



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. • Virtual Meeting

MEETING SETUP AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO ORDER – 6:36 PM

ROLL CALL

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ebel shared that she won't be able to attend Day in the Park.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of August 24, 2022 –Salmon moved to approve the minutes, Fieldman seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously by roll call vote except Ebel who abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

- B. Annual waste diversion report – Teresa Montgomery, South San Francisco Scavenger Co
- The 2021 Annual Report is nearly complete but hasn't been finalized by CalRecycle, so Montgomery shared statistics from 2020 instead. She explained the methodology CalRecycle uses, dividing the total waste sent to landfill by population and then separately by employment within the jurisdiction. In 2020, total disposal was 6719 tons; divided by population = 8 lbs/person/day and divided by employment = 4.7 lbs/person/day. The group discussed the shortfalls of this methodology. Montgomery shared statistics for other jurisdictions as a comparison and noted that Brisbane has been very similar for several years.
 - Montgomery discussed outreach, including Ozzy the Organic cart ads and short videos she's been posting on YouTube/social media. She also noted the

Disposable Foodware Ordinance going into effect Oct 1. Salmon encouraged her to post on Residents of Brisbane Facebook group, and MCTV offered to share.

- Montgomery discussed lid flipping as required by SB1383 and some of the common problems discovered, including that bags should not be used in green or blue carts. Committee members also asked specific sorting questions.

C. Recommending a letter encouraging a federal Climate Emergency Declaration – Nunan moved and Fieldman seconded recommending the council send the letter; the committee voted unanimously by roll call in support

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- Reported that the water bottle filling station for police was recently completed, and the City Hall heat pump water heater was also installed last week, inspection tomorrow.
- Technician scheduled Oct 4 to replace the modem for the Brisbane Village fast charger which will hopefully bring it back to operational.
- Attended the CA Climate & Energy Collaborative's Annual Forum which provided valuable information, sessions and connections to incorporate into our work
- Coastal Cleanup Day's 25 attendees collected 12 bags of recyclables estimated at 150 pounds and 30 bags of trash estimated at 250 pounds. Some bulky items were also reported to Marina staff for follow up, though no particularly unusual items were found.
- Reminded members to set up their city email and send a favorite pic for the committee members slide.

Kinser added that staff will send an email to everyone when we're switching over emails. She also noted that the City has business cards for members; we can bring them to Day in the Park.

Regan reported that she and Etherton are working on transition to new BBEP software and preparation for Beyond Benchmarking requirements for commercial buildings beginning next year.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Climate Action Plan (Becker, Ebel, Fieldman) – will meet Monday Oct 24th
- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – the group discussed coverage and materials for Day in the Park booth
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, **Rogers**) – Fieldman noted she is working on a STAR article about fossil gas use and indoor air quality; Etherton added that some additions are being made to the city's Environmental Policy and Governance page
- *Open Space Plan Update (Calmes, Rogers, Salmon) – Kinser reported that the addition of six parcels to the covered area is on the Council agenda for October 6
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Salmon, Calmes) – Rogers reported on the subcommittee's meeting with consultants from the San Mateo Resource Conservation District, who will be providing recommendations. Kinser added that she found an older biological report which she passed on to the RCD and will forward to the subcommittee, and is also consulting with the city's Utility Engineer about drainage requirements

- *Invasive Species Ordinance (Becker, Fieldman, Nunan) – Salmon and Fieldman noted emails from Ariel at Mountain Watch with a longer list of invasive species. Becker reported that the subcommittee met and discussed keeping the ordinance simple, with a list of 12-14 plants that should not be planted, must be removed, or must be cleared 1' around perimeter of your property. Kinser will check in with PW and Code Enforcement about whether the subcommittee's vision is realizable. The subcommittee needs to meet to discuss Ariel's suggestions further. Fieldman noted invasives for sale at Flowercraft and her discussion with the assistant manager; she wants to follow up with an email version of the letter we've previously sent to nurseries. Calmes also suggested contacting Pacific Nursery, the wholesale supplier. Committee members asked about the frequency of the letters to nurseries; Kinser suggested there was more value in having the face-to-face contact like Fieldman did and following up with the details in writing. Kinser asked about meeting options; the group agreed to a Friday at 2.
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Becker, **Ebel**, Salmon) – meeting Wed Oct 5
- *Tree Issues (Calmes, **Ebel**, Salmon) – meeting Tues Oct 4. Calmes drafted a tree brochure; Kinser noted that we wouldn't be able to complete the plant list in time but will instead add a plug for tree bags/gators and complete for use at Day in the Park.
- *Sierra Point Park Planning (Ebel) – reported on the opening visioning meeting held on Sept 26; the consultant was impressive and has a lot to offer. Ebel invited members to share any input for her to pass along. Salmon expressed disappointment that there seemed to be a lot of focus on art and not sustainability, though Ebel tried to push sustainability, and also noted the consultants will be at Day in the Park to receive input and encouraged participation.
- Salmon asked about poplar trees being cut down in the lawn at the Marina; Kinser will look into it

CALENDAR ITEMS

Etherton noted potential agenda items for the next meeting. Salmon requested review of follow up from last month's minutes for action items; Kinser suggested emailing staff.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

- Calmes noted the website needs to be updated with the current committee chair and vice chair
- Salmon asked that the presenter's slides be included with the minutes; Etherton needs to check with the City Clerk as to the proper way to post

NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2022

ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 PM