggested providing outreach to citizens to return sandbags to City Hall for recycling of sand and disposing of trash. The committee asked about the feasibility of the City changing sandbag materials from plastic to burlap.

-Black outlined the C.4 commercial storm water inspection program and the required construction site inspections in response to the committee's inquiry.

-Black answered questions regarding the sedimentation plan at the Brisbane Soil Recycling business.

3. Oral Communications (public comment)*

-No comments

4. Approval of the minutes

-Minutes approved

5. Chair and committee member matters

- The committee requested that staff arrange a meeting for the Open Space Plan Update Subcommittee and the Invasive Species Subcommittee.

- The committee inquired about the absence of information about two Brisbane Acres parcels from the 2001 Open Space Plan (due to the page break in the document).

- The committee suggested combining 'chair and committee member matters' with 'subcommittee reports' for future meeting agendas.

-Fieldman reported that a nearby nursery is selling problematic invasive species. She requested that the committee send them a letter asking them to discontinue the practice. OSEC has sent letters in the past to other nurseries. Staff will look for a letter template on this subject. Ebel suggested adding a letter to local nurseries to the annual calendar for the month of January, in order to stay ahead of the planting season.

- Kinser reported recruitment will begin soon for the Sustainability Coordinator position.

- Kinser reported the County is launching a toolkit around Earth Day with two toolkits available at the Brisbane Library. Brisbane will be able to customize their kits.

- Salmon announced that she will be leading a hike on San Bruno Mtn on April 8th.

6. Review letter to Council condemning Wells Fargo's involvement in the Dakota Access Pipeline

- The committee approved of the rewritten letter with suggestions for minor revisions.

- Kinser reported that Administrative Services Director Schillinger will be drafting a resolution to accompany the letter from OSEC to present to City Council.

- Kinser reported that Schillinger has contacted New Resource Bank, but has not heard back from the representative, nor has he seen evidence of other municipalities using New Resource Bank.

7. Brisbane Acres Vegetation Management input

- Kinser asked for comments regarding the Vegetation Management Plan for the upcoming year.

- Fieldman suggested consulting Joe Cannon, a professor at City College.

- Salmon suggested consulting with Ramona, the HCP manager, and recommended beating back the Coyote Brush.

- Kinser reported that there will be no tree removal this year, since two years of funds have already been spent.

- The committee suggested that the City perform more outreach before the next round of tree removals, in response to the comments members saw on social media after previous tree removal actions.

- The committee discussed the allocation of funds from the North East Ridge Development, in regards to habitat restoration on San Bruno Mtn.

8. San Mateo County Open Data Portal input

- The committee agreed to have the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee work on the San Mateo County Open Data Portal language.

9. Subcommittee reports

- 04/22/17 Habitat Restoration Day will be restoring the field along Mission Blue Dr. and Monarch Dr. Lunch is included and the committee is hoping to increase the number of volunteers that come out this year.

- The committee asked staff to advertise the event aggressively to help with this turnout effort.

- The committee also noted the 2nd Habitat Restoration Day will be June 24th at Costanos Canyon.

- Fieldman will present her progress on the staff training slides to the Climate Action Plan Subcommittee on April 6.

10. Staff updates

Drought Regulations update (interim), GO Request System usage, Firth Canyon restoration, City letters to Acres owners, Crocker Trail grant, County Energy toolkit, Earth day flags for Visitacion Ave.

- The drought regulations have temporarily been changed to relax the two day per week irrigation restrictions until the State comes out with more guidance. Irrigating is currently allowed on any day of the week, while all other water saving measures are still required to be followed.

- Sage gave a presentation describing the appropriate ways to report minor problems to the City using the Government Outreach Request System.

- Firth Canyon – Contractor Shelterbelt Builders is planning to begin restoration work possibly in April, once the soil dries up, in order to minimize erosion.

- City letters - Staff has sent out the annual letter to all private owners of Brisbane Acres to inquire as to whether they would be interested in selling their property to the city
- The City was approved to receive a grant of \$885,000 to install decomposed granite along the Crocker Park Trail
- San Mateo County will be unveiling two energy savings toolkits at the Brisbane Library in conjunction with Earth Day 2017.
- Staff showed the committee the flags that will be hung on Visitacion Ave for Earth Day

11. Next meeting: April 26, 2017 at 6:30 PM

12. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm

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