



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 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, Calmes, Ebel, Fieldman, Rogers, Salmon

Staff members present: Sustainability Manager, Etherton; Deputy Director of Public Works, Kinser; Sustainability Fellow, Chase

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Salmon noted large pile of wood chips available for free at the Yacht Club; compost giveaway

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of March 27, 2024 – Ebel moved to approve the minutes and Salmon seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- C. Invasive Species Regulation – Kinser reported that the City Attorney determined we could write a regulation based on the existing invasive species ordinance in the fire code, which essentially means a clarification of the existing ordinance. That is completed and signed by the City Manager. The subcommittee should work on outreach.
- a. Becker shared a door hanger from another community on an invasive species and suggested it as an outreach example for both invasive species and dark skies. We would need volunteers to hang them on doors.
- D. Priority Conservation Area grant application – Becker provided an update on the subcommittee’s meetings, including consideration of properties to try to acquire and a seed bank. The group had determined that the purchase of a property currently listed for sale in the Brisbane Acres would be the best fit for the grant opportunity. Etherton shared a map of the Brisbane Acres and noted that this property would close a gap, connecting properties the city already owns. She also noted that the application would meet more grant criteria if it also

requested funding for habitat, drainage and/or public access improvements and would incorporate those into the draft Letter of Interest.

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- Confirmed that the invasive species letters were sent via certified mail to 30 nurseries on April 17. She thanked Chase for assistance with the mailing and recommended members call or visit the nurseries for follow up in the next week or two.
- Reported that the first part of the tree inventory was complete and the second arborist is coming to complete it May 7-16. Given the current tree count, they expect to cover all areas of the city including at least a portion of the Acres.
- Noted that she is working with Peninsula Clean Energy and their consultants Optony on city fleet electrification planning, and also completed the Advanced Clean Fleet reporting which is now required by the CA Air Resources Board for medium and heavy duty vehicles.
- Shared that the California Invasive Plant Council's annual symposium will be held virtually on October 23-25. The call for abstracts is due June 15, and may be a good opportunity to raise awareness of our new Invasive Species Regulation and perhaps prompt other jurisdictions to follow suit.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – Salmon reported that almost 50 attendees participated in Saturday's Earth Day event and it was a really awesome day. Etherton concurred and also noted that staff is looking at the middle two weekends of July for the summer event; members noted the third Saturday is typically the citywide yard sale.
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, Rogers) – Rogers reported on progress with the litter reduction/tree grabber program. Etherton updated that the Park and Rec Director suggested a joint meeting with the subcommittee and P&R Commission and Youth Advisory Committee; we will work to schedule that. Etherton also noted that PW Director Breault suggested trialing the "I litter because..." signs at 3-5 litter hotspots; the subcommittee should suggest locations and also recommended asking PW staff that deals with litter cleanup for recommendations.
- *Building Decarbonization (Becker, Ebel, Fieldman) – Etherton reported on the reach code discussion and direction to begin drafting a new ordinance based on the model code provided by Peninsula Clean Energy; she will follow up to schedule a meeting
- *Open Space Plan Update (Calmes, Rogers, Salmon) – Etherton shared where the plan amendment was posted on the website
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Nunan, Calmes) – Salmon will replace Calmes on the subcommittee on an interim basis; they will try to meet to discuss the plan to present to the adjacent property owners. Rogers asked to invite Paul Bouscal to the meeting.
- *Invasive Species Ordinance (Becker, Fieldman, Nunan) – covered previously
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Becker, Ebel, Salmon) – should meet again on outreach, noted tonight's hike which Chase reported had 14 registrants

- *Tree Issues (Calmes, Ebel, Salmon) – Ebel suggested revisiting our tree removal ordinance; Kinser noted needing buy-in from Planning staff to reopen. The subcommittee will meet to outline the areas of concern; Fieldman will join the subcommittee temporarily.
- Baylands Specific Plan subcommittees – no meetings or news on EIR timing; Salmon

CALENDAR ITEMS – Etherton highlighted the compost giveaway and BBEP Beyond Info Session, both on April 25. She also noted that Parks and Rec will be hosting an Energizer Station on Lagoon Way for Bike to Work Day on May 16 and is looking for volunteers, contact Ricardo Monroy or Etherton if interested.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – Becker thanked Calmes for her years of service to OSEC and her expertise and wished her the best going forward, with other members concurring.

NEXT MEETING: May 22, 2024

ADJOURNED TO DARK SKIES NIGHT HIKE AT 7:07 PM