



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 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: Armstrong, Atapattu, Becker, Rogers, Salmon, Walker. Ebel is absent.

Staff members present: Director of Public Works, Breault; Deputy Director of Public Works, Kinser; Senior Planner, Johnson; Management Analyst, Brown; Sustainability Fellow, De La Cruz

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Salmon announced June 21st Summer Solstice Celebration at the Community Park sponsored by San Bruno Mountain Watch.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Paul Bouscal, Brisbane resident, thanked the City and Committee members for assistance and presence at the Frog Habitat Restoration Day. Salmon thanked Bouscal for his work on the Frog Habitat, and Kinser mentioned that talks between City staff and owners and tenants regarding maintenance and the habitat were ongoing. Armstrong brought up that informational signage on protection of the habitat might be necessary in the future. Bouscal also mentioned the broom infestation on Ice House Hill, a viable native plant habitat, and hopes to work with Baylands to mitigate the issue as well as protect open space in the City. Salmon discussed the availability of the Baylands DEIR to the public for comment as Ice House Hill is their property, and hopes to be able to organize a volunteer group for broom cleanup at Ice House Hill at a later date.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of April 23, 2025 - Becker motioned to approve the minutes and Atapattu seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- C. Check in on OSEC Baylands DEIR assignments/review
- Kinser mentioned the revision of the due dates for comments. Baylands Specific Plan comments can be turned in later and will be considered in a public hearing in the future with the final EIR
 - Committee members to check in with staff as chapters are being completed, and will generally focus on the individual chapter assignment first

- Kinser mentioned the final discussion of comments will be at the OSEC meeting in August

NEW BUSINESS

D. Open Space Element Update – Ken Johnson, Senior Planner, Community Development

- Johnson gave a background of the plan, and its emphasis on Open Space regarding land and resources, and preserving land for future generations
- Johnson noted the timeline for the document: brought to Council in the Fall of this year, around October 2025, and finalized by January 1, 2026
- Rogers mentioned the importance of consistency in the definition of Open Space in regard to other projects taking place in the City - Johnson will work with City Staff to clearly delineate this definition.
- Salmon mentioned certain language that could be open to interpretation - Johnson to take a closer look at policies and programs, and editing language
- Johnson to send more concrete updates in July/August for OSEC review. Salmon would like to agendize a progress report on status in the next month
- Comments to be funneled through Public Works staff to forward to Planning Department

STAFF UPDATES - none

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

- Events (Becker, Salmon) – Day in the Park forthcoming, Dark Skies hike planned for August 11 Perseid meteor shower, to be in touch with Kinser on details
- Education and Outreach (Armstrong, **Rogers**, Walker) – Sub-committee met last week and decided on frogs as the subject for the library display, incorporating the grabber program into Crocker Trail. Bouscal would like to include informational video to be included in the display. De La Cruz to follow up with QR code
- Climate Action Planning (Attapatu, Ebel, Walker) – Walker discussed past meeting with of Public Art Fund, and sub-committee to meet to discuss next steps
- Open space plan update (Becker, Rogers, **Salmon**)– no updates
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (**Armstrong, Rogers, Salmon**) – Rogers suggested quarterly maintenance to be included in calendar, along with a potential mural, and signage on frog habitat maintenance
- Tree Issues (Ebel, Rogers, **Salmon**) – link to tree inventory sent to members for review. Subcommittee to meet with Kinser for updates on meeting. Bouscal brought up the importance of including native species and creating city-sponsored tree nursery with specific acorns and seeds. Breault mentioned the tree maintenance plan will be brought to City Council next Thursday
- Baylands Specific Plan subcommittees – Attapatu to join Chapter 6 review team
- Liaisons – no updates

- PCA Grant – no updates

CALENDAR ITEMS – PCE to meet with OSEC and discuss updates next meeting. De La Cruz to circle back with Bouscal on Frog habitat days, and Winter Habitat Day potential to be broom cleanup on Ice House Hill

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – none

NEXT MEETING: June 25, 2025

ADJOURN – 8:19 PM