



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:35 PM

ROLL CALL

- A. Consider any request of a committee member to attend the meeting remotely under the “Emergency Circumstances” of AB 2449

Committee members present: Becker (remote), Ebel, Fieldman (6:50), Nunan, Rogers, Salmon

Staff members present: Sustainability Manager, Etherton; Deputy Director of Public Works, Kinser; Sustainability Intern, Brogley

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Rogers moved to adopt the agenda and Salmon seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Salmon noted the San Bruno Mountain Watch plant sale and pancake breakfast on Sept 10; Ebel is providing gluten free batter.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Etherton noted that two correspondences were received from Dana Dilworth and forwarded to the committee today.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of July 26, 2023 – Salmon moved to adopt the agenda and Rogers seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- C. Response to Little Hoover Commission’s report on SB 1383 – Etherton introduced the draft letter and thanked Fieldman for bringing the issue to our attention. Salmon recommended breaking up the longer paragraphs for readability. Becker moved to approve the letter as amended and Salmon seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.
- D. Building Efficiency Program annual presentation – Brogley presented on the BBEP statistics for reporting year 2022 and the extensive website updates that she has been making, and she shared the new map which was updated by GIS Manager Bob Sage.
- E. Discuss goats to address gorse at west end of Crocker Trail – Fieldman shared an article from Fremontia about the use of goats. Becker confirmed that goats do like gorse. Kinser noted that we do not have budget allocated at this point, but if committee members can investigate the cost we can better determine next steps. Salmon suggested that grants may be available due to the fire break aspect. Rogers offered to

do research and get some quotes. Fieldman suggested asking if goats are appropriate for fennel management/eradication. Ebel suggested asking businesses in the vicinity to contribute since they will benefit. Salmon offered to work with Rogers.

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- Some OSEC members still need to complete sexual harassment training
- SB 1383: down to just 4 businesses and 6 residences still working to get in compliance
 - Salmon noted that the Marina docks no longer have green and blue bins
 - Etherton added that we are participating in a countywide compost outreach campaign to improve sorting habits
- EV Fast charger installation at City Hall and Mission Blue solar installation both underway
- Peninsula Clean Energy's board executive committee approved the Local Government Electrification Program last week, and it goes to the full board on 9/24; we hope this will help us proceed with the pool electrification project
- Update on PlanIT Geo: the 2022 data is the latest available, the satellite only passes over every 2 years so we would need to wait a couple years for newer; they also confirmed that the inventory can be prioritized, and said it would likely take place in Jan/Feb
- Coastal Cleanup Day is September 23 9:30-12:30 at the Marina; no RSVP needed. Salmon noted the Yacht Club's Regatta Day is the same day starting at noon.
- San Mateo Resource Conservation District, whose board Etherton serves on, just released their 15-year impact report and they are having an event on Aug 30.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – no update; will try to meet soon to finalize Day in the Park plans
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, Rogers) – no update but due to refresh library display
- *Building Decarbonization (Becker, Ebel, Fieldman) – Ebel, Fieldman & Etherton met; discussed impacts on natural gas requirements as a result of Berkeley lawsuit and hosting an event in the spring about home electrification
- *Open Space Plan Update (Calmes, Rogers, Salmon) – Kinser to send updated document and schedule meeting
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Nunan, Calmes) – Kinser spoke to the fire inspector and fire did not send the property manager a letter so it is believed that the property manager independently did some week-whacking; Kinser noted the final report from the Resource Conservation District about the frog habitat best practices
- *Invasive Species Ordinance (Becker, Fieldman, Nunan) – met a couple weeks ago and Kinser has requested a meeting with the council liaisons
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Becker, Ebel, Salmon) – Becker reported that the consultant provided input and staff polished up the ordinance; the committee is meeting Monday
- *Tree Issues (Calmes, Ebel, Salmon) – staff will proceed with PlanIT Geo
- Baylands Specific Plan subcommittees – no updates

CALENDAR ITEMS

Etherton noted Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept 23 and the launch of the SunShares program on September 1. Salmon reminded everyone to plan to support the Day in the Park booth; Etherton will send out a sign-up sheet.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – Becker thanked Nunan for chairing the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: September 27, 2023; Becker noted she will be absent.

ADJOURNED – 7:50 PM