



MINUTES

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

City Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue
Monday, February 8, 2010 – 7:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dann, Donald, Granholm, So , Larson, Papalia

Members Absent: Diehl

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve Minutes from January 25, 2010 meeting (Attached)

Minutes approved unanimously.

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 as of yet. Two postings at the waterfront reported that there was a dog attack occurred at the beach. There have been attempts to locate the dogs but they have not been located. An outbreak of PARVO virus was also reported - there is an encampment at the Bulb and puppies in the encampment have the virus – 2 have died. Papalia expressed concern regarding the spread of this virus, and that these two issues require attention to ensure a safe environment for park users.

Chaney stated that she will be conducting a site visit this week, and will check the area. Papalia discussed development of a survey, recommending surveying the community, those with dogs and without, at the waterfront and at additional locations such as Memorial Park and the Community Center or Post Office. The survey would include basic demographics. Donald asked to add a question about plastic litter and interest in assisting in cleanup. So suggested adding a question about kids.

Public Comment:

John Kindle – visited the waterfront twice and recreation was disturbed by dogs both times. Few Albany residents utilize the waterfront with their dogs due to concerns with off-leash dogs. Would like professional dog walkers to get business licenses.

5-2. Rebuilding Together – discuss possibility of collaborating on a cleanup event

Papalia reported that he has not had a chance to talk with the lead of Rebuilding Together. Funding may be necessary to support the efforts.

Donald reported that there will be two scheduled cleanup days on Earth Day and on Coastal Cleanup day.

5-3. Committee meeting dates – discuss upcoming meeting schedule

Chaney reported that the Committee's second meeting date has become problematic in terms of scheduling other meetings and holding the calendar date. Chaney proposed the Committee drop the second meeting date. Special meetings can be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

Papalia moved that the Committee retain the second Monday on the month meeting date, with special meetings scheduled as needed.

Seconded by Granholm. Unanimously approved.

5-4. Measure WW Application – Status report

Chaney will be preparing the application. The deadline is March 31, 2010.

5-5. Albany Beach and Sand Dune Restoration Feasibility Study to be conducted by East Bay Regional Park District – Status report

Chaney reported that EBRPD is providing matching funds, and the total project budget is \$200,000, and have retained LSA Consulting. The project will include a community input process.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Information only

6-1. Voices to Vision – Council presentation

Chaney reported that Fern Tiger is scheduled to provide a final report to City Council on April 5, 2010.

Edward Moore: Noted that there is an interest in developing guidelines out of the results of the Voices to Vision process, which would require environmental review, and would likely be quite political.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7-1. Next Meeting: February 22, 2010 (if deemed necessary), otherwise March 8, 2010.

The meeting will be held on March 8, 2010, and include the 2010 work plan, follow up on dog management survey, follow up on the EBRPD Feasibility Study, update on the burrowing owl habitat. Papalia encouraged the Committee to identify goals for 2010 and submit them to Chaney prior to the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.