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WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers 1000 San Pablo Avenue Monday, April 12, 2010 – 7:30 P.M.

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, Papalia

Members Absent: Granholm, So

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve Minutes from February 8, 2010 meeting (attached)

Approval of minutes postponed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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 - subcommittee status report

Papalia reported that the subcommittee has not met. Papalia provided a draft of the survey. Papalia met with Golden Gate Audobon Conservation Committee who has been discussing dog issues, and a subcommittee that has been working on the issue. They are interested in working together.

Dann suggested conducting outreach at the upcoming waterfront cleanup.

The Committee reviewed the draft survey.

Chaney suggested the Committee consider having a table at the Arts & Green Festival to conduct outreach.

Chaney will review Voices to Vision work to determine if there is any information regarding dogs.

Papalia moved that the subcommittee will work on the survey, pilot the draft at upcoming events and then report the results back to the Committee. Seconded by Diehl. Unanimously approved.

5-2. Albany WF "Cove" Enhancement project - Measure WW (attached)

Chaney provided an update. An application for the "Cove" project has been submitted. Chaney will provide additional status updates as they are received. Papalia added that work should be done regarding homeless encampments at both the Committee and City Council level.

Public Comments:

Clay Larson – recommended oversight of Measure WW capital funds, to identify other grant funding sources for the area, and to continue review of the 1995 Waterfront Plan.

Caryl O'Keefe – supports use of a work plan and agrees with Larson's recommendations.

Donald stated she would like to add a self-serve beach cleanup station, and encourage stewardship.

Diehl moved that a bullet be added "encourage stewardship" under activities/programs, and a bullet be added "homeless situation" under continued monitoring, and that an item for funding be added with two bullets – Measure WW, and track/apply for Coastal Conservancy funding, and other funding sources. Seconded by Papalia. Unanimously approved.

5-3. Draft 2010 Committee work program (attached)

Chaney provided a draft for the Committee to use as appropriate.

5-4. Dumping at the Cove

Papalia found a large pile of construction debris dumped at the cove.

Chaney stated that she will coordinate with Maintenance to determine next steps.

5-5. Burrowing Owl habitat – 2009 monitoring report (attached)

Chaney reported that there is no evidence of burrowing owls, but there is evidence of ground squirrels which is a food source of the owls. The monitoring will continue for three years.

5-6. Albany Bulb clean-up – verbal report

Chaney reported that City staff conducted cleanup of abandoned unoccupied campsites. Housing has been found for two homeless people that were living at the Bulb. Additional outreach will be provided to homeless to inform them of assistance and housing opportunities.

Papalia noted that several buckets of human waste still remain at a campsite.

Chaney replied that this material will be removed in the short term.

Diehl suggested that the area be cordoned off and safety regulations be researched.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Information only

6-1. Voices to Vision presentation at City Council – April 19, 2010

Chaney reported that the presentation will be provided to City Council on April 19. The final report is now available.

6-2. Albany Beach Feasibility Study by East Bay Regional Park District

EBRPD will be seeking input from the Committee regarding the study.

6-3. Arts & Green Festival – May 2 at Memorial Park 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This item was discussed during item 5-1.

6-4. Brown Act Refresher

Chaney reminded the Committee to be cautious of emailing and holding discussions with Committee members outside of meetings.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7-1. Next Meeting: May 10, 2010.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.