

**WATERFRONT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 20, 2007  
Council Chambers  
Albany City Hall-1000 San Pablo Avenue  
7:30 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Clay Granholm                      Clay Larson  
                         Brian Parker                      Eddy So

Members Absent: Bill Dann                      Kathy Diehl  
                         Jerri Holan

Staff Present: Ann Chaney

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approve Minutes from the March 1 meeting  
Approval of Minutes postponed until April meeting.

**VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

- a. Waterfront Planning Process
  - i. Discuss outcome of March 7<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting and March 19<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting and determine on whether to take action  
Parker provided a summary of action taken regarding the waterfront planning process at the March 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Council approved recruitment of a project manager to supplement City staff and assist with development of a work program. The consultant selection panel will be involved in selection of the project manager and the City Administrator will lead recruitment of project manager. Additionally representatives from the Waterfront Committee and P&Z Commission will have a role in selection of project manager.  
Chaney stated that the timing for recruitment remains to be determined.  
Larson stated he is not sure the motion was seconded by Council.  
Chaney stated the City Clerk is reviewing this with the City Attorney; however the motion was voted on and approved.  
So stated the motion was not explicit in regards to action that will be taken, and requested a report from staff regarding timing and procedures for recruitment.  
Parker stated the context and intent of motion is understood by Council and the City Administrator.  
Larson stated he is surprised by the rivalry between WFC & P&Z regarding administering the planning process. One thing the two groups agreed on was the request for more direction from Council, however direction was not received.  
Parker stated further direction would be given down the line.  
Larson stated he would like a copy of Lieber's document, and would prefer these items be made available prior to meetings.
  - ii. Determine next possible steps  
Parker stated he prefers a team effort with P&Z, and would like have joint meetings scheduled in preparation for when the project manager is hired.  
Granholm suggested Parker make contact with chair and brainstorm.

Parker proposed P&Z attend the Committee's second Tuesday meetings. Larson stated he thinks it is premature to start scheduling meetings. Council may want to assign specific tasks to different Committees/Commissions. Larson does support the two chairs having a discussion.

Parker stated the Committee won't get more direction from Council as it expects direction to come out of work program.

Parker motioned to schedule a series of meetings with P&Z going out for 3 months, which can be canceled if necessary depending on when the project manager is hired.

Granholm stated he can't take a stand on item due to potential conflict of interest. His consulting firm may be involved in planning process, and is unable to participate until planning firm selection is made.

So stated he supports setting up joint P&Z meetings.

Larson stated the next step is to retain a project manager and that setting up meetings with P&Z is premature at this point. Larson would like more direction from Council before work plan is made.

So stated there will not be enough members to vote if Granholm abstains.

Parker stated he will try to go to the next P&Z meeting to discuss the process.

b. Discuss Public Participation Process and Possible Approaches

Parker reported on a meeting between himself, Fern Tiger, public participation specialist, the City Administrator and Planning Manger that was held in January. Tiger has a significant amount of experience assisting agencies with contentious issues, including work with the City of Berkeley. Parker stated experts such as Tiger may be useful to the City during the planning process to assist in bringing the community together.

c. Consider Sponsorship of Step It Up 2007 National Day of Climate Action Albany Event on April 14<sup>th</sup>

Parker stated he is sponsoring a Climate Change event on April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a series of events Nationwide on April 14<sup>th</sup> in an attempt to get legislators to take increased action regarding climate change. The local event will be held at Memorial Park and include a rally and speakers. Parker would like the Committee to consider co-sponsoring the event.

So asked if Parker has asked Council to endorse the event. Parker stated he will put on next Council meeting agenda.

Granholm motioned the Committee co-sponsor the event, seconded by So.

Larson stated he doesn't see co-sponsorship as appropriate.

Vote: In favor: Granholm, Parker, So. Opposed: Larson.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE – Information Only**

**VIII. POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chaney stated Zweben will attend an upcoming WFC meeting re. Brown Act. Parker suggests P&Z new members potentially attend that meeting. Standing agenda items will be included as well.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.