



**WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
REGULAR ALTERNATE MEETING
MINUTES**

**Community Center
1249 Marin Avenue
Monday, November 24, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parker at 7:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Ann Chaney

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from October 13, 2008 and November 10, 2008 meetings (attached)

October 13 minutes approved as amended. Motion by So, seconded by Dann.

November 10 minutes approved as amended. Motion by Dann, seconded by So. Larson and Granholm abstained.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Allan Maris: clarified accessibility of the I-80 exits in relation to accessing the waterfront area for possible ferry locations.

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

5-1. Review draft letter to Water Emergency Transportation Authority re: Ferry Terminal Study Draft EIS/EIR

Chaney provided a draft letter for review.

So stated he would like the letter to reflect the traffic concerns associated with accessing a ferry terminal.

Papalia noted that the language referring to the ferry terminal impacting the options for the visioning process limits the visioning process, and contradicts the community's ability to consider this option.

Granholm suggested changing the sentence language from "future" to "other".

Larson identified three technical comments that the Committee agreed to include in the letter.

Larson motioned that the letter request clarification and background as to why Alternatives C and D were found to be inconsistent with the Eastshore State Park General Plan. Seconded by Papalia.

Vote: In Favor – Dann, Parker, Papalia, So, Larson. Abstained – Diehl, Granholm.

Parker motioned that the letter also include reasons why Alternatives A and B are supported and why there is opposition to Alternatives C and D, including adding the first four bullets from the City Council Resolution 07-02, and that both the Buchanan and Gilman Street sites are not reasonable alternatives because the land would need to be purchased from privately owned property. Seconded by Granholm.

Vote: In Favor – Dann, Parker, So, Granholm. Opposed – Larson, Papalia. Abstained: Diehl.

Parker motioned the letter also reiterate that Alternatives C and D would require the use of Eastshore State Park land, which means no feasible prudent alternatives exist, and must be approved by the California Parks Department, which has been identified as very unlikely. Parker motioned that 4-F, Seconded by So.

Vote: In Favor – Dann, Parker, So, Granholm, Papalia. Abstained – Larson, Diehl.

Public Comment:

Caryl O'Keefe – cautioned the Committee to make sure the letter does not sound inconsistent.

Ed Moore – concerned about traffic associated with a ferry terminal, the EIR/EIS does not do enough traffic analysis.

Papalia asked that the letter also include a statement that public transit service should be provided from Albany directly to a ferry terminal in Berkeley. Seconded by Larson. The Committee agreed this should be included.

5-2. Report from Planning Review Subcommittee regarding possible topics for updating city waterfront planning documents

Papalia and Granholm reviewed city waterfront planning documents and provided a report identifying: particular waterfront property areas and property ownership, a history of recent improvements at the waterfront, the main road blocks to further improvements, present obstacles to conducting improvements, private partners/supporters/sponsors and public sponsors for improvements, possible uses/improvements, current conditions, possible projects and policy issues.

Chaney added two items to the history of what has been done section including planting of the pine tree forest and the Regional Water Quality Control Board lifting the closure order from Albany Bulb.

Granholm suggested focusing on the smaller practical issues that can be conducted to improve the area and encourage usability. Papalia suggested focusing on the linear park and amphitheatre first and then extending the focus to larger items/areas. It is apparent that the main users are dog walkers. The goal is to identify how the waterfront can be made more hospitable to other user groups.

Larson suggested grant money received by the Recreation Department should be utilized to improve the waterfront park, and that the State and EBRPD also provide assistance.

Chaney suggested the Committee also identify standards for recreation and special events.

Chaney will provide information regarding possible policy for special events.

Public Comment:

Caryl O'Keefe: encouraged Committee to work on the off leash dog issue, and supports the efforts to encourage usage of the waterfront.

The Committee agreed to continue the item.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Larson read a statement in response to comments made about him at the November 10th meeting, item 5-4.

Larson suggested Whitney Dotson be invited to an upcoming Committee meeting.

Jack Barclay is giving a presentation on the burrowing owl tomorrow in San Francisco.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7-1. Next meeting December 22, 2008 (December 8 meeting cancelled due to conflict with City Council Swearing-In Ceremonies)

The Committee agreed the next meeting would be held on January 12.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.