



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 PM

ROLL CALL

- A. Consider any request of a committee member to attend the meeting remotely under the “Emergency Circumstances” of AB 2449 – none.

Committee members present: Becker, Ebel, Fieldman, Rogers, Salmon

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ebel moved to adopt the agenda and Fieldman seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of February 22, 2023 – Salmon asked to amend the dark skies discussion to “move forward with modifying staff drafted ordinance”. Etherton noted a correction to Nunan’s name. Salmon moved to approve the minutes and Ebel seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- C. Discuss review of Baylands Specific Plan –
- a. Etherton noted the specific plan had been released and that comments on it would be submitted with comments on the Draft EIR; she recommended an ad hoc subcommittee be formed to review and draft comments for the committee to review and submit.
 - b. The committee discussed various options for tackling the work. The group agreed to skim the specific plan before the next meeting so everyone has a better sense of the issues and how the work might be divvied up into multiple separate subcommittees. Ebel asked staff to check with legal if the committee can break up the review by chapters. Becker will notify Calmes and Nunan of the plan.
- D. Consider resolution of support for SB 252 requiring CalPERS and CalSTRS to divest from fossil fuels – Fieldman provided background, noting that the committee had recommended an almost identical resolution last year which the City Council had passed. Salmon moved to recommend the resolution and Rogers seconded; the motion

was adopted unanimously. Fieldman inquired about the timeline to take to Council; Etherton expected that it would be the next meeting or possibly two.

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- EV chargers at Mission Blue and City Hall available; Bayshore construction will pick back up in April but chargers won't be available until PG&E completes service upgrade. Working to complete CALeVIP grant reporting. Ebel asked about the fast charger at the Brisbane Village; Etherton responded that we will need to find funding to replace this unit. Since most grants don't cover replacement we will request funding in the next budget cycle. Fieldman asked about Inflation Reduction Act funding; most of these rebates and grants are not yet available, though IRA tax credits are and there are other state and federal grants.
- Working on a Climate Adaptation Planning grant application to state. Reaching out to potential community partners, San Bruno Mountain Watch has agreed and one other is likely; would engage additional groups if awarded.
- Building Efficiency Program: benchmarking reporting link is ready and notifications going out soon; Beyond phase work still in progress but should be rolling out early April; ordinance amendment in the works for a few clean-up items, trying to get to council April 6.
- SB1383 violations and citations – down to just 26 non-compliant addresses.
- Fieldman asked about gorse and pampas grass in San Bruno Mountain; Etherton will look for an update from the Natural Resources Coordinating group's minutes or County staff directly.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS * = ad hoc

- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – Etherton shared Sage's promo for Earth Day on April 22 at the Northeast Ridge
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, Rogers) – Etherton shared the draft posters for the next library display on organic waste, being developed in partnership with Scavenger
- Baylands Subcommittee (Rogers) – no updates; Ebel noted the developer has had two public meetings on their specific plan
- *Building Decarbonization (Becker, Ebel, Fieldman) – Etherton reported there has been a lot of interesting work happening regionally and statewide; she'll try to schedule a meeting in April
- *Open Space Plan Update (Calmes, Rogers, Salmon) – Rogers reported that the subcommittee met without staff; Kinser will send them a soft copy of the plan
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Nunan, Calmes) – Rogers reported that the area is looking very good, likely thanks to Bouscal and Nunan. Etherton noted that the RCD is proceeding with their work and expects to provide their deliverables by June. Salmon

asked about weed abatement; Kinser said she could work with fire to ensure that property did not receive a notice as happened last year.

- *Invasive Species Ordinance (Becker, Fieldman, Nunan) – Kinser is awaiting an estimate for the cost of removing invasives on city properties; once she has that the subcommittee should schedule a meeting.
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Becker, Ebel, Salmon) – Etherton asked Salmon to complete the doodle poll so the next meeting could be scheduled
- *Tree Issues (Calmes, Ebel, Salmon) – the subcommittee will meet without staff
- *Sierra Point Park Planning (Ebel) – no subcommittee meeting to report on but there has been some discussion on social media
- *Lipman Science Fair Judging (Ebel, Rogers) – certificates were delivered; we will make this subcommittee inactive

CALENDAR ITEMS – The group discussed trying to get more STAR articles; a dark skies article in June to coincide with the solstice was suggested. Fieldman offered to write one and asked Etherton to confirm the wordcount.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – Salmon asked to agendaize the Quarry Project since the Council had agreed to allow OSEC to comment. Rogers asked about the Crocker trail resurfacing; Kinser noted the RFP had just been released and the award was expected to go to council in May with work starting in June.

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2023 – Becker noted she will be travelling and would try to join remotely with noticing.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:08 PM