



MINUTES

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue
Monday, September 27, 2010 – 7:30 P.M.

**** rescheduled from 9/13/10 ****

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Diehl at 7:30p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Diehl, Dann, Donald, Granholm, Maris, Papalia

Members Absent: So

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve Minutes from July 12, 2010 meeting (attached)

Minutes approved as amended.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerri Holan – encouraged support for Measure N.

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

5-1. Dog management at Albany Waterfront – continued discussion, outcome of discussions with EBRPD staff (attachment)

Chaney reported that she met with Ann Rockwell and Kevin Takei from EBRPD at the waterfront, and sent the dog management proposal to staff at EBRPD. Chaney is also in correspondence with staff from State Parks.

The Committee reviewed the draft policy and map. Chaney will make changes as requested by the Committee for the next meeting.

Donald added that education is needed to reinforce policy.

Public Comment:

Norman LaForce – supports managing dogs at the waterfront and protecting the conservation status of the area, and noted that enforcement could be an issue.

5-2. Discuss Voices to Vision recommendations and how to follow up on the process (please bring attachment from July meeting)

This item was continued.

5-3. Discuss homeless encampments and art at the Bulb

Papalia presented photos of existing conditions at the Bulb.

Chaney reported on efforts in July to inform homeless of housing opportunities by inviting representatives from various East Bay housing and service organizations to an informal meeting at the Bulb. She also said the City is applying for a grant that would fund an 18 month effort to provide casework services to homeless individuals at the Waterfront.

Public Comment:

Peggy Mc Quaid – would like the City to move forward in a compassionate way while enabling safe public recreation.

Della Dash – responsibility to provide services for homeless and move back to society. Also urge City Council to protect the area to return to a pristine state.

Papalia read a letter from Liz Bronson stating that the City has a need for a homeless shelter

Diehl moved that the Committee request that City Council fund a homeless shelter and

related counseling resources to address homeless issue at the Waterfront and Albany at large.

Seconded by Granholm, with a friendly amendment to make arrangements to use a shelter in

another city.

Vote: In favor – 6, Opposed – 0.

Donald noted that education should be conducted before enforcement.

Papalia moved that the Committee request City Council set up a plan to educate and enforce existing rules (no camping, no dumping, no fires) at the waterfront and enforce the existing rules within a 6-month period. Seconded by Diehl.

Vote: In favor – 6, Opposed – 0.

5-4. Advisory Bodies Study – discuss proposed changes to Committee (attachments)

Dann stated that the issues on the waterfront are different than what the Park & Rec Commission deals with, except for the dog management item. Recommends the Committee stay in existence for another couple of years to deal with the issues at the waterfront, and that an outside expert be retained to help with transition to the State Park.

Donald agreed issues could get diluted within the Park & Rec Commission. Donald likes the idea of a stewardship task force to educate and take action.

Granholtm agreed and opposes dissolving the Committee.

Papalia suggested the Committee improve effectiveness by focusing on fewer items.

Maris added there is a need to focus on the Measure WW funds for Eastshore State Park, and supports keeping the Committee.

Diehl agreed that she does not want the Committee to be dissolved.

Public Comment:

Emilie Raguso – does not support merging the two bodies.

Granholtm moved that the City not dissolve the Committee because of the depth and scope of the issues, which are different from those overseen by the Park & Rec Commission.

Vote: In favor – 6, Opposed – 0.

5-5. Information on City Park resources (verbal report)

Chaney reported on expenditures for the waterfront. A total of \$55,000 has been spent over the last couple of years including costs for road maintenance, vegetation management, installation of foundation for porta-potty, and parking improvements for ADA. Additionally, staff time is spent on general maintenance. Dann added that funds were spent on decommissioning the monitoring wells at the Bulb.

Donald added that maintenance of trash containers needs to be improved. Chaney reported that the budget for the city Buildings and Parks (inland parks) totals \$370,000. It is virtually impossible to separate out parks from buildings. However, future budgets will track these costs separately. She also noted the recent capital improvements made to the inland parks.

5-6. Non-Native vegetation removal planned for Bulb in September

Chaney reported that Granholtm and she visited the Bulb last week to identify possible areas for non native vegetation removal.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Information only

6-1. Coastal Clean-Up Saturday, September 25 9:00 a.m. to noon

6-2. Albany Beach Feasibility Study – EBRPD Exec Committee – September 23 at 12:45 in the main Board room at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court in Oakland (no action to be taken)

Maris and Chaney attended this meeting and handouts were distributed to the Committee.

6-3. Measure WW “Cove” project status

A presentation will be made at the next meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items)

- o **Discussion with EBRPD representative Measure WW \$27 million for ESP**
- o **Review alternatives plans for “Cove” project with Tony Wolcott**

7-1. Next Meeting: October 11, 2010.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.