### **MINUTES**



### WATERFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING

## City Council Chambers 1000 San Pablo Avenue Wednesday, April 6, 2011 – 7:30 P.M.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Diehl, Dann, Granholm, Papalia, Parsley

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 3-1. Approve Minutes from March 2, 2011 meeting (attached)

Minutes approved as amended.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker comments included the importance of the public art at the Bulb, and to preserve the waterfront as-is.

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

## 5-1. Welcome, and Discussion with, Whitney Dotson, EBRPD Board Member Item continued to next meeting.

# 5-2. Funding Sources for improvements of publicly owned lands at the Waterfront (attached)

Chaney reviewed the various funding sources.

The Committee will inquire with Whitney Dotson from EBRPD at the next meeting. Chaney will also invite Jim Townsend from EBRPD.

**Public Comment:** 

Measure WW is from taxpayers of Alameda County and improvements should be made available to all taxpayers. Cosco-Busan resulted in loss of recreational space for at least two weeks, funding should be provided to Albany for improvements. There is an interest in protecting the artwork and leaving the area as-is.

Diehl restated a previous motion - that the Committee identify improvements for funding and identify associated costs.

### 5-3. Lawrence Berkeley National Lab proposal/GGF interest

Chaney reported that GGF has responded to the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab RFQ, and that the Mayor and City Manager provided letters of support. There were a total of 21 submittals and it is a competitive process.

Robert Hartman from GGF confirmed that they submitted an RFQ. A short list of potential sites will be issued in April, with planned finalist selection in June. Should GGF be included on the short list, Fern Tiger would be included as part of the process. There are no plans for the site, and planning would be a community process. Hartman also reported that EBRPD board of directors have taken action to pursue eminent domain for the bay trail extension, however they are watching this process to see if there is an opportunity to include the trail.

Hartman responded to questions – the RFQ has been publicly announced since January and can be downloaded online. Specifics regarding process have not been identified. Public Comment: public comments included a concern for what would be located in the area given the sensitivities of the waterfront, and whether the development would be tax exempt.

### 5-4. Dog management at Albany Waterfront (memo attached)

The memo was reviewed. Chaney will research questions raised.

Public Comment: a lot of other users come to the waterfront besides those with dogs. Off-leash dogs should be allowed.

The Committee agreed that funding for enforcement of any policies put in place, although funding is currently not available. Additionally, the Park and Recreation Commission members would like more time to review the item. The Committee agreed to hold the item for now.

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Information only

6-1. Celebrating completion of Berkeley Meadow restoration at ESP Saturday, April 16 at 11:30 a.m. (notice attached)

### 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)

7-1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2011

### 8. ADJOURNMENT