



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. • Virtual Meeting

MEETING SETUP AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO ORDER – 6:39 PM

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Dykes, Ebel, Fieldman, Lam, Rogers, Salmon

Staff members present: Deputy Director of Public Works, Kinser; Engineering Technician, Sage

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt: Salmon, Second: Ebel, Adopted unanimously by roll call vote

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Salmon encouraged the public to participate in Recycled Arts and Crafts contest.
- B. Rogers mentioned the OSEC page needs attention regarding membership and minutes.
 - a. Staff responded that the minutes aren't uploaded until after approval, and Staff to address webpage updates

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

On Point Land Management report regarding prior year's vegetation work on City property in the Brisbane Acres

- A. Firth Canyon (for the present included in stewardship after Ivy removal) is doing well.
 - a. Fiesta Flower (rare plant) is nectar rich, good for bees, and shade tolerant. It's not endangered, but is no longer found in SF County besides for Yerba Buena Island.
 - i. The only place it is found on San Bruno Mtn is now in Firth Canyon.
 - ii. They are treating Ehrharta grass, so the Fiesta Flower they planted can thrive.
 - iii. Fiesta flower is not hard to grow.
 - b. Stinging Fascilia (dull white flower, turns brown quickly) is a native weed that is showing up in Firth Canyon.
- B. Margaret Ave (above Margaret and Paul)
 - a. Eucalyptus stump retreatment – cut the stump at the base and apply herbicide

- b. The goal for that area is a nice coastal live oak woods
 - c. Portuguese Broom is one to keep an eye on up there
 - d. Managing regrowth of weeds (English Ivy & Ehrharta grass) in Acacia removal area
- C. Cal Flora – all weeds are mapped and reported in Cal Flora, so the County (and all interested parties) can see what’s going on
- D. Humboldt - Upper Firth Canyon
 - a. Broom and Ehrharta Grass treatment
 - b. Italian Buckthorn
 - i. was identified at Picnic in the Weeds
 - ii. Hannah was notified (looks native, similar to Toyon)
 - iii. Not common in San Mateo County, but 50 removed from the Acres this year
 - c. Private Parcels adjacent to the acres are full of invasives (ivy and broom)
 - i. Local fire ordinance calls for removal only if dead
 - d. Found Diablo Sunflower – rare native (included in SBMTN rare plant management plan)
 - e. Scrub removal is happening to maintain the pocket grasslands
- E. New Mapping Software (On X Hunt) – allows for more accurate mapping in the field
- F. Water Tanks – Harold Rd
 - a. Mostly shrub with pockets of grass
 - b. They treat Broom sprouts, cotoneaster, fennel
- G. Discussion regarding what work was done there... How to share the work plan.
- H. Committee members mentioned their gratitude towards City Council for their continued commitment to fund the vegetation management
- I. Question raised regarding the feasibility of Mark consulting with private homeowners
- J. Salmon asked if Mark could work with the local fire inspectors
- K. A member of the public, Erin, asked about reference material regarding what her landscaping should look like to be beneficial
 - a. Mark suggested that the committee work on informational materials to share
 - b. Sage emailed Erin the ‘Don’t Plant a Pest’ brochure that Fieldman mentioned
- L. Mark suggested a wintertime hike, since the mountain is so beautiful then

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Salmon motioned to approve the July minutes, Lam seconded, and approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

STAFF UPDATES

A. Kinser

- a. Council is going to re-recruit for the open seats on all committees (OSEC has an open seat), and they hope to get people on in January
- b. Fieldman asked if she was legitimately re-appointed
 - i. Kinser recommended that Fieldman could email her or City Clerk Padilla to clarify
- c. Building Efficiency Program Voluntary Pilot program
 - i. Eight zoom meetings with four or five participants
 - ii. Beneficial to receive their viewpoint and data
 - iii. The consultant met with BayRen, San Mateo County, and Peninsula Clean Energy to decide which resources will be available on line
- d. ChargePoint EV Charger
 - i. The circuit breaker needs to be replaced after repeated problems
 - ii. The committee asked if the charger at the Marina was also ChargePoint
- e. Dog Park Resurfacing
 - i. The new surface will be decomposed granite with grass pods (water saver) is going to Council
- f. Guadalupe Channel
 - i. All bids were rejected earlier in the month
 - ii. Fish and Wildlife prefer the natural state over the planned Geocell
- g. Guadalupe Canyon Parkway
 - i. Finishing safety improvements (bike lane, restriping, and rumble strips) after staff member Yuen received a grant.
- h. Crocker Trail Master Plan
 - i. Consultant is planning first public outreach event as a zoom meeting in October
 - ii. Salmon requests we change the name to “The Guadalupe Trail” – The point has been raised during previous interviews
- i. Surplus Parcel near Frito Lay

- i. The Council didn't refer the sale to the committee to make a recommendation
 - 1. Salmon noted that it is open space, and it borders San Bruno Mtn, and she doesn't think the City should sell any more of the public vacant land that borders habitat

B. Sage

- a. Reported on the interest in Coastal Cleanup and Recycled Art Contest and encouraged all viewers to participate in both

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (*Subcommittee leads in bold; *ad hoc*)

- Open Space (Lam, Rogers, **Salmon**)
 - Nothing to report
- Climate Action Plan (Dykes, Ebel, Fieldman)
 - CAP template is available to review while Adrienne is out on leave
- Events (Lam, Rogers, Salmon)
 - Art contest ends in October
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, **Rogers**)
 - Waiting for Library to open (possibly October)
- Invasive Species Ordinance (Ebel, Salmon)
 - Salmon finished article on Invasive Ivy
 - Published in the Star; Salmon requesting article be hosted on the City's website
 - Kinser said she'd look into it
 - Fieldman wants to be added to the Invasive Species Ordinance
 - Salmon requested we schedule a subcommittee meeting for October
 - Fieldman to write an article on Broom – Sage emailed prior emails to Fieldman
- Dark Skies Ordinance (Dykes, **Ebel**, Lam)
 - Ebel drafted an ordinance and Dykes and Lam are reviewing and commenting
 - The final draft ordinance to be done by end of October
- Lipman Science Fair Judging* (Ebel, Lam, **Rogers**)
 - On hold until the school year/Covid situation is figured out
- 280 South Hill Funds* (Lam, Rogers)
 - Guadalupe trail project – The consultant is close to starting the public outreach
 - Request to change Crocker Trail Master Plan to Guadalupe Trail Master Plan
- Tree Issues* (**Ebel**, Rogers, Salmon)
 - Working on consolidating comments
- Benchmarking Ordinance* (Dykes, Lam)
 - Progress covered in staff updates
- Beautification* (Salmon, w/ Council, Parks & Rec)
 - Nothing to report

CALENDAR ITEMS

- A. September
 - a. Coastal Cleanup Day every Saturday
- B. October
 - a. Meeting cancelled
 - b. October 15th – recycled art contest ends
- C. November Meeting
 - a. SSF Scavenger report
 - b. Review of subcommittee list – Discussed adding a re-review after new members join
 - c. Discuss potential planting day for December or January
- D. December Meeting
 - a. Disposable Foodware Ordinance
 - b. Annual accomplishment report

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

- A. Ebel requests emails updates on projects

NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm