

**OPEN SPACE & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

February 28, 2018 6:30 PM
Community Meeting Room
Brisbane City Hall
50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order:

Fieldman called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM noting the lack of quorum. Began with Oral Communications and at 6:39 Hayuk arrived and the meeting was formally called to order with a quorum.

Committee members present: Fieldman, Salmon, Ebel, Hayuk (6:39 PM)

Committee members absent: Ankenbruck, Vladimirova

Staff members present: Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser
Engineering Technician Sage
Sustainability Management Analyst Etherton

1. Oral Communications (public comment) *

Kevin Fryer, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, shared three items which intersect with OSEC interests:

- The Commission is considering changing the sign boards to digital due to the cost and waste generated by the current system. The committee discussed options and concerns and requested clarity from staff about the thermoplastic paper being recyclable or compostable as well as an environmental analysis for select replacement options.
- The Commission is interested in the Crocker Trail, which they believe is underutilized and has received a grant for resurfacing. Fryer suggests that Public Art Ordinance funding might be spent on art along the trail to highlight natural features and soften the aesthetic of the industrial park; committee members noted the synergy with educational goals OSEC discussed at their January meeting. Also discussed addressing trash along the trail, Guadalupe Creek and other locations. Kinser noted an idea previously discussed about "Adopt an Area" for folks to pick up trash in places they walk regularly; committee requested agendaizing this for a future meeting.
- A city-owned meadow adjacent to Crocker Trail with frogs in the nearby concrete vee ditch has been permitted to be used by K9 Comrades, a dog training business. This area is inaccessible to other users. Fryer indicated that the Park and Rec Commission was told the permit is not in their purview.

Fieldman inquired about setting up joint subcommittee to discuss these items; Fryer will note the suggestion at their next meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Agenda approved.

3. Approval of the minutes

Minutes approved

4. Invasive Plants Letter to Nurseries

Discussed the draft letter and whether to scout specific nurseries to look for problematic stock or send a generic letter. Sage will extend the list of nurseries and send out a generic letter.

The committee would like to see this issue addressed statewide. Fieldman has reached out to the Invasive Plant Society and committee members discussed sending a letter to state representatives. Staff will agendaize this for the meeting with council liaisons to determine if feasible.

5. Discussion of Habitat Restoration & Planting Days

Planting day in early February was successful, with 38 attendees. Staff inquired whether the committee wished to make this an annual event. Committee members wanted to continue with three events annually that focused on cleanup and removal of invasives and add a fourth event for planting when funding and a suitable location allow. A subcommittee of OSEC and Parks and Rec are meeting March 8th to discuss the 2018 events.

6. Citizen's Climate Lobby Carbon Fee & Dividend

Etherton provided background on the item for the committee's consideration. The group voted unanimously to recommend Brisbane adopts an ordinance and tasked the CAP Subcommittee with review of the San Carlos resolution.

7. Subcommittee reports/ Calendar items/ Chair and committee member matters

- CAP Subcommittee reviewing Building Energy Savings Ordinance; spent recent meeting reviewing various other cities' ordinances and made assignments for further research.
- Upon inquiry, Etherton noted that data on local vehicle registrations by type is now available in the County Open Data Portal: 47 EV, 287 Hybrids and 4299 gas vehicles.
- Invasive Species Ordinance – Fieldman suggested we consider encouraging state-level action, and noted that Florida has similar invasive species issues. Sage has done some preliminary research and will continue.
- Lipman Science Fair – Ebel noted that she only learned of the Science Fair the day before and did not participate this year. It will be noted on the calendar as occurring in January.
- Etherton noted that she is on the PCA Grant mailing list; no information has yet been posted.
- Salmon expressed dismay that Community Pool passes are laminated, thus forcing passes into the landfill, and will communicate with pool staff as a private citizen.

8. Staff updates

- Kinser noted that Shelterbelt is removing additional ivy from Costaños Canyon with remaining funds.
- Hayuk noted a bag of trash dumped in Firth; Kinser will pass along.
- Sage noted the issue of dirt bikes near Quarry Road and is working to determine appropriate County or State contacts, as it is not city property.

- Etherton shared data from the first two weeks of the new EV Charging Station's operations and from San Mateo County Energy Watch regarding local participation in their energy efficiency programs and audits.
- Hayuk inquired about the Firth Canyon trail. Kinser has gotten a draft license agreement from the City Attorney and the next step is to approach the property owners; Sage will be reaching out and will report back in a later meeting.
- Hayuk also asked about an area incorrectly displayed as a park on Google Maps; Sage will try to reach out to correct this.
- Staff participated in the annual CalRecycle call with South San Francisco Scavengers.
- Etherton noted that we have scheduled a BAWSCA Landscape Class for the week of Earth Day: Water Wise Edible Gardening for Spring on Wednesday April 18th 6-8 PM.
- Ebel inquired about Mountain Watch's Edible Natives class; Salmon said she would inquire.
- The group discussed Hayuk's departure from the committee upon seating of new members; he will continue to work with staff on the Firth Trail. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with the committee and fellow members shared their gratitude for his service over the years.

9. Next meeting date: March 28, 2018 6:30 PM

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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