

**OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

May 15, 2019 6:30 PM  
Community Meeting Room  
Brisbane City Hall  
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

**Called to order at 6:35 PM.**

**Committee members present:** Ebel, Ankenbruck, Salmon, Fieldman, Rogers, Dykes (6:42)

**Staff members present:** Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser  
Sustainability Management Analyst Etherton  
Engineering Technician Sage

**1. Roll call**

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

Modified – Building Reach Codes item will be moved to item 4 and presented by Sven Thesen, Peninsula Clean Energy, next meeting will be considered immediately after the presentation, then Approval of April Minutes and the remainder of the agenda. Adopted as amended.

**3. Oral Communications (public comment)\***

None.

**4. Building Reach Codes Draft Proposal – Sven Thesen, Peninsula Clean Energy**

Thesen introduced the concept of Reach Codes, reasons to adopt them, and the collaborative regional effort that Peninsula Clean Energy is leading, including their \$10,000 incentive for cities. He outlined the PCE proposed codes for building electrification and electric vehicle charging, including explanation of various terminology, the statewide cost-benefit requirement and study results. Upon inquiry, Thesen noted that PCE is doing outreach to developers.

Etherton outlined the city staff proposal. OSEC recommended a higher level of EVSE installed for non-residential; 15% was proposed. Upon Thesen's recommendation, the group also discussed requiring 100% EV Ready for Large Multi-Family.

**5. Next meeting:** Field trip to Project Green Home in Palo Alto - June 19, 2019 6:30 meeting; carpool from City Hall and potluck dinner to be arranged.

## 6. Approval of the April minutes

Approved.

## 7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The committee unanimously elected Salmon as Chair and Rogers as Vice-Chair.

## 8. Subcommittee reports

- a. **Open Space** – the committee discussed meeting on May 22.
- b. **Climate Action Plan** – the committee is scheduled to meet next week. Fieldman noted the Climate Emergency Declaration and requested to add it to a future agenda; since next meeting will be a field trip the first opportunity would be July.
- c. **Events** – Salmon suggested an area near Trinity Road for the June 29 Habitat Restoration event, noted her absence for Coastal Cleanup Day which will likely be at the same location as last year on Harney Way, and suggested the committee begin planning for Day in the Park. Rogers noted her absence for the June 29 habitat event.
- d. **Education & Outreach** – Rogers spoke to library staff and has reached out to the recommended contact regarding updating the library shelf. Rogers suggested an “Earth Day is Every Day” message with books for students to read over the summer; the committee liked the idea. Etherton noted that the summer intern will be starting June 3 and can assist with this.
- e. **Festival Tree Replacement** – Kinser will work with Park and Rec to schedule meeting.
- f. **PCA Grant Application** – still no news.
- g. **Liaison for Tree Ordinance** – Salmon noted the Council discussion on the Tree Ordinance update; Kinser reported that the Council will be forming an ad hoc sub-committee at their June 6 meeting to further review the ordinance and resident concerns that were received. Ebel would like to continue on the effort.
- **Liaison for Benchmarking Ordinance** – Dykes mentioned the workshop in April. Etherton reported that the initiative now has a name, Building Efficiency Program, and expressed thanks to Salmon for meeting with staff to discuss. The second workshop is the evening of June 12 and a pre-event webinar on June 6 will walk through benchmarking a building. There is also a survey on benchmarking; it is available, along with a number of other resources, from the new program webpage at [brisbaneca.org/building-efficiency-program](http://brisbaneca.org/building-efficiency-program).

## 9. Calendar items

Staff mentioned a number of upcoming events: Picnic in the Weeds on May 20, e-waste collection on June 8, and Summer Habitat Restoration on June 29. Etherton will send Salmon the e-waste JPEG image.

## **10. Chair and committee member matters**

Ebel noted there is an Ohm hour May 16 8-9pm. Salmon reported that the next Mission Blue Native Plant Sale is June 8. Upon inquiry, Kinser reported that interviews for applicants to the committee are scheduled for June 6.

## **11. Staff updates**

Etherton:

- Reported on her Benchmarking Panel at the Municipal Green Building Conference and Expo on April 18 in Southern CA.
- Shared a picture of an Adopt-a-Spot station, six of which have been installed as a pilot; staff will work on communications about the stations.
- Attended a future of transportation event this morning where Peninsula Clean Energy and Peninsula Family Services announced a new Drive Electric program providing incentives for low-income buyers to purchase used electric vehicles.
- Noted that she will be joining the San Mateo Resource Conservation District Board; the position is a volunteer role distinct from her employment with the City of Brisbane but she expects there will be some overlapping interests.

Kinser:

- Brisbane School District having consultant do a facility assessment, including solar; they have already spent all of their Prop 68 funds. Ebel asked about windows.
- Working on a Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 grant application for the central walkway from Alvarado to San Benito; due July 25.
- Amending the Green Infrastructure design work to accommodate existing conditions, pending C/CAG approval.
- Presented about the BayREN Zero Net Energy study on the Community Pool to the San Francisco Municipal Green Building Task Force as they consider electrification to meet city's goals.

Sage:

- Reported a potential increase in state funding for Weed Management Areas in the next budget; if approved it would be a 50% funding increase in one year.

## **12. Adjourned at 9:06 PM.**

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