



## WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING Minutes

**Community Center  
1249 Marin Avenue  
Monday, June 9, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present:      Brian Parker                      Steve Granholm                      Francesco Papalia  
                                    Bill Dann                                      Clay Larson  
                                    Kathy Diehl

Members Absent:      Eddy So

Staff Present:      Ann Chaney

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3-1. Approve minutes from April 15 and May 1 meetings (attached)**

Papalia asked that his letter to the Committee regarding his abstention to the post oil spill restoration project item be attached to the April 15 meeting. Minutes approved as amended, motioned by Diehl, Seconded by Granholm.

**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. Discuss comments from East Bay Regional Park District regarding City's restoration project submittal associated with Cosco Busan oil spill (see attached)**

Chaney provided an overview. The City has submitted a total of eight projects for consideration as restoration projects. East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) provided a review of the City's proposed projects prior to submittal, noting that tot lots are prohibited along the Plateau, and that an interpretive center is being planned at Berkeley. The City modified their project submittal based on EBRPD's comments.

Larson asked the status of the review process. Chaney noted that a confirmation email was received from NOAA, a timeline has not been provided as of yet.

Larson suggested the Committee work to keep projects at the Plateau moving forward.

Parker requested the restoration project letter of transmittal from Chaney.

**5-2. Status of Priority Conservation Area designations by ABAG (see attached)**

Chaney provided an update. The City submitted three recommendations to ABAG: Waterfront, Gill Tract and Albany Hill. ABAG decided to designate Albany Hill. The City Administrator submitted a response letter questioning why the waterfront was not included.

Diehl and Dann noted support for the letter. Larson does not support the letter, and is not certain that the priority conservation area at the waterfront accurately captured the Committee's suggested conservation areas.

Papalia stated the term Albany waterfront is vague and should be clearly defined to areas, particularly privately owned and publicly owned property.

- 5-3. Letter from Fern Tiger Associates regarding status of waterfront visioning process (see attached)**  
Chaney reviewed the letter. Fern Tiger will appear before the Committee when substantive material is ready for their review. Fern Tiger is currently reviewing previous planning documents, site visits, and one on one informational meetings within the community. Fern Tiger will attend the July meeting.  
Public Comment:  
Alan Maris asked if the City is providing space for the information meetings Fern Tiger is having. Chaney stated City conference rooms can be made available.

- 5-4. Albany Bulb – Information on AMC Section 8-4.7 (see attached)**  
Chaney provided an overview. Recent illegal construction of structures at the waterfront are being removed by the City’s Maintenance Department in accordance with the AMC.  
Larson inquired about the other AMC sections regarding the waterfront and how often they are enforced. Chaney acknowledged that selective enforcement tends to occur at the waterfront.  
Granholtm supports the concept of selective enforcement.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

Parker announced a review of landscape plans will be held regarding the greenway project.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**7-1. Next meeting June 23 if deemed necessary, otherwise July 14.**

The Committee agreed the next meeting will be July 14.

The Committee agreed to review previous planning documents including the Proposal for Albany’s Portion of Eastshore State Park.

Papalia would like to discuss how to pursue facility and recreational enhancements. Patty Donald from City of Berkeley would like to provide a presentation on this item as well.

Dann noted management of off-leash dogs needs to be discussed prior to making too many enhancements to the area.

Larson asked about bond Measure AA. Parker suggested Norman LaForce attend a meeting and provide an update on the item.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.