

OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 19, 2018 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Called to order at 6:34 PM.

Committee members present:

Ebel, Rogers, Fieldman, Ankenbruck, Salmon

Committee members absent:

Dykes

Staff members present:

Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser

Sustainability Management Analyst Etherton

Engineering Technician Sage

1. Roll call

2. Adoption of the agenda

Adopted.

3. Oral Communications (public comment)*

None.

4. Approval of the November minutes

Approved.

5. Annual Report on OSEC Accomplishments

Etherton reviewed the Accomplishments Report. The group discussed a Meatless Monday recipe contest; possibly at Day in the Park.

6. Senator Hill "Oughta Be A Law" contest

Committee had previously discussed a ban on invasive plants, rat poison and/or second-generation rodenticide ban; agreed that the invasive plants ban was the priority for this year. A subcommittee of Salmon, Ebel and Fieldman will work on the application and set a meeting; Sage will forward documents to the group.

7. Subcommittee reports and review assignments

a. **Open Space** – The City Attorney has not brought Acres Declaration to Council;

Kinser will check on this.

b. **Climate Action Plan** – No further updates

- c. **Events** – The group discussed whether a planting day would be held in early 2019; a suitable location needs to be identified. Sage will reach out to the subcommittee and Ariel from Mountain Watch to meet in early January, review options and work towards an early February event, on February 2 or 9. Noted that Easter and Earth Day weekend coincide in 2019; will host Earth Day on April 27, 2019 instead.
- d. **Education & Outreach** – Encouraged an education campaign around the Adopt-a-Spot stations once they are installed.
- e. **Invasive Species Ordinance** – No further updates
- f. **Festival Tree Replacement** – Salmon and Ankenbruck visited a closed tree farm off La Honda Road, which shares a similarly moist and windy climate to Brisbane and has a large variety of “Christmas tree” species. They selected a tree which is a California Cypress varietal; there are a number of subspecies which can grow to heights of 30-100 feet and they are uncertain as to the exact varietal. Salmon will try to get in touch with the owners of the closed tree farm. Kinser noted that Park & Rec has inquired; they will coordinate a meeting.
- g. **Lipman Science Fair Judging** – Rogers will call the school to confirm the date.
- h. **PCA Grant Application** – still no news about a call for projects.
- i. **280 South Hill Funds** – Rogers reported that she is coordinating schedules with Park & Rec for a January meeting.
- j. **Signboard Replacement** – Ankenbruck reported that eInk gave a presentation to Park & Rec. They have proposed a double-sided signboard that has a similar look to the current signboard with screens that do not emit a lot of light or glare, comparable to a Kindle Paperwhite. The committee has a few questions and requested a presentation at the January OSEC meeting.
- k. **Tree Ordinance** – Ebel reported that the group has reviewed a proposed ordinance revision and a lot of progress has been made, but there are still a lot of trees that will not require being replaced. Ebel suggested OSEC consider how to maintain Brisbane’s overall forest, whether through this ordinance or a separate program.
- I. **Liaison to Benchmarking and Transparency Ordinance Project** – Etherton suggested the committee consider appointing a liaison to participate in the stakeholder meetings with the consultants. She will follow up with Dykes to determine his interest or otherwise revisit with the CAP Subcommittee.

8. Calendar items

The group reviewed the 2019 calendar and recommended hosting the summer habitat restoration day on summer solstice, June 22. Also noted that Day in the Park should be October 5 and Coastal Cleanup Day will be September 21. Sage will confirm the Picnic in the Weeds date in May for inclusion. Etherton will update the calendar with dates and on an ongoing basis.

9. Chair and committee member matters

Salmon inquired about Callippe Hill; Sage noted that the City Manager will be receiving an update on the HCP soon and he will take notes.

Ebel noted that the Climate Action Planning Conference in San Luis Obispo is held every other year and should be coming up in 2019; she is interested in attending again.

Salmon asked about field lights being on when they are not being used; Kinser encouraged her to submit a service request.

10. Staff updates

Sage is investigating becoming a signatory to the Weed Management Area Memorandum of Understanding.

Kinser noted that City Hall lighting was audited and all lights, including fluorescent tubes, are being updated to LEDs. Also just received the Zero Net Energy study for City Hall.

Etherton:

- SMCEW Municipal Energy Efficiency Grant has wrapped up; the city's consultants submitted a technical memo with energy efficiency considerations for the Glen Park Pump Station upgrade.
- Applied to be an EPA Green Power Community. Peninsula Clean Energy encouraged cities throughout the county and completed most of the application; they will coordinate an announcement once applications are approved.
- Attended a foodware ordinance workshop for a region-wide discussion on reduction of single-use foodware items. The County hired a consultant to outreach to food businesses before continuing towards an ordinance.
- The County also held a meeting on Edible Food Waste; SB1383 requires scaled up efforts to keep edible food from going to waste, including compost. Brisbane and South San Francisco are top generators in the County.

Rogers requested and received input from the committee on priorities for the 280 South Hill Funds. Kinser noted that Parks and Rec has an interest in a Crocker Trail Park Master Plan, among other projects, and expects to discuss this at the next subcommittee meeting.

11. Next meeting date: January 16, 2019 6:30 PM

12. Adjourned at 8:21 PM

*Public comment on the agenda items is welcome at the discretion of the Chair