



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. • Virtual Meeting

MEETING SETUP AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 PM

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Becker, Calmes, Ebel, Fieldman, Nunan, Salmon

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Nunan moved to adopt the agenda and Salmon seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salmon announced that San Bruno Mountain Watch is hosting a book signing celebration November 19th for San Bruno Mountain Flora by Doug Allshouse and Dr. David Nelson.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Minutes of September 28, 2022 – Etherton noted the header has been corrected from Agenda to Minutes. Salmon moved to approve the minutes, Fieldman seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- B. Discuss Invasive Species Ordinance proposal
- Kinser and Becker introduced the subcommittee’s work to date. The group recommended focusing on a short list of invasive plants which are of greatest concern to San Bruno Mountain to keep the ordinance brief and manageable. All plants would be prevented from being planted, with small subsets either designated as plants which must be removed, or which must be cleared 1’ from the perimeter of property lines.
 - The group discussed various edits to the table, which are shown below in red.
 - Kinser reported that Planning commented enforcement of not planting is easy for new development, but otherwise enforcement would be challenging and may require resources beyond those the city already has to do routine checks as is done with annual weed abatement by fire
 - Fieldman asked about the cost to the city of addressing the “must remove” category on City properties; Kinser will be looking into the costs

- Becker inquired about a timeframe to remove; Kinser noted this may depend on the resources needed to address city properties as the subcommittee didn't want to give the city a different timeline than residents. Becker suggested separate timelines for developed properties versus trails and undeveloped properties; Salmon suggested by size of property with larger properties required to make a plan and having a number of years to implement it
- Fieldman asked about the County addressing pampas grass in the park; Etherton reported it had been mentioned on a county work plan and Salmon suggested mentioning it at the upcoming San Bruno Mountain Natural Resources Coordinating Meeting

Common	Latin	Do not plant	Must remove	Clear 4' 2' perimeter from all property lines
Broom (any), Gorse		X	X	
Jubota, Pampas Grass	Cortaderia selloana	X	X	
Cotoneaster, pyracantha	Cotoneaster panossus, lacteus, frachetii, integrifolius	X	X	
Bugle	Ajuga reptans	X		X
Ivy (any)	Hedera (any), Delairea odorata	X	from any protected tree	X
Ice Plant	Ice Plant (any)	X		X
Himalayan blackberry	Rubus armeniacus	X		X
Acacia (any)		X		
Coppertips (bulb), Fire Lily	Crocsmia	X		
Eucalyptus (any)		X		
Fennel	Foeniculum vulgare	X		X
Cherry plum and Myrobalan plum	Prunus cerasifera	X		X
Coral Seas Passion Flower Vine	Passiflora Jamesonii	X		X
Pincushion flower	Scabiosa atropurpurea	X		

- C. Recommendation of a letter supporting Dana Dilworth's inquiries on Amending Waste Discharge Requirements for Bayfront Landfills
- Etherton clarified that the letter would in fact come from OSEC, not be recommended to the Council. Committee members asked that it go through Council.
 - Fieldman noted that she spoke with Dilworth before she drafted the letter; Dilworth's letter included a lot of details but Fieldman wanted to keep this

simple and focused on the need for a comprehensive process including community participation and based in research.

- Salmon expressed concern over the difficulty reading and suggested breaking up into five shorter paragraphs. Becker asked that references to “we” or “us” be removed. Etherton can make these changes.
- Nunan moved that Etherton complete the minor edits and recommend the letter to Council, Salmon seconded; the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- Reminded members to set up city emails—we are switching over now—and to send a favorite picture so we can update our committee members slide
- Note that presentations will now be posted to the meeting page after the meeting, per protocol recommended by the City Clerk
- Building Efficiency Program is down to just two buildings not submitted for 2021 after issuing citations. Staff is working with Touchstone IQ to get new software set up and ready for Beyond Benchmarking
- EV chargers: completed a change order to install make-ready infrastructure for future fast charger at City Hall since that portion of the grant funding didn’t come through; unfortunately the attempted fix of the Brisbane Village charger was unsuccessful and we have not been able to get a further update from ChargePoint despite multiple attempts

Kinser:

- Reported that the Tree Subcommittee’s list of street trees that had been removed and not replaced is being addressed; two have been replaced and others are in the works
- Deep root watering of street trees is continuing; they are expanding to look at trees off the main streets as well
- The Poplars at the Marina are dying due to the marine environment, they are researching alternatives that will do better in that environment

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Climate Action Plan (Becker, Ebel, Fieldman) – will meet Monday Nov 14th
- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – Salmon asked about a winter planting day; Etherton reported that Mountain Watch suggested Feb 4
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, **Rogers**) – Etherton noted Fieldman wrote an article for the November STAR on gas appliances and indoor air quality; the group agreed that Day in the Park was a great success; Kinser noted a blurb in the email blast about watering trees
- *Open Space Plan Update (Calmes, Rogers, Salmon) – Salmon reported that the addition of six parcels to the Priority Preservation Area and recommended change to the criteria was approved by Council on October 20; Salmon asked that the letter usually sent to property owners be sent to these newly designated parcels; Kinser noted there is still some work to do to formally update the plan and map

- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Salmon, Calmes) – awaiting response from RCD about recommendations; Kinser noted that Paul Bouscal continues to work on the area
- *Invasive Species Ordinance (Becker, Fieldman, Nunan) – covered under New Business
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Becker, **Ebel**, Salmon) – Salmon and Ebel reported that the planning staff expressed concern about enforcing the ordinance the subcommittee had drafted and recommended an approach similar to the ordinance the City of Malibu has which meets most of the criteria. Sustainability Assistant Regan did a comparison of the two versions which the subcommittee will work through at their next meeting on Nov 9
- *Tree Issues (Calmes, **Ebel**, Salmon) – the subcommittee reported on a brochure shared at Day in the Park, the blurb in the blast, and the work to water street trees
- *Sierra Point Park Planning (Ebel) – Ebel reported they haven't met again. Kinser noted that a Complete Streets Safety Committee member was added to the subcommittee.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Etherton reviewed the 2022 and preliminary 2023 calendars. Salmon suggested discussing the work plan at the November meeting.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

- Becker reminded that the Winter Cleanup is coming up on November 4

NEXT MEETING: November 30, 2022

ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 PM