



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. • Virtual Meeting

MEETING SETUP AND INTRODUCTION

CALL TO ORDER – 6:37 PM

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Becker, Calmes, Ebel, Fieldman, Nunan, Rogers, Salmon

Staff members present: Deputy Director of Public Works, Kinser; Sustainability Manager, Etherton; Public Works Director, Breault

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Salmon and Ebel

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of March 23, 2022 – Becker moved to approve the minutes, Calmes seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- B. Meeting the Climate Emergency Declaration goals – Etherton presented the results of the forecasting and scenarios prepared by the CAP subcommittee with the support of Rincon Consultants. Members asked questions and made suggestions for revisions in the presentation to Council. The group discussed the need for broader education and engagement of Brisbane residents in soliciting and vetting ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

- C. OSEC Work Plan – Etherton introduced the revised work plan which removed staff items, incorporated climate action/emergency items, and revised the language on the invasive species ordinance. Members noted that the Crocker Trail Frog Habitat, an active work item, was not listed; staff will add it under the Habitat Restoration section.
- D. Proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 – Etherton shared the draft budget for the next fiscal year, noting the addition of several significant requests. Members inquired about the timeline; Breault noted that dept staff would meet with the City Manager in May, the budget would come before Council in June, and the fiscal year begins on July 1.

STAFF UPDATES

Etherton:

- Fieldman presented and City Council unanimously passed the Divestment resolution on April 21. Staff submitted the resolution to the state legislative contacts.
- SB1383 letters going out to all residential addresses in town, first batch of 400 today and two additional batches each two weeks apart
- Building Efficiency Program had 7 properties submitted to date; reminder sent out this week via email & STAR ad for May 15 deadline
- Summer sustainability internship posting, 16 applicants with interviews for top candidates in coming week
- Received notification of CalRecycle SB 1383 grant award; ~\$20k planned for participation in two countywide collaborations: one with Resource Conservation District for compost application on local ag lands & the other with County Office of Sustainability leading a marketing effort to improve composting
- Becker noted the compost giveaway was depleted quickly and asked about doing a second one in the fall; Etherton noted that Scavenger will provide two loads per year, though we opted to provide a second one specifically to the community garden. We could consider additional giveaways at the City's expense. Fieldman noted seeing a van loading up; some may be taking more than their share & should consider having staff or volunteer on site.
- Had ~25-30 attendees at the Earth Day Habitat Restoration removing broom and fennel to protect purple needlegrass. Expect mid-July for Summer Habitat Restoration event.

Breault: noted that many streetlights at the Marina are failing; found two providers of streetlights which are solar photovoltaic powered and which power down to lower light output in wee hours of the morning. We've ordered 10 to test out which will be delivered in a few months.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & REORGANIZATION

- Climate Action Plan (Becker, Ebel, Fieldman) – Ebel suggested an ad hoc subcommittee for off-road vehicles; the group decided it could be addressed by CAP subcommittee
- Education and Outreach (Fieldman, Nunan, **Rogers**) – Nunan would like to drop off.
- Baylands (Rogers) – no meeting. OSEC's representation to the committee was appointed by City Council so is not open for reorganization.
- *Open Space Plan Update (Rogers, Salmon) – Calmes will join the subcommittee. Kinser is working to bring this to Council.
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Rogers, Salmon, Calmes) – Kinser reported coordinating with Fire regarding the weed abatement letter so that the property owner will be instructed to leave that area alone.
- *Invasive Species Ordinance (Calmes, Salmon, Fieldman) – Nunan and Becker will replace Salmon and Calmes.
- *Dark Skies Ordinance (Becker, **Ebel**, Salmon) – Ebel reported that the subcommittee has met twice to review and discuss planning staff's comments on the drafts.
- *Tree Issues (Calmes, **Ebel**, Salmon) – Calmes and Salmon planned to coordinate offline.

- *Lipman Science Fair Judging (Ebel, **Rogers**) – Rogers reported distributing the certificates to the awardees. The subcommittee will be inactivated until next cycle.
- Events (Rogers, Salmon, Nunan) – Etherton reported on ideas to generate interest in the Recycled Arts & Crafts Contest, including soliciting ideas from the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), hosting workshops with artists to help conceptualize and execute projects, and displaying projects at Day in the Park with a “people’s choice” contest.
 - Etherton will send Salmon information about the YAC meeting so she can join.
 - Becker mentioned the Recology Artists in Residence program; the subcommittee should meet to discuss working with them, allowing submissions from non-residents, suggestions from the YAC meeting, and other contest plans.

CALENDAR ITEMS

May 20, 2022 is Bike to Wherever Day

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS

NEXT MEETING: May 25, 2022

ADJOURNMENT – 9:04 PM