



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 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: Armstrong, Atapattu, Becker, Salmon, Rogers, Walker.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – none

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Minutes of September 24, 2025 – Becker clarified that the Open Space Element final comments are due to Council in December. Rogers moved to approve the minutes and Armstrong seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- B. Open Space Element due 10/20

- Committee’s comments have been submitted to the Planning Department for review ahead of 10/23 Planning Commission Workshop
- Individual comments can be submitted until Council meeting in December
- Fernandez to defer to legal team regarding definitions in General Plan, Measure JJ, the Specific Plan, and DEIR
- Committee encouraged to attend Planning Commission meeting on Open Space Element 10/23

- C. 7:00 PM Baylands Specific Plan - Comment Review

- Comments due to Staff December 9
- Individual comments may be submitted until December 31

NEW BUSINESS

D. PCA (Priority Conservation Area) Grant Application Discussion

- Staff to send links to past PCA Grant awards for committee review
- Staff to take Committee recommendation to Council on November 6 for approval
- The Committee agreed to select the Quarry Road Recreational Trail project plan for the PCA grant submission to Council
- Rogers motioned to adopt this project, Becker seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- Staff to present the selected project (Quarry Road) to City Council on November 6

E. 2026 OSEC Workplan Discussion

- Becker suggested to add Dark Skies and Invasive Species as standing “as needed” subcommittees
- Committee agreed to retain priority on providing input to Baylands and Quarry Road-related developments
- Committee agreed to continue work on urban-tree canopy goals, Open Space Plan review and updates, Annual vegetation management, habitat restoration coordination, Crocker Trail frog habitat maintenance, outreach activities (Day in the Park, Library Displays, Science Fair, City publications, etc.).
- Salmon suggested to incorporate sea level rise mitigation (Lagoon and Marina) into routine and ongoing work plan items.
- Move Climate Action Plan (CAP) from long-term into routine and ongoing work
- Committee to decide whether to undertake CAP update in-house if consultant funding is unavailable
- Staff to explore budget options for CAP and report back during future budget cycles

STAFF UPDATES –

- De La Cruz to reach out to Renew SF Bay about helping with promotion of cleanup days
- City staff to meet with property owners regarding clearing at Crocker Trail
- Committee to explore public art collaboration for educational signage, or art/bench painting at Crocker Trail (pending property line clarification)
- Brown reminded Committee to RSVP for Nov 6 BDI Listening Session regarding Specific Plan
- Members with expiring terms to reapply by Nov 6.
- Committee members to recruit applicants for the vacant seat

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

- Events (Becker, Salmon) – Ice House Hill Habitat Restoration Day December 13
- Education and Outreach (Armstrong, **Rogers**, Walker) – De La Cruz to set meeting for upcoming library display in December

- Climate Action Planning (Atapattu, Walker) – no updates
- Open Space Plan update (Becker, Rogers, **Salmon**) – no updates
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (**Armstrong, Rogers, Salmon**) –Staff is figuring out next steps with owners and will update Committee. Potential partnership with Public Art Fund to create educational signage around the habitat was discussed. Armstrong suggested an environmental impact analysis on the habitat
- Tree Subcommittee Meeting (Rogers, **Salmon**) –none
- Baylands Specific Plan subcommittees – no updates
- Sierra Point Park Planning (Salmon) – no updates
- Liaisons – no updates
- PCA Grant (**Becker, Salmon**) – Submittal to Council upcoming

CALENDAR ITEMS – De La Cruz to update 2026 Calendar with dates

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – none

NEXT MEETING: December 17, 2025

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