

**Joint Meeting**  
**BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Summary of Public Comment**  
**Baylands EIR Scoping**  
**April 2006**

**April 27, 2006:**

**1) Philip Brooks**

- Cannot forget lowland areas as critical habitat

**2) Clara Johnson**

- All infrastructure must be included in phase 1 since phase 2 may never be built
- Local streets must be specified to understand traffic patterns and infrastructure requirements
- There is inadequate parking on the Tunnel Avenue side of the Caltrian station with no easy way to get to the other side of the tracks
- If Muni is to be extended to Candlestick then analysis of this impact on traffic is needed
- Is sidewalk intended on Lagoon Road, Frontage Way and Sierra Point Parkway since there is not much room
- Hwy 101 on/off-ramps are too long by the Lagoon and will destroy this entrance to the City and if they are raised overpasses they will block views
- What does BCDC think of the proposed development extending so close to the Bay's edge
- 500 feet of greenway should be required to help dampen air and noise pollution along the Hwy 101 corridor
- Do the traffic levels forecast for Lagoon Road include the Guadalupe extension between Bayshore and Hwy 101; Lagoon Road extension is inconsistent with the General Plan
- Conceptual grading is not appropriate in the Specific Plan
- Minimum sustainability requirements are needed
- There is inadequate information on the proposed infrastructure
- The tidal wetland areas need definition
- A long term environmental mitigation monitoring plan is needed with permanent staff to implement it
- The proposed tidal marsh location is puzzling relative to Caltrain and proposed relocated Lumber Companies given flooding concerns
- What are the water usage requirements
- Emergency plans are inadequate
- There should be provision for state of the art recycling facilities
- The rail road officials should be included in the list of agencies
- Open space definition is incorrect - open space should not include the Lagoon since it's underwater
- Traffic impact of relocated lumber companies can not be ignored

- Utilities should be underground
- Environmental analysis of the river park channel west of Caltrain is needed
- Concerned about the security along the paseos between Main Street and the parking lots
- The Car Park and parking lots are too large; there is too much asphalt and concrete proposed. Cars should be stored inside
- We need more landscaped areas; the lot coverage should be reduced from the proposed 90% to 75%
- LED solar lights should be included throughout the development
- There is a risk of this becoming a derelict project due to its location and we need long term financial protections included
- Concerned about the environmental compatibility of the utilities
- We need assurances that the future individual developers will comply with the established rules – include CC&R's

**4) Ben Hodge**

- Consider tapping into tidal power

**5) Linda Salmon**

- Specific Plan lacks detail – it's still a conceptual plan
- Liquifaction is a concern and the design must address this
- The "Southern Crossing" is still on the books with the State as a possibility and the impacts of this should be included in the EIR. This would be a bridge from the Peninsula to Oakland
- Consider water transportation alternatives
- Consider where a BART connection could come through the Baylands
- Temporary uses should be considered with sunset dates
- Form a citizen's committee to develop a plan for the Baylands
- Open areas are critical in the creation of community
- Consider making the area north of the Central Channel as a site of an international trade and convention center to benefit the entire region
- Get an architect with vision to design specific buildings so the community can see what it would really look like
- Doesn't like the idea of a row of trees obstructing the lagoon views

**6) Anja Miller**

- EIR should cover entire Baylands
- Consider wind farm and golf course uses
- Solar & other renewable energy sources should be central to the development
- Use the site to showcase emerging environmentally sensitive technologies, including sustainable building materials

**7) Philip Batchelder**

- Not only should the tank farm be protected from trains but the community should be protected from tank farm
- Make this a closed loop system with regard to sewage treatment by tying an artfully designed sewage treatment plant to a wetlands (consider Arcada as an example)

**8) Michael Shumann**

- Empower the people through a more collaborative process
- Consider staffing up to be able to look deeper at alternative uses

**9) Karen Evans-Cunningham**

- Concerned about health & safety issues related to the tank farm and the proposed development, especially with regard to the air quality in the area of the tank farm and its proximity to people.
- She would like to hear answers to the various health & safety concerns

**10) William Nack (Building & Construction Trades Council)**

- Reported that the Building & Trades Council has met with the developer and they have committed to use its organization in the Phase 1 construction work and that they recognize the importance of quality construction

**11) Tom Heinz**

- Unique-Spirit-Vision, this is what the plan is not.
- Slide show presentation on what might a traveler think makes this place one that is unique, has spirit and vision – sculpture gardens, self sustaining community, restored wetlands, native landscapes, abundance of arts, museums, music circle, unusual 18 hole golf course, and world class architecture

**12) Bess**

- Tie hydropower from a dam he'd like to see at the Quarry to tidal and wind power at the Baylands

**13) Dana Dilworth**

- Require lights out at 8:00 PM to minimize light pollution
- Agricultural resources needs to be included in the EIR since there are grazing horses
- Air impacts will be significant both during and after construction
- Biological resources have not been fully delineated since the surveys were done in the wrong season
- The City is a trustee for the HCP and needs to look at consistency with the HCP
- All Toxic hot spots need to be properly and comprehensively addressed

- Consider up front clean-up of toxics including removal of some areas to return it to wetlands or Bay (reconfigure the Bay shore)
- Create a health focused walking village where automobiles are discouraged (make it difficult for cars)
- Prohibit dieseling trucks in some areas
- Consider looking at interim uses that have a sunset date
- Use multiple energy options – as many as possible
- There are concerns with the Lagoon impacts such as, algae blooms, wildlife preservation, and long term maintenance
- Is this project a financial asset or liability to the community – consider bonds and grants
- Does not see the need for an industrial area
- Make uplifting spaces ( a couple examples are provided with Arcata and Redding, see written submittal)

#### **15) John Burr**

- Would like to see a different process for citizens to be able to develop ideas – make an architect/planner available to the citizens to develop ideas
- Consider a top quality golf course, done with native grasses
- No housing will be needed. There are proposals out to add some 100,000 residents along the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, San Francisco corridor, so there will not be the need here. The EIR needs to consider these impacts as well
- Consider an ordinance to protect small businesses from the big box type stores and consider a living wage
- Liquefaction potential will require buildings to be pile supported and that will result in noise impacts during construction that could disrupt the tranquility of the residents
- What about earthquake/liquefaction impacts on infrastructure that is not supported on piles
- Ownership details need to be disclosed
- Details of the financial impacts need to be specified
- All areas indicated in the Initial Study need to be considered significant

#### **16 Kirk**

- We need to build community
- Consider uses that support the arts (kilns etc.)
- Consider story boarding the pros & cons so we can get public feedback on the various ideas

#### **Written Correspondence:**

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