

Open Space and Ecology Committee and City Council Liaison Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Community Meeting Room

Brisbane City Hall

50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

Committee members present:

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

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present:

Deputy Director of Public Works: Kinser

Administrative Services Director: Schillinger

Engineering Technician: Sage

1. Adoption of the agenda

- Agenda adopted

2. Oral communications (public comment)

3. Consider requesting that the City not do business with Wells Fargo

- The committee discussed options to show their discontent with Wells Fargo Bank, due to Wells Fargo's support of the Dakota Access Pipeline.
- Fieldman shared a draft letter that she wrote regarding this issue.
- Schillinger confirmed that Wells Fargo is the city's primary bank. Bank of America dropped the City as a client due to financial regulations.
- Schillinger reported that many major banks are involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project.
- Schillinger noted other cities that are switching financial institutions for social reasons, such as Berkeley and Santa Monica.
- Schillinger listed the challenges involved if the City were to switch banks
 - o A lengthy RFP process to find a new bank
 - o Significant staff resources to transition to a new bank
 - o Finding a bank that offers the services that the City needs that would also be more 'socially conscious' than Wells Fargo, given that a potential bank need to have a certain amount of collateralized assets available
- The committee voted to draft a letter to the City Council asking them to pass a resolution stating the City's disapproval of Wells Fargo's involvement with the Dakota Access Pipeline.

4. Review OSEC subcommittee assignments

- The committee discussed changing the Invasive Species Articles subcommittee into an Invasive Species Ordinance subcommittee, consisting of Ankenbruck and Vladimirova and adding a subcommittee to draft a Lighting Ordinance, consisting of Ebel and Salmon.

a) Consider future earth day banner designs

- The committee decided to revisit the 'hand painted' Earth Day banner ideas at the April meeting.

5. Review of OSEC calendar

- The committee wants to add the following dates to the calendar:
 - o Lagoon Clean-up day
 - o October 7, 2017 as Bay Day
 - This is a day that the Coastal Conservancy Declared
 - OSEC wants to think of activities to coincide
- The committee discussed South San Francisco Scavenger presenting annual diversion rates and continuing to educate the public about using the green waste bins and keeping vermin out at an upcoming meeting.

6. Approval of the minutes

- Minutes approved

7. Chair and committee member matters

- Salmon noted that the map produced with the Bike/Ped Master Plan should note that indicated trails are not open to bicyclists.
- Salmon mentioned that San Bruno Mountain Watch offers guided hikes on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.
- Kinser agreed to look into the City's use of plastic sandbags over another material per the committee's request.
- The committee requested that the committee member contact sheet be updated and resent.
- Ebel asked for clarification about the building code upgrades ordinance that staff member Johnson presented at a prior meeting. Kinser reported that OSEC comments were incorporated. Salmon raised concerns regarding the amount of dumping on the freeway exit North of Lagoon Rd, and asked if the City can place a sign in that location.

- Kinser stated that staff would look into the ownership and feasibility of installing a sign.
- Fieldman reported she saw multiple trees leaning over on the downhill slope of Quarry Rd.

8. Subcommittee reports

Lipman science fair

- Vladimirova gave away approximately 25 stickers to students that used eco conscious materials in their projects.
- Sustainability awards were given on behalf of the committee to two entries, a study of biodegradable laundry detergent, and an investigation of dissolving packing peanuts.

Habitat restoration days

- Salmon reported that Mountain Watch and City Staff decided on three restoration days for 2017
 - 04/22/17 – Monarch Drive - pull anise and broom from the meadow
 - 06/24/17 – Costanos Canyon – pull Ivy – Solstice Celebration
 - 09/16/17 – shoreline near freeway ramp by Harney Way – still investigating logistics
- The committee requested a .jpeg be emailed to the OSEC committee of any information that we put on the City's webpage regarding Habitat Restoration Days so that they could repost on personal social media sites.

Climate Action Plan Subcommittee

- The CAP subcommittee finalized the Earth Day banners, which the full committee reviewed by email.
- Vladimirova passed Hayuk the DIY energy toolkit at the meeting. Staff and Fieldman will review written materials prepared by Ebel for the toolkit.
- Fieldman is continuing to work on staff training slides.
- Kinser reported that the City can now do outreach on the water bill.
- The committee requested the link to H&M clothing store's textile recycling program be emailed to the entire committee for their use on personal social media.

9. Staff updates

Quarry Rd signs - Staff will get a price to replace the No Dumping sign opposite the DIY skatepark on Quarry Rd.

- The Education Outreach subcommittee will discuss uses for the blank kiosk near Lipman School on Quarry Rd.
- Staff will tack up the cardboard sign in the Quarry Rd entrance kiosk and look into a price for a metal sign at that location.

Adopt an area - Kinser suggested the committee start an "Adopt an Area" program where the City could provide gloves, pickers, and bags and members could patrol areas they regularly visit for trash. The committee will discuss this idea at a future date.

PCE Outreach - Staff will put a sign on both signboards, an article in the Star newsletter, and a note on the upcoming water bill. Also Peninsula Clean Energy will do a presentation to City Council on March 2nd.

EV charger grant - Kinser updated OSEC that staff received the contract from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to install an electric vehicle charging station at the Brisbane Village. Staff will review, enter a lease agreement, and hopefully start install by fall of 2017.

Sign replacement project - Staff reported that we have replaced over 100 signs with the Sign Retorreflectivity Replacement project this winter, and the contractor will reuse or recycle all of the old signs.

10. Next meeting

- The next OSEC meeting will be March 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.