



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. • Virtual Meeting

MEETING SETUP AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO ORDER – 6:36 PM

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Calmes, Ebel, Nunan, Salmon

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Salmon moved to adopt the agenda and Calmes seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Nunan moved to approve the October minutes and Calmes seconded; the motion was adopted with Salmon abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Annual Diversion Report from SSF Scavenger – Teresa Montgomery
- Brisbane produced ~ 8 pounds/person/day of garbage in 2020, a figure which includes all waste generated within the city divided by the population, and ~50% less than the state target. Members expressed concern about the method of reporting in which waste is attributed per capita with commercial waste is included and requested investigation. Over 28,000 tons of waste generated with 76% diverted from landfill.
 - Cardboard, glass, aluminum and metal are easily recycled. Plastics are more difficult: #1 plastic bottles and clamshells, #2 and #5 plastics, and now “MRP” mixed rigid plastics currently have good markets; plastics #3, 4, 6 & 7 are generally not recycled.
 - Montgomery covered the goals and requirements of SB1383, a new state law that aims to reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfill to reduce emissions. Etherton noted additional elements of SB1383 that the City is responsible for.
 - Montgomery expects that both SB1383 and the Disposable Foodware Ordinance which goes into effect in March 2022 will help with litter.
- B. Feedback for P&R Commission/OSEC Joint Subcommittee meeting on Festival Tree
- Kinser provided an update on the festival tree and was requesting input in advance of the joint subcommittee meeting in a couple weeks. The committee discussed suggestions on what tree or trees should be planted to replace the deodar cedar.

STAFF UPDATES

A. Kinser:

- Donation for a property in the Acres on Harold went through at the last Council meeting.

B. Etherton:

- Reminded committee members with expiring terms to reapply by Jan 14 if interested
- Contract for EV Charging installations going to City Council on Dec 9.
- Working with Energy Watch consultants Willdan on a pilot program installing heat pump water heaters at the Fire Station at no cost to the City, and (separately) investigating a heat pump water heater system for the pool.
- Met with the new RICAPS consulting team, Rincon Consultants, to discuss our Climate Emergency Declaration goals and reporting needs, and desire to work on forecasting and measure selection with the CAP Subcommittee starting in January.
- Noted her limited availability in December.

C. Sage:

- The City's winter planting day will be held with San Bruno Mountain Watch in Owl Canyon on January 15. Etherton added that this is Martin Luther King Jr weekend, which is celebrated as a "day of service" and the event will be marketed as such.
- The County is hosting habitat days on December 11 and January 22.
- The garbage by the water tank reported at the previous meeting has been taken care of.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, Nunan, **Rogers**) – Etherton will send a doodle poll for a meeting to create a proposal for the new library display.
- *Open Space Plan Update (Rogers, **Salmon**) – Kinser noted there was not space on the December Council meeting agenda so staff is looking at January.
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Salmon, Calmes) – Salmon suggested meeting on the site in the coming weeks.
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Dykes, **Ebel**, Salmon) – awaiting review by other staff.
- *Tree Issues (Calmes, **Ebel**, Salmon) – Kinser will schedule a meeting.
- *Lipman Science Fair Judging (Ebel, **Rogers**) – reminder to reach out to the school to find out when the Science Fair will be.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Etherton outlined events, agenda and outreach topics, administrative and other major tasks anticipated for 2022.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

- Ebel asked about draft minutes being posted with the agenda; staff will investigate.
- Kinser noted that Ebel had asked about planting a larger tree at Alvarado requiring moving electrical lines; PG&E is unlikely to move the lines without significant expense.
- Salmon expressed concern about the trees at the Bank of America property not being watered.

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 2022

ADJOURNMENT – 8:28 PM