



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 6, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 5:36 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 (5:51), Rogers, Salmon, Walker

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Salmon noted the 11:59pm deadline for Quarry DEIR comments

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- B. Minutes of August 28, 2024 – Etherton explained that the July minutes were inadvertently attached to the October meeting packet instead of August, thus these minutes were not properly approved previously. Becker moved to approve the minutes and Rogers seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously with Walker abstaining.
- C. Minutes of October 23, 2024 – Rogers moved to approve the minutes and Becker seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- D. Finalize OSEC Comments on Quarry DEIR - Etherton noted the minor changes made from the version posted. Becker commended the group on their effort and opined that the tone and style differences of the various writers were not material. Salmon reviewed the comments on the Executive Summary and the outline of the CEQA process. The group discussed some of their significant concerns, related to traffic, wildfire, safety, emergency evacuation, mining contaminants, as well as history of potential housing development at the Quarry. Members expressed that they felt the project EIR was not certifiable and hoped the project wouldn't move forward. Becker moved and Ebel seconded to approve the comment document as discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- E. Discuss how to address Climate Action Plan goals – Staff and various members provided background on the existing CAP, lack of current CAP, and the subcommittees. Etherton

will send the 2015 CAP to the full committee and we will continue the conversation next meeting

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton noted that a new Sustainability Fellow will be starting tomorrow!

Kinser, responding to an inquiry from Salmon, noted that the Code Enforcement officer is reviewing side-by-side the app he was using and the one Salmon suggested for identification of invasive plants.

Kinser also noted the cleaning of the requested invasives out of the concrete channel that serves as frog habitat near Cypress Lane was completed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – Etherton noted Feb 8 habitat event
- Education and Outreach (Rogers, Walker) – Etherton reported the subcommittee is working on a Climate Emergency Declaration/Resolutions theme for the next display, to be updated next week
- *Lipman Science Fair (Walker, Ebel) - Rogers noted that she would send the contact information for the school staff to the new committee members
- *Tree Issues (Ebel, Salmon) – Ebel will reach out to schedule a meeting
- Baylands Specific Plan subcommittees – no updates

CALENDAR ITEMS – Etherton noted Feb 8 habitat event.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – none

NEXT MEETING: January 29 at 6:30PM

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