



**WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

City Council Chambers
October 4, 2007 – 7:30 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Parker called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Brian Parker Kathy Diehl
 Bill Dann Clay Larson
 Steve Granholm Jerri Holan
 Eddy So

Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Ann Chaney
Others Present: Don Neuwirth

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from September 6th meeting

Minutes approved unanimously, with corrections.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. REPORTS

5-1. Burrowing Owl Habitat – Update

Chaney provided an update. The City Council authorized staff to go out to bid on the project, approved the agreement between City and East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) on maintenance and monitoring, and authorized staff to contract with a wildlife biologist. The project is expected to begin during Fall 08.

5-2. Beach Restoration – Update

Parker suggested item be postponed to a future agenda.

5-3. Bulb Cleanup – Update

Chaney provided an update and distributed photos. The City's Public Works and Police Department worked in conjunction with the Conservation Corps to clean out unoccupied homeless encampments only.

Public Comment:

Carol O'Keefe – asked if Police Department has taken a count of occupied encampments.

Chaney stated the Police Department does have a count demarcated on aerial maps. There are about ten occupied camps.

5-4. Soil Reuse from GGF Track resurfacing

Chaney provided information to Diehl, and has been in conversation with GGF and East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD). EBRPD has accepted soil and it is now located near Virginia Street on Eastshore State Park property.

6. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, WHICH COULD INCLUDE REPORTS AND/OR PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS IF ANY:

6-1. Waterfront Committee Agenda Packet – determine whether Committee supports transmittal of agenda packets electronically instead of hard copy

Diehl likes receiving the packet in the mail. Parker agrees.
Packet will continue to be sent out via email and mail.

Public Comment:

Bob Outis: would like residents to be able to receive agendas via email

6-2. Waterfront Planning Process – review of letter to City Council (to be forwarded to Committee October 1st)

Parker distributed a revised version of the draft letter for City Council.
Larson distributed an email that requested a minority recommendation also be included within the letter.

So provided several edits to clarify the letter, and would like language to specify that the Committee reviewed the draft report and not a final report.

Diehl and Holan provided edits to clarify language in the letter.

Holan asked if the final report had been completed.

Chaney stated the report should be available no later than Monday. The Planning and Zoning Commission did not take formal action at their meeting regarding the draft report.

Parker agreed to include the minority recommendation in the letter.

Dann motioned that the letter be approved as amended. Seconded by Diehl.

Unanimously approved. Granholm abstained.

Parker will revise letter and submit to Chaney for transmittal.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

7.1. Committee, Commission, Board Training – October 29th 6:30-9PM.

Holan is unable to attend. Remainder of Committee will attend.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8-1. Next meeting October 16th (if deemed necessary), otherwise November 1st.

Next meeting will be held on November 1st. Parker suggested a review of other waterfront plans that have been done.

Larson suggested discussion of the Eastshore State Park plan for the waterfront including reviewing current land use definitions, particularly the plateau. Granholm agrees a planning process for Albany's Portion of Eastshore State Park is an important topic to discuss.

Parker suggests the Committee review the Eastshore State Park Plan and Albany's Plan.

9. ADJOURNMENT