

Open Space and Ecology Committee and City Council Liaison Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Community Meeting Room

Brisbane City Hall

50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order:

Abney called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Committee members present:

Abney, Ankenbruck, Ebel, Fieldman, Salmon and Vladimirova

Committee members absent:

- Hayuk

Staff members present:

Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser

Management Analyst Escoffier

City Manager Holstine

Public Works Director Breault

Council member O'Connell

Council member Davis

1. Adoption of the agenda

- Agenda adopted.

2. Oral communications

- N/A

3. Discussion items for Council liaisons

- Kinser gave background information that staff met with the liaisons to discuss a list of topics that OSEC wants to pursue.

1. BESO

- A Building Energy Saving Ordinance will reduce energy used by buildings, in accordance with reaching the city's climate action plan goals.
- The Climate Action Plan (CAP) subcommittee has discussed components of a proposed ordinance that would include audits and energy score analysis.
- Fieldman discussed the increased goals of the state for GHG reductions. Energy auditing will cause people to make energy efficiency upgrades.

- CM O'Connell said she discussed that she wanted the ordinance to be equally distributed to home owners and businesses.

2. Invasive species ordinance

- As a part of vegetation management, there are properties containing invasive species that are adjacent to habitat. OSEC would like to approach this and has a list of target invasive species. There would be a cost to implement and enforce an ordinance, which would apply to private property.
- CM O'Connell said there should be exceptions, such as with regard to established invasive species that cannot be easily removed.
- Salmon added that a phased-in approach will raise awareness in the community, and focus on the most invasive species first.
- CM Davis expressed concern about costs to property owners when the ordinance is enforced.
- CM O'Connell indicated that OSEC should come up with a plan for council to review.

3. Revisit the Open Space Plan approved by Council in 2001

- The committee has asked to revisit the Open Space Plan and look at expanding it.
- Salmon added the criteria to assess what lands are acquired should be expanded.
- CM O'Connell commented that if an adjacent property does get developed, an invasive species ordinance can be enforced. She feels that given limited resources, it is more important to maintain the properties that are currently owned.
- Salmon said local experts might volunteer to help revise the plan to reduce costs.
- Staff will provide a proposal for Council's review.

4. New building code interests

- Reach codes have been implemented in other cities to require EV and/or solar panel readiness, which has been discussed in the CAP subcommittee meetings.
- Fieldman added that Brisbane's Green Building Ordinance was being updated previously, which ceased when the state came out with new codes.
- Kinser replied both the GBO and state building codes are in effect, and the new codes coming out in January will likely exceed the GBO requirements. Fieldman added that the GBO adds requirements for landscaping and other elements not covered by state codes.

5. Firth Canyon restoration

- Kinser gave the update that work will start in the spring.

6. Christmas tree replacement

- Abney said the Lions Club is willing to donate money for the Christmas tree.
- Breault added that Parks and Recreation (P&R) will need to be included and an arborist should be consulted.
- Salmon added that the tree should be planted on a mound to prevent water stress and planted adjacent to the old tree to let it become established.
- Fieldman suggests forming a subcommittee to meet with P&R; Abney and Ankenbruck volunteered to form the subcommittee.

7. Lighting ordinance

- Kinser said the purpose of this ordinance is to reduce light pollution and energy use.
- CM O'Connell said she supports protecting the night sky, and looks forward to reviewing recommendations.
- Draft ordinance will be prepared by the CAP subcommittee.

8. Textile recycling

- Kinser explained the goal is recycling fabric scraps that are not in the condition to be donated or reused and would be recycled for other uses such as insulation. Staff has investigated the topic and has discussed it with South San Francisco Scavenger and informally with Recology.
- Salmon added having a pick up a few times per year would be helpful in achieving zero waste goals.
- Davis adds this would require education and outreach to the community and supports OSEC in investigating this further.

9. Annotated vs detailed minutes

- Kinser indicated detailed minutes require additional staff resources, and staff would like direction from the council liaisons.
- CM Davis indicated that to be consistent, minutes should be action minutes.
- CM O'Connell added meetings are taped and can be reviewed for additional detail.
- Staff will work on making the minutes more abbreviated, such as when there is a presentation.

4. Approval of the minutes

- Minutes approved

5. Chair and committee member matters

- Salmon asked for updates on other items worked on in the past, such as enclosed courtyards. CM O'Connell added concerns of the committee can be routed through staff. A list of items will be discussed.
- Salmon asked staff for an updated list of acquired acres.
- Fieldman and Hayuk were on the GBO subcommittee, and Ebel served as an alternate. Kinser will discuss the GBO subcommittee with staff.
- Fieldman attended a meeting regarding county transportation and learned of potential future plans for Hwy 101 and lane alterations. Fieldman encourages people to attend these meetings and voice their opinion.

6. Subcommittee reports

a. CAP subcommittee

- The subcommittee will work on staff CAP training, BESO ordinance and lighting ordinance. The subcommittee is continuing to work on the DIY toolkit.
- Escoffier gave an update about the request for Lipman student involvement. Student participation may likely occur during habitat restoration days. Vladimirova volunteered again to be a judge at the Lipman Science Fair for the coming year.

b. Day in the Park

- The compost containers were a success at day in the park, and were educational.
- The DIY toolkit was promoted to community members.

7. Staff updates

a. SunShares workshop

- There was a workshop on October 8th. Next month is the last month for interested parties to sign-up.

b. BAWSCA landscape lecture

- The lecture focused on native plants and planting drought-tolerant landscapes. Staff may potentially host additional lectures next year.

c. Yard waste clean-up day information

- Containers to collect yard waste will be placed out November 19-20th.

d. Dumping issues near Sierra Pt Pkwy and Lagoon Rd

- Larger trash containers have been placed out at Fisherman's Park.
- The shoulder of Sierra Point Pkwy may be UPC's property. Salmon asked for no littering signs and enforcement.

8. Future meeting dates

- The next meeting dates will be November 30th and December 20th. The committee discussed moving to the 4th Wednesday of the month beginning in January.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.