



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 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, Nunan, Rogers, Salmon, Walker

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Nunan noted the letter from David Schooley regarding the Oak trees at Bayshore and Old County.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of August 28, 2024 - Salmon asked for clarification on an item under staff updates related to CALeVIP and DCFC; asked staff to investigate which app the code enforcement officer is using to identify plants; and inquired whether Kinser had followed up with the property owner regarding Crocker Trail frog habitat. Becker moved to adopt the minutes with corrections and Salmon seconded; Nunan and Walker abstained as they had been absent and all others voted in favor.
- Staff noticed later that the posted minutes were in fact from July, not August. Acronyms from the July minutes were spelled on the previously-approved July minutes, and August minutes will be brought back for approval.
- C. Minutes of September 25, 2024 – Becker moved to approve the minutes and Salmon seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- D. Vegetation Management Presentation by RECON Environmental, Inc. - Kinser introduced Tim Buonaccorsi and Benjamin Rose of RECON Environmental, the new contractors for Vegetation Management in the Brisbane Acres. Tim and Benjamin discussed the project goals, integration of technology, targeted species, removal methods and challenges. The focus was primarily on broom, as well as cotoneaster and Monterey Pine, and on

clearing out an area instead of limited impact across a wider area. May want to discuss future treatment of ivy and eucalyptus. RECON will share maps with staff to distribute.

- E. Discuss OSEC Comments on Quarry EIR – Etherton proposed an approach for review, including an outline with page numbers. After discussion, the chapters were split up with individuals assigned to review Chapter 4 and all individual sections of Chapter 3. All committee members will review the Executive Summary and Chapters 1, 2, and 5. Appendices will be reviewed as needed by the reviewer for the relevant subject. Etherton will email out the assignments as well as a template for submitting comments to her for compiling; comments will be due by Nov 21.

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- Helen Putnam Award of Excellence in Planning and Environmental Quality for the Brisbane Building Efficiency Program – received award last week in Long Beach
- PG&E completed their work at the Bayshore Park & Ride lot; contractors will be on site Tuesday 10/29 to swap out the chargers with updated versions and perform QA/QC. Expecting we will be up and running by the end of next week!

Chase:

- Trash Grabber Check-out Program launched, kits are available from City Hall, the Marina or the Pool during normal business hours.
- BBEP – benchmarking compliance at 95%. Notices of Violation sent last week for noncompliance with Beyond requirements to 32 buildings; 35 are in compliance and the remaining 33 are in progress.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

Becker will join, Rogers and Nunan will drop Events; Rogers will also drop Lipman Science Fair.

- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – Salmon noted the heat impacting Day in the Park and hoped Park and Rec would go back to the prior structure of 4 booths in a square, and that she felt the quantity of brochures was overwhelming.
- Education and Outreach (Rogers, Walker) – due for a library update soon; Etherton will schedule a meeting to discuss ideas.
- *Building Decarbonization (Becker, Ebel, Walker) – no update
- *Open Space Plan Update (Nunan, Rogers, Salmon) –
 - Salmon reported that the declaration of restrictions adopted in 2019 hadn't been recorded yet but that the documents for the nearly 50 properties are now being compiled to do so. Ideas have also been floated to re-zone city-owned parcels to open space instead of residential.
 - Nunan reported he had signed the letters to Acres owners; Etherton confirmed they were sent.
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Nunan, Rogers, Salmon) – Need to formalize the meeting held with the property owner. Paul Bouscal has expressed interest in leading the

volunteer work but has asked for contractor support to get started. Kinser is working with Buildings & Grounds team leader to get quotes to make a budget request.

- *Tree Issues (Ebel, Salmon) – Salmon expressed concern about street trees and other landscaping on city properties not being watered. Kinser will check into whether there was messaging about drought restrictions ending. Becker suggested this might be an education and outreach topic.
- Baylands Specific Plan subcommittees – no updates

CALENDAR ITEMS – Etherton reviewed the calendar, noting the compost giveaway starting on Nov 7 and the Winter Cleanup on Nov 16-17.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

- Rogers noted that there were folks blowing leaves and such on Visitacion; Kinser confirmed staff has been doing this in response to complaints.
- Walker asked about a subcommittee on meeting CAP goals; Etherton provided a brief history and after discussion the group agreed to agendaize for next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday December 2, 2024

ADJOURN – 8:29 PM