



# CITY of BRISBANE

## Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

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### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 PM**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Consider any request of a committee member to attend the meeting remotely under the “Emergency Circumstances” of AB 2449

Committee members present: Nunan, Rogers, Salmon, Walker. Atapattu and Becker were absent.

Staff members present: Assistant City Manager, Fernandez; Sustainability Fellow, De La Cruz

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – Committee members acknowledged that the meeting coincided with Earth Day and shared reflections on environmental stewardship and community action.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of March 25, 2025 – Salmon moved to adopt the agenda and Nunan seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### **PRESENTATION**

- B. Update on Sea Level Rise Lagoon Study from Schaaf & Wheeler
- Robin Lee presented an overview of the Brisbane Lagoon Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan, a Caltrans grant-funded planning effort focused on mitigating flooding risks caused by rising sea levels/tides from San Francisco Bay and increased stormwater runoff into Brisbane Lagoon
  - Upcoming public meeting April 30 5:30-7:30 PM at the Brisbane Library including expanded presentation of alternatives, public Q&A, display boards, and art competition showcase
  - Project team to take feedback from Committee for potential revision and inclusion in report
  - Team and City Staff to continue collecting community feedback and engagement

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- C. Select Representative for David Schooley Acknowledgment
- The Committee discussed selecting a representative to participate in an ad hoc group related to the David Skoolie acknowledgement plaque project

- City staff explained that City Council previously approved funding for the plaque, and each committee was asked to appoint one representative to participate in discussions regarding: Plaque placement, plaque design/appearance, and elated project details
- Nunan nominated Salmon, Rogers seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- Staff to coordinate next steps for plaque planning discussions

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **D. Tree Subcommittee Free Tree Program**

- Vice-chair Rogers presented a draft framework for the Free Tree program
- Salmon mentioned the potential future coordination with Habitat Conservation Plan trustees to adjust rules for tree management in the Northeast Ridge, including phased replacement, canopy control, and HOA support.
- Sustainability Manager Adrienne Etherton and GIS Manager Bob Sage to present the tree inventory and mapping (including planting areas, removal needs, and canopy gaps) to City Council at the second meeting in May
- Staff to ensure public-facing access to the tree inventory and maps following Council presentation.
- Discussion on possibility of staff working with All Ages Committee to integrate bench installation with tree planting to ensure shaded seating areas.
- Staff to confirm if Sierra Point is included in tree canopy plan and consider appropriate strategies due to planting limitations at landfill
- Future potential development of a local tree nursery/farm, Free Tree Program (with emphasis on creating standards for species and placement), and community-based Tree Advisory volunteer group

## **STAFF UPDATES**

- Staff thanked committee members for participating in the Owl Canyon Earth Day habitat restoration event
- Fernandez announced that Sustainability Manager Etherton will be returning and is expected to resume leadership/support responsibilities for Committee beginning in May
- Staff and Committee to develop expanded Dark Skies and Invasive Species outreach following successful presentation by Walker and Rogers to Council regarding Committee's Work Plan and Accomplishments
- Newest Committee member Hannah Carney to be sworn in Thursday, May 7
- Mental Health Walk scheduled Saturday, May 9 at Crocker Park Trail

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION**

- Events (Becker, Salmon) – none
- Education and Outreach (**Rogers**, Walker) – none
- Climate Action Planning (Atapattu, Becker, Walker) – none
- Open Space Plan update (Nunan, Rogers, **Salmon**) – none
- \*Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Nunan, **Rogers**, Salmon) – Staff to continue legal/site review regarding frog habitat
- Tree Subcommittee Meeting (Rogers, **Salmon**) – Continue work on Free Tree Program
- Liaisons (Rogers, **Walker**) – none
- PCA Grant (**Becker**, Salmon) – none
- Dark Skies – Develop expanded outreach efforts, and add members
- Sierra Point Park Planning (Rogers) – none
- Invasive Species – Develop expanded outreach efforts, and add members

**CALENDAR ITEMS** – Earth Week Compost Giveaway April 23 for community members, information available on City website

**CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS** – none

**NEXT MEETING:** May 27, 2026

**ADJOURN – 7:53 PM**