



# CITY of BRISBANE

## Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. • Virtual Meeting

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### **MEETING SETUP AND INTRODUCTION**

#### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:31 PM**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Ebel, Fieldman, Rogers, Salmon, Dykes (joined around 6:45)

Staff members present: Deputy Director of Public Works, Kinser; Sustainability Manager, Etherton; Engineering Technician, Sage; Building Efficiency Fellow, Cousar

Guest Presenters: Marc Costa & Ivana Dorin, The Energy Coalition

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Salmon noted that Mission Blue Nursery has plants available for sale by appointment, sign up at [mountainwatch.org](http://mountainwatch.org).

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Brisbane Building Efficiency Program (BBEP) Presentation – Marc Costa & Ivana Dorin, The Energy Coalition
  - a. Dorin provided background on the program and its origins, the program goals, and which buildings are covered. Costa reviewed innovative elements of our program compared to others, the compliance pathways and deadlines, and expected impacts. Dorin discussed the implementation work completed to date and tasks underway to be completed by the end of their contract term at the end of March.
  - b. The group discussed potential expansion of the program to residences. Costa noted a state requirement for Home Energy Ratings at time of sale, though this needs to be investigated and seems to not be enforced – Costa will follow up with information.

- B. Selection of Vice Chair – Glenn moved that Salmon fill the role until the summer selection of a new Chair and Vice Chair; Rogers seconded and the committee voted unanimously in favor.

#### STAFF UPDATES

- A. Etherton:
- Reported on the OSEC 2021 Workplan review with Committee & Council liaisons, noting a couple additions. The dark skies STAR article and survey were pushed a month to ensure the council was aware of the plans first and approved.
  - Staff will be meeting Friday with Peninsula Clean Energy's contractor on EV Charging Station designs for CALeVIP grant funding. We are still awaiting confirmation of funding reservation and will bring any project we wish to move forward to council as there is a 25% (minimum) city match. In addition, a site visit with PCE staff for Mission Blue Center solar + storage resiliency research/design project is scheduled for early February.
  - Will be working with Randy and SSF Scavenger on SB1383 compliance, and coordinating with County on requirements to divert edible food. Ebel requested to be kept informed.
- B. Sage:
- Quarry Road signs are expected to be complete by the end of week.
  - Weed Management Area requested Brisbane join the Steering Committee; they were looking for representation from a city. We are also renewing the Cal-IPC membership.

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

- Open Space (Rogers, **Salmon**) – Kinser forwarded the subcommittee Open Space reports to CA Coastal Conservancy for the purchase of the Brisbane Acres their funding supported. The City Manager has asked that she present to council; she will follow up with the subcommittee for their input.
- Climate Action Plan (Dykes, Ebel, Fieldman) – Ebel reported that the committee met and discussed a Climate Emergency Declaration, and also planned to begin looking into residential building efficiency program options.
- Events (Rogers, Salmon) – Day in the Park is up in the air; if it moves forward we would hope to have a Recycled Arts & Crafts Contest display in person there. The contest is planned to launch in April either way. Habitat Restoration Days are currently uncertain.
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, **Rogers**) – Etherton reached out to the library manager; they have not yet moved in but will be in touch once they do about space availability. A public education initiative about litter seems needed: Fieldman asked about meeting to discuss outreach to the schools about litter, and Rogers suggested city messaging about the Go Request system to address litter hotspots. Rogers will email the subcommittee and staff (Etherton, Kinser) with dates for a meeting.
- Invasive Species Ordinance (Ebel, Salmon, Fieldman) – Fieldman to draft an article on broom for the March STAR. Salmon noted the Mayor's interest in an invasive species ordinance; Kinser and Sage will connect on their prior work before a subcommittee meeting.

- Dark Skies Ordinance (Dykes, **Ebel**) – Staff and liaisons noted that the Council liaisons seemed supportive of this effort. Etherton noted the article will go in the March STAR and she will follow up with Ebel about the survey. The group discussed including residential in the draft ordinance to recommend. Salmon will be added to the subcommittee.
- Sierra Point Park Planning – Etherton noted that there is an ad hoc subcommittee forming with Parks & Rec Commission and City Council to support selection of a consultant to develop a master plan for parkland at Sierra Point with funding dedicated by recent developments. Salmon and Ebel both expressed interest in representing OSEC in this capacity; committee members voted anonymously through a Zoom poll and Ebel was selected.
- Crocker Trail Master Plan\* (Rogers) – A survey is available on the city website until January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Tree Issues\* (**Ebel**, Rogers, Salmon) – This was not on our work plan and no one remembered to bring it up! Rogers noted that she had sent an email around with suggestions. This issue is likely best brought to a meeting with the council liaisons for input. Ebel is working on a list of addresses where street trees had been removed and not replaced.
- Benchmarking Ordinance\* (Dykes) – previously covered
- Beautification\* (Salmon, w/ Council, Parks & Rec) – inactive for now
- Lipman Science Fair Judging\* (Ebel, **Rogers**) – Rogers reported that Bob Dettmer had informed her that they will be holding a virtual science fair but are still working out the details and will be in touch.
- Re-add Festival Tree to the subcommittee list. Kinser noted that Davey Tree will be removing the tree in the next week or so. Davey is looking for options at local nurseries bases upon the subcommittee's recommendations on the size and type of tree. The irrigation line in that area has been turned off and will be repaired after the tree is removed.

#### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Etherton updated that the Disposable Food Ware Ordinance presentation is planned for next meeting.
- Habitat restoration days will be considered in March when we hopefully have a better sense of the COVID restrictions. Salmon noted that Mountain Watch will be hosting events before then with restrictions in place so may be able to provide guidance.

#### **CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS**

Kinser noted that interviews for OSEC will be held on January 26; there were four applications for four seats. Planning and Park and Rec Commissions had additional applicants which are sometimes shifted to other roles.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 17, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:38 PM**