



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 22, 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

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Salmon announced that there are still wood chips at the yacht club.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of April 24, 2024 – Becker moved to approve the minutes and Salmon seconded; the motion was adopted with Nunan abstaining due to absence.

NEW BUSINESS

- C. Vegetation Management Plan - Kinser introduced the proposal from Recon, a new contractor whose foreman worked with previous contractor Mark Health. The annual budget is \$25,000.
- a. Salmon asked to address the ivy in Firth, Costaños and Sierra Point Canyons, particularly the first two as they are both heavily used and had significant disturbance in the past. Kinser can request a quote and bring it back for OSEC consideration; it is too late to be included in the next fiscal year budget request so would have to be a specific request to Council.
 - b. Becker asked about the list of invasives they would use for removal; Kinser responded that we would provide that, and also noted that the County requests the contractors map all invasives removed in CalFlora.
 - c. Becker also asked about requesting they use electric leaf blowers.
 - d. Nunan moved and Salmon seconded approval of the contract; all voted in favor.

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- The Power Purchase Agreement with Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) and Interconnection Agreement with PG&E have been signed for the solar installation at the New Brisbane Library. Salmon requested notifying Ray and Anja Miller; Etherton will email.
- PG&E application for pool heating electrification project was resubmitted and we are working on an application for PCE's GovBE which we hope will round out the funding.
- Final reporting on CALeVIP funding for EV chargers submitted; still awaiting a date from PG&E to complete the Bayshore installation which is funded by a direct PCE grant.
- Building Efficiency Program deadline was last week; 48 buildings are in compliance with benchmarking, a few pending and many more not yet submitted.
- PlanIT Geo's public tree inventory field work was completed; final deliverables and closeout are pending.
- Quarry EIR is tentatively expected by the end of June and Baylands will follow in the fall; they will not be open simultaneously.
- One applicant thus far for the open OSEC seat; Salmon noted applications close June 5.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – Rogers noted we haven't met; will need to start talking about Day in the Park in the next couple months.
 - Salmon asked about a summer event; Etherton noted planning for a Summer Habitat Restoration on July 13, pending confirmation with Mountain Watch.
 - Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21; Salmon asked about coordinating with the Yacht Club to host their Regatta Day on the same date again, Etherton confirmed that would be welcome. Etherton also noted that she and Director Breault had met with Jordan Bow of Royal Hawaiian Seafood and he asked about including a small beach on the north side of Sierra Point in the cleanup. Salmon added that Bow is starting a project to renew oyster beds in the vicinity.
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, Rogers) – met with Park and Rec Commissioners and Youth Advisory Committee members about addressing litter in town, including grabber check-out program, signage, artwork, and possibly an event in summer or fall, and focusing our booth at Day in the Park on litter.
- PCA Grant (Becker, Ebel, Nunan) – Application was submitted; invitations for full applications will be out June 6 and due late August.
- *Building Decarbonization (Becker, Ebel, Fieldman) – Becker reported on the subcommittee's meeting about reach codes with consultant support from TRC; Etherton updated she's worked with TRC to make the changes discussed and will be circulating to internal staff for review shortly. We are tentatively hoping to take them to City Council on July 18.
- *Open Space Plan Update (Calmes, Rogers, Salmon) – Kinser apologized that she hadn't yet checked with the City Attorney about Becker and Nunan's ability to participate.

- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Nunan, Salmon) – Rogers reported meeting with subcommittee and Paul Bouscal to discuss a proposal for the property owner; Kinser has reviewed and will send it back with a couple comments and circulate to other staff.
- *Invasive Species Ordinance (Becker, Fieldman, Nunan) – Becker reported the regulation was slightly revised and asked about the presentation opportunity; Etherton noted it was for Cal-IPC's annual conference in October with the abstract submission deadline in mid-June. Kinser noted outreach in the Luminary and Star and suggested meeting to work on the abstract and a cheat-sheet for code enforcement.
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Becker, Ebel, Salmon) – no meeting but we did the dark skies hike after last meeting with about 20 attendees joining. We didn't have the best sightlines for some parts of town but had a very enjoyable time viewing the dark skies. Continued outreach is needed.
- *Tree Issues (Calmes, Ebel, Salmon) – waiting to get back the results from the inventory; also want to outline issues with the existing tree removal ordinance. Kinser will try to schedule a meeting. Becker asked about resources to recommend tree species and locations for plantings.
- Baylands Specific Plan subcommittees – no updates
- Will postpone subcommittee reorganization to July.

CALENDAR ITEMS – Etherton reviewed the calendar. Kinser added that she had sent the subcommittee the prior version of the Acres letters to property owners and asked them to suggest revisions via email.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – Rogers asked about drainage issues on Crocker Trail; Kinser responded about the plans in process and that the work is likely to take place in a few weeks.

NEXT MEETING: July 24, 2024

ADJOURNED – 7:27 PM