

Open Space & Ecology Committee Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 6:30 PM

Community Meeting Room

Brisbane City Hall

50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order:

Hayuk called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Committee members present:

Abney, Ebel, Fieldman, Hayuk, Salmon and Vladimirova

Committee members absent:

Keogh

Staff members present:

Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser

Management Analyst Escoffier

1. Adoption of the agenda

- Agenda adopted.

2. Oral communications

- Paul Bouscal, Brisbane resident. Updated OSEC on a creek restoration done last Sunday by San Bruno Mountain Watch. The creek is located by Dolby. Several invasive species and garbage were removed. South San Francisco Scavenger provided green waste bins and Humboldt Tree services assisted in the restoration. Salmon added Bouscal provided lunch to the volunteers.
- Bouscal would like support from OSEC to continue restoring this creek. Vladimirova suggested getting the neighboring businesses to the creek to be involved in the restoration efforts.

3. Approval of the minutes

- Add Salmon to members present. Keogh was absent last meeting.
- Add "if" to the sentence, second to the last bullet under item 6.
- Item 9b, Ebel will also be writing the letter with Fieldman.
- Remove Fieldman from the subcommittee to express concerns with the Open Space Plan.
- Minutes approved with amendments.

4. Chair and Committee member matters

- Ebel announced Bay Natives Nursery is having a plant sale with 30% off. The nursery is located in San Francisco; they are at the end of Cargo Way off of 3rd street. Salmon added they are not limited to San Bruno Mountain natives.

- Vladimirova mentioned she has witnessed landscapers in Brisbane backpack spraying. She asked the person what they were spraying, and he said it was Roundup. Vladimirova added that Roundup has been classified as a carcinogen.
- Kinser mentioned city contractors and the city has a policy not to use Roundup, thus the person spraying must have been on private property.
- Salmon would like to introduce legislation to ban use of Roundup in Brisbane.
- OSEC members would like to publicize that South San Francisco Scavenger will be presenting next meeting.

5. Subcommittee reports

a. Habitat restoration day planning with P&R commission

- Abney and Salmon will form the subcommittee to meet with Parks and Recreation to plan the restoration days.
- Salmon proposes April 23rd for the Earth Day restoration event and adding a third restoration event this year.
- The committee made site recommendations: Costaños Canyon, Firth Canyon, Quarry Road, Sierra Point Road and San Mateo Lane. Salmon suggested areas around the Ridge (near Monarch Drive), Salmon mentioned this area has a lot of fennel and broom.
- Escoffier will send out a poll to determine what date could work best for the second restoration day.
- Ebel mentioned Spring Thing is April 30th this year.

b. Lipman Science Fair

- Vladimirova will meet with the school on February 1st and 4th to judge the projects and give awards.

c. Education and Outreach

i. Climate facts

- Fieldman has drafted the first 6 facts. Escoffier will turn in the third fact and ask to have the fact in the body of the email.

ii. Invasive species articles

- Ebel will write the next article. The nursery manager has offered to review the article for species recommendations.

iii. Additional updates

- Ebel and Keogh are going to add more materials to the OSEC library shelf.
- Ebel tallied the results of the survey on sustainability workshops. People wanted the workshop to be once per month, in the evening and five dollars or less.

d. Open Space Plan revision request

- Abney, Salmon and Vladimirova will be on the subcommittee to write this request to expand and update the Open Space Plan.
- Bouscal recommends that funds from the Sheng Kee bakery sale should be allocated to update the Open Space Plan.
- Fieldman recommends passing this request through Gutekanst and Miller.

e. Climate Action Plan subcommittee

- Ebel gave the update that the meeting was productive and staff and the subcommittee has many tasks to complete.
- Escoffier will coordinate the next meeting date.
- Kinser mentioned the items discussed: how to encourage composting, title 24 implementation, Peninsula Clean Energy and getting staff involved in the CAP etc.

6. Review subcommittee list

- Subcommittee 16 will be added for the Open Space Plan revision request.
- Kinser suggested referring to the CREBL presentation for an example.
- Salmon suggests referring to the DEIR comments submitted to the planning commission.
- Abney is added to the Habitat restoration day subcommittee.
- Abney will send climate facts to Fieldman.
- Salmon is interested in educating the community about composting and disposing items in the proper bin. Litter education will be renamed Waste Stream, Abney and Salmon will consist of this subcommittee.

7. Community garden space

- Vladimirova asked how many gardens can fit in the proposed space. The dimensions are approximately the same as the current garden space; there are about 40 plots per Abney.
- Kinser said this can be recommended to Park and Recreation commission along with cost considerations.
- Salmon mentioned SBMW is looking for a second nursery site and asked if they could have a nursery adjacent to this new garden. Bouscal added that SBMW does a lot of restoration work using the plants from the nursery and it is an important program.
- There is street parking. The current wait list is approximately 30 people.
- Vladimirova said people on the Ridge would be interested in this site since it is close to them.
- To get on the waiting list contact Public Works.
- Salmon wants to ensure that invasive species are not planted at the new garden space. Abney suggested adding language to the paper work when you sign up for a plot.

8. Staff updates

a. Code enforcement for trash issues

- Escoffier gave the update in response to an email from Fieldman about littering. Police Commander Meisner was contacted about code enforcement. Meisner was able to send an officer out to discuss the issue, and it has been resolved by assigning a staff person to keep the area next to the San Francisco Chronicle distribution center clear.
- A link to report noncompliance will be forwarded to OSEC members.

b. SMCEW hard to reach business program

- Escoffier spoke with staff at the county and they have compiled a list of approximately 120 businesses that may qualify for this program. Outreach to these businesses will begin in February.

c. Future meeting dates

- The next OSEC meeting will be on February 8th, all future meetings will be on the third Wednesdays of the month.

d. Updates on the following letters: Brisbane Acres lot coverage letter, Residential lot coverage requirements/landscaping letter and Fracking ban letter.

- Kinser said the Planning Commission is booked with the work they are doing on the Baylands and cannot address the first two letters at this time. The fracking letter will be brought to City Council next month. The liaisons would like to address issues with the Acres at once, and not in a piecemeal fashion.

e. City- owned Brisbane Acres Open Space preservation concern (Placeholder- City attorney will report to City Council)

- This report is not yet available.

f. Miscellaneous updates

- The OSEC list of accomplishments will be brought to City Council this Thursday. The new OSEC council liaisons are Terry O'Connell and Madison Davis.

g. Replanting trees after Monterey pines are removed

- Planting plans are reviewed and there is a deadline for replanting. There is a review process that is biannual.

h. PCE information

- Escoffier will give a brief overview on the technical study.

- The study was completed by consultants that have assisted in implementing other CCAs.

- There are three proposed scenarios at varying amounts of renewable energy mixes that will be offered. Depending on which scenario there can be GHG savings or increases, and energy costs per month can also increase or decrease.

- There are uncertainties associated with PCE, which are due to the volatility of the electricity market.

- Recommendations from the consultants are to consider the risks and tradeoffs of implementing CCA. The program could have both economic and environmental benefits.

- The workshop will be January 26th at 7:30 PM.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.