

**OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

August 15, 2018 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: Ankenbruck, Fieldman, Salmon, Rogers, Ebel, Treyz, Dykes

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

Public Present: Betty Seto, presenter, DNV GL; Laurie Graham; Beth Grossman

1. Roll call

2. Adoption of the agenda

Agenda adopted.

3. Oral Communications (public comment)*

Fieldman and Grossman mentioned the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS) in San Francisco September 12-14; affiliate events will be held throughout the week. Salmon noted that Ariel from San Bruno Mountain Watch is speaking at a GCAS event and reminded everyone of Mountain Watch's September 9th Pancake Breakfast. Graham stated that she has started a community organization called Friends of Guadalupe Creek to help restore the creek; look for their Facebook Page.

4. Approval of the minutes

Minutes approved.

5. Presentation on Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update for 2030 – Betty Seto, DNV GL

Consultant Betty Seto of DNV GL gave a presentation which included background and regulatory context of CAPs and their key components. Greenhouse gas emissions inventories from 2005 (the city's baseline) and 2015, as well as forecast scenarios out to 2030 were reviewed and discussed. Seto acknowledged the funding of her technical services through the County's RICAPS program and the project timeline which aims to complete the CAP by the end of 2018, driven by uncertainty around funding for the program in 2019.

The group reviewed a handout on CAP measures which had previously been considered by staff and the CAP Subcommittee. Measures flagged for additional information were discussed with Seto providing background, clarification and/or examples from other jurisdictions. Etherton requested that OSEC members further review the handout and send feedback to her by the following week, Wednesday August 22; she will send a reminder. The initial selection of measures will allow the consultant team to prepare emissions reduction estimates and cost-benefit analyses and make recommendations on the highest impact measures.

6. Consider recommending a City contribution to the Green Climate Fund

Fieldman provided background on the Green Climate Fund, established through the Paris Climate Agreement to assist developing countries with the impacts of climate change, a problem they contributed little to. The US initially pledged \$3B; when President Trump pulled the US from the agreement, he also cancelled the outstanding \$2B. Along the same lines as the “We Are Still In” pledge, which Brisbane and some 2800 other cities made stating their commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, cities, led by Seattle, are considering contributions to the fund. Fieldman noted a crowd-funding campaign for individual contributions will be launched as well.

The committee discussed the symbolic nature of the gesture and goals of demonstrating leadership, spurring further contributions from other local governments, and the statement US cities would be making to the rest of the world. Ankenbruck moved to recommend the city council consider a contribution of \$1,000, Fieldman seconded the motion, and the committee voted 6:1 in favor, with Dykes dissenting.

7. Subcommittee reports

- **Events:** Rogers reported on the subcommittee’s recent meeting in which the group agreed to host an art activity at Day in the Park of decorating ‘flags’ with themes around OSEC’s mission. The subcommittee will meet again on August 29.
- **Tree Ordinance:** Ebel noted that a meeting is planned for week of Aug 20.

8. Calendar items

- Sage asked about the time for the Coastal Cleanup Day; other city habitat restoration events have been held 9:30-12:30 but the statewide events are 9-12. The group discussed and agreed that, since our event requires shuttling participants to the cleanup site, the later time was preferable.
- Kinser noted that SSF Scavenger’s annual report to CalRecycle was recently submitted; their presentation may occur in October rather than September.

9. Chair and committee member matters

None.

10. Staff updates

- Etherton reported that the city was approved for the BayREN Municipal Zero Net Energy (ZNE) study which will evaluate feasibility of city facilities converting to ZNE; the study will kick off later this week.
- Notification of the city's Platinum Spotlight Beacon Award for 32% Agency Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reductions was also recently received; the award will be presented on September 13 at the League of California Cities' Conference.
- Etherton noted that new four-stream waste sorting bins were distributed to the Fire Station and Marina Office. The pool has a set for their office and will also receive two new sorting stations for the pool deck. These efforts used CalRecycle grant funds to improve recycling and composting services at these facilities as well as clearer signage to improve waste sorting.
- Etherton shared a simple mock-up of Adopt-a-Spot stations which will include signage, a bag dispenser and a trash receptacle, and the six locations proposed for the pilot program.
- Etherton reported EV charging station statistics from the first six months of operations, including that usage exceeded 36,000 kWh, approximately 48% of our 75,000kWh three-year goal. This marks the end of the free pilot program pricing; a fee per kilowatt-hour will be instituted beginning September 1, though the cost will continue to be partially subsidized by the city.
- Etherton also noted the Global Climate Action Summit, encouraging members to review the affiliate events, available at globalclimateactions summit.org/events-calendar/, and inform staff if they plan to attend.
- Kinser reported that the Acres Vegetation Management is planned to start in September. Staff confirmed that we will be coordinating with the HCP.
- Kinser also shared that staff had met with the private property owners where the Firth Canyon trail crosses and they are amenable to license agreements.

11. Next meeting date: September 19, 2018 6:30 PM

Ankenbruck and Treyz stated that they will be absent.

12. Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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