

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Community Meeting Room

Brisbane City Hall

50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005

Call to order:

Abney called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Committee members present:

Abney, Ankenbruck, Ebel, Fieldman, Salmon and Vladimirova

Committee members absent:

- Hayuk

Staff members present:

Deputy Director of Public Works Kinser

Management Analyst Escoffier

Engineering Technician Sage

Senior Planner Johnson

1. Adoption of the agenda

- Agenda adopted.

2. Oral communications

- N/A

3. Presentation by Ken Johnson, Senior Planner, on State Building Code Update and Adoption

- City needs to adopt 2016 State building codes, effective Jan. 2017, for enforcement reasons.
- The California Building Code is updated every 3 years.
- Johnson discussed the proposed Brisbane reach code requiring solar on rooftops, rather than the state's solar-ready requirements, which will be modeled after City of San Mateo, and the already-completed cost effectiveness study that will be used.
- Johnson discussed the Green Building Ordinance (GBO) with respect to new state codes. In December, adoption of new State building codes will be brought to City Council, and at this time direction may be given on the GBO.

- The current GBO covers projects of 20 units or more, and the new state codes apply to all new construction or remodels. Johnson also discussed the proposed Zero Net Energy goals of the State.
- Johnson indicated that further recommendations beyond what is being proposed could be separately requested of City Council by OSEC.
- Johnson fielded questions from the committee. Staff will investigate certain questions and report back.

4. Approval of the minutes

- Minutes approved.

5. Chair and committee member matters

- Salmon announced San Bruno Mt Watch is having a plant sale December 3rd. Details are on the Mountain Watch Website.
- Kinser has been in touch with the consultant that worked on the Open Space Plan. Salmon would like to be on the subcommittee to review the plan and expand it.
- Salmon suggested that a subcommittee be formed to draft the Invasive Species Ordinance. Vladimirova and Ankenbruck volunteered, and Salmon offered to occasionally assist.
- Letters previously drafted from the committee to City Council were forwarded to the council liaisons for secondary review.
- Salmon asked about no littering and dumping signs at Sierra Pt. Kinser will look into whether this is Brisbane's property.

6. Subcommittee reports

- Ebel brought in the DIY home energy toolkit. Vladimirova will bring the toolkit home to test it.
- Salmon and Ankenbruck met to discuss replacing the Christmas tree. They will visit a tree lot and examine tree species. Abney spoke with a conifer specialist briefly, a deodar cedar was recommended to be planted. Abney also reached out to some nurseries and did some internet research on tree species that grow well in this region.
- Fieldman gave an update that the CAP subcommittee met last week. Staff training on the CAP was discussed. Kinser gave the update that climate facts may go on hiatus.

7. Staff updates

a. RICAPS meeting update

- Kinser gave the update that the municipal GHG emission inventory has been completed and GHG emissions have been reduced significantly.

- At the last RICAPS meeting, it was discussed that a new California Public Utilities Commission privacy rule may prevent staff from getting area energy information needed for the community GHG inventory.
- San Mateo County's Open Data Portal is being edited on to display city GHG reductions and related data.

b. Home Energy Score working group update

- The BayRen and Stop Waste-led working group facilitating public agencies' use of home energy score met in the last month. The facilitators solicited interest from select cities and answered other agencies' questions..

8. Next meeting

- The OSEC meeting scheduled for December was cancelled. Meetings will resume on the fourth Wednesdays of the month beginning in January. Kinser will provide email updates.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.