



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:30 PM • City Hall 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

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TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

IN PERSON

Location: 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005, Community Meeting Room

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- [B.](#) Letter from David Schooley

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- [C.](#) Minutes of August 28, 2024
- [D.](#) Minutes of September 25, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

- E. Vegetation Management Presentation by RECON Environmental, Inc.
- F. Discuss OSEC Comments on Quarry EIR

STAFF UPDATES

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CALENDAR ITEMS

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

NEXT MEETING: Monday December 2, 2024 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

File Attachments for Item:

B. Letter from David Schooley

David Schooley
102 Monterey St.
Brisbane, CA 94005

Sept. 5, 2024

Mayor, Council Members, Staff
and people of Brisbane

We are concerned about the oak grove at the entrance into Brisbane [Old Bay Shore and Old County Road]. We planted those San Bruno Mtn. Coast Live Oaks [*Quercus agrifolia*] in winter 1986, near the old Bank of America parking lot, further east from the banking drive-in.

From the 70's we have been planting oaks, buckeyes and islays, first along the Quarry Road, then city paths and Old Bay Shore. Many of these have grown strong and tall, simply as native borders and paths [but also to balance against the past, much earlier non-native eucalyptus trees on the bulldozer cuts along the Old Bay Shore].

Our hiking group hopes that the Council, City Staff and people of Brisbane will help and take care for this oak grove and similar areas can be done as native habitat by the Bay, including San Bruno Mtn. plants like Lupine, Sage, Fern, Goldenrod, Fescue Grasses, etc., as well as, enhancing, pruning, or even benches to sit there.

Any questions about these oaks, please call ; 415-994-4104.

Thank you



David Schooley

File Attachments for Item:

C. Minutes of August 28, 2024



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Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 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, Ebel, Fieldman (arrived 6:36), Nunan, Rogers, Salmon

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Salmon noted a San Bruno Mountain Watch Maker event on Saturday. Fieldman announced that she would be resigning after the August meeting; fellow members shared that they were sorry to see her go and thanked her for her service.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Chris Florkowski noted there were many questions on the Residents of Brisbane Facebook page and suggested quarterly presentations from Scavenger on waste sorting. Becker noted that Scavenger staff presents to OSEC annually in the fall, and Etherton noted that the Sort Smart feature on Scavenger’s website is a great resource.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of May 22, 2024 – Salmon moved to approve the minutes and Nunan seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- C. Presentation on Reach Codes – Etherton reported that the reach codes presented had passed unanimously at the City Council meeting on July 18. The code is three parts: repeal of unenforceable all-electric requirements due to legal rulings; replacement with a more traditional “performance based” reach code which allows natural gas but sets a higher efficiency standard which is easier to achieve with all-electric buildings and requires pre-wiring for future conversion of any gas equipment installed; and electric vehicle requirements which were slightly updated in response to the state’s intervening code which went into effect on July 1.
- D. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Salmon nominated Nunan as Chair, Becker seconded; Nunan nominated Salmon as Vice Chair, Becker seconded. Becker moved to approve the ticket as proposed and was unanimously approved.

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- library display updated with dark skies content in mid-June; litter for next display ~ late Aug
- coordinating with other staff on details of trash grabber check-out program, will likely host at multiple city sites and our Day in the Park booth
- PCE grant for pool application submitted June 21st, expecting news by Fri; PG&E/CPUC review also under way as of July 1st; working through some hurdles on PG&E new service
- Bayshore EV stations will have a PG&E subcontractor on site tomorrow running conduit but we're still waiting on energization/completion date, hopefully in August or Sept latest
- Also some back and forth on CALeVIP reporting for DCFC at City Hall trying to close it out
- Attended, along with Alejandra, the CA Climate & Energy Collaborative's Annual Forum & the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition meeting in Palm Springs June 24-26
- Working on CalRecycle Annual Report and Building Efficiency Program reporting to CA Energy Commission, both due Aug 1st
- BayREN single family program and Home Energy Advisor to sunset by Oct 31st or when incentives run out
- SunShares group solar + storage purchasing program will open Sept 1st

Kinser:

- Reported discussing with Code Enforcement officer who is using an app to identify plants for invasive species regulation; may invite him to a future meeting to further discuss enforcement actions
- Construction underway to address drainage issues on Crocker Trail
- Had planned to put out to bid the walkway at Alvarado to San Benito; Council wanted to consider public art so it may not move forward until the spring, but it does have to be built by next summer for grant funds

Chase:

- Working on benchmarking compliance: 99 reports received, 85 in compliance of 100 buildings in program. Have been doing more targeted phone call outreach for Beyond requirements; audit reports are coming in with 15 buildings in compliance and 9 more in the process of getting their audits.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

Will hold off on reorganization until new member Anthony Walker is seated; no known date for that yet. Committee members encouraged that to happen before their next meeting if possible. Members noted during updates where they were willing to step off a subcommittee so Walker had an idea of opportunities before he joined the group.

- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – Etherton reported that there were 15 attendees at the summer habitat restoration event on Saturday; Rogers suggested a focus on the litter cleanup program at Day in the Park, will plan for a subcommittee meeting late Aug. Rogers expressed willingness to step off the subcommittee.

- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, Rogers) – Becker recommended a focus on invasives as well since the regulation is now in effect. With Fieldman leaving, Rogers will stay on for continuity.
- PCA Grant (Becker, Ebel, Nunan) – Becker reported that we were not selected to move forward, Etherton added that the feedback from PCA staff was positive, and we were recommended to negotiate a firm price with the landowner and resubmit next year. Will move this subcommittee to inactive and note on the calendar for early 2025 to try to begin negotiations.
- *Building Decarbonization (Becker, Ebel, Fieldman) – covered by reach code presentation. Fieldman’s departure will create an opening on this subcommittee.
- *Open Space Plan Update (Rogers, Salmon) –
 - Salmon mentioned the zoning code updates in response to SB9 and asked if OSEC could make a recommendation to Council opposing the rezoning of the Brisbane Acres parcels; she also noted the sale of City surplus property and asked that the funds received be used for open space acquisition if the sale moves forward – Salmon asked that these issues be agendized for the August meeting with the committee concurring
 - Members asked about conflict of interest issues to participate on this committee; Kinser read the response from the City Attorney indicating that committee members are not subject to the City’s Conflict of Interest Code, thus the usual issues do not apply; if a member cannot be unbiased they should self-recuse.
 - Nunan will join the subcommittee to work on drafting a letter for the committee to consider next month
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Nunan, Salmon) – Kinser recently presented the issue to the new city manager and he asked for additional information; the City wants the property owner’s agreement for work to be done on their property
- *Invasive Species Ordinance (Becker, Fieldman, Nunan) – Becker noted they haven’t met but should discuss outreach about the regulation; Becker will schedule a meeting
 - Fieldman noted hearing from a resident that was upset about the requirement to remove ivy and suggested considering incentives or penalties
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Becker, Ebel, Salmon) –
 - Kinser noted the planning staff asked about compliance with the ordinance for her walkway lighting project
 - Etherton reported that the code enforcement officer has been talking with property owners and had success with some businesses pointing their lighting downwards, and he noted a local resident told him he’s collecting problem properties to report on as soon as the ordinance becomes effective on March 1
 - Etherton will add the Neighbor-to-neighbor letter to the dark skies webpage and be sure to note not to put it in someone else’s mailbox!
- *Tree Issues (Ebel, Salmon) –

- Ebel provided some feedback on the list of issues to discuss with planning staff on the ordinance; Kinser reminded that the subcommittee was to re-watch some past meetings on this issue before meeting—she will resend the list
- Etherton reported the public tree inventory was complete and we are working with GIS staff to see if we can incorporate the data into our systems or we should continue with a PlanIT Geo subscription; hoping to provide a presentation on this to OSEC in the next couple of months
- Becker brought up replacing trees coming down with the right trees for future climate conditions. Chase reported she had done research regarding tree removal and replanting policies in other jurisdictions. Calmes had been working on a new street tree list before her departure and that work also needs to be carried forward.
- Baylands Specific Plan subcommittees – Becker asked if we had heard anything about the Baylands or Quarry EIRs; Etherton said she had heard Quarry might be in fall. No updates on these subcommittees.

CALENDAR ITEMS – Etherton reviewed the calendar, noting that we have several agenda items that will be coming forward in the coming months but are not sure yet the timing/order of them. She added that the Civil Grand Jury had recently released a report about compost/SB1383 that the City has to respond to by Oct 9 so we may cover this with the Scavenger annual report. Also noted that we will have one combined meeting for Nov/Dec due to holidays, Coastal Cleanup Day on Sept 21 and Day in the Park on Oct 5.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – none.

NEXT MEETING: August 28, 2024

ADJOURNED – 7:47 PM

File Attachments for Item:

D. Minutes of September 25, 2024



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Wednesday, September 25, 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, Ebel, Salmon, Walker

Staff members present: Sustainability Manager, Etherton; Deputy Director of Public Works, Kinser; Sustainability Fellow, Chase; City Clerk Padilla (through Approval of the Minutes)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – City Clerk Padilla shared that her office, along with the City Manager and HR Departments have moved across the street to the City Hall Annex at 25 Park Place. She provided a friendly reminder from the legal counsel for committee members to use their city-issued email accounts. As the City Clerk, she handles public records requests and not using city emails could subject your personal accounts to review.

Salmon noted Day in the Park coming up on Saturday October 5.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of August 28, 2024 – postponed

NEW BUSINESS

- C. SSF Scavenger Annual Presentation on Waste Diversion – Teresa Montgomery and Frida Pensamiento, South San Francisco Scavenger Company
- Montgomery provided 2023 disposal data for Brisbane; the total disposed and pounds per resident or per employee are similar to 2021 and 2022. Approximately 63% of waste generated was diverted from landfill.
 - Montgomery described the SB1383 procurement requirement and how Brisbane is meeting it through renewable gas and heat created at Scavengers’ anaerobic digestion facility, as well as compost they donated to the community and the City purchased through a countywide collaboration with the Resource Conservation District that applies compost to local farms.

- Montgomery stressed that bioplastics should be put in your landfill cart and explained how they, or other kinds of plastics such as plastic bags, contaminate the compost stream.
- The group also discussed “wishcycling” (when in doubt, throw it out!); proper disposal of batteries and the fire dangers those pose when improperly disposed; not recycling broken glass or dishes and other non-container glass; e-waste; and takeout cups and gable-top/aseptic containers that are lined and thus not compostable.
- Several residents asked questions about specific sorting challenges, a lawsuit against Exxon, how to change the waste system as a whole. Chris Florkowski challenged Brisbane to become a Zero Waste city, and requested the City organize a tour of Ox Mountain Landfill, while Beth Grossman asked for a residents’ tour of Blue Line and that all schoolkids get a tour.

STAFF UPDATES – none.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

Becker moved and Ebel seconded, with unanimous approval, to disband the Dark Skies and Invasive Species subcommittees as their work has finished.

Walker will join Building Decarbonization Subcommittee, Education and Outreach, Lipman Science Fair, and Baylands Chapters 5 & 7. We will consider further changes again next month.

CALENDAR ITEMS – Etherton reviewed the calendar, sharing pictures from Coastal Cleanup Day on September 21 and noting Day in the Park on October 5.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – none. Salmon noted the open seat on the committee.

NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2024

ADJOURN – 8:32 PM