



## AGENDA

### **WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REGULAR ALTERNATE MEETING Minutes**

**Community Center  
1249 Marin Avenue  
Monday, January 26, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parker at 7:35 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  
Others Present:              Fern Tiger Associates

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3-1. Approve minutes from November 24, 2008 meetings (attached)**

Minutes approved unanimously, motion by Diehl, seconded by Dann.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. PRESENTATION**

**5-1. Fern Tiger Associates – Waterfront Visioning Process – Project Update**

Fern Tiger provided an update regarding the visioning process. FTA has presented the report and process concept to all City Commissions/Committees and AUSD School Board. FTA has also been working on the public outreach design, a website, and content of the workshops. Additionally they are developing a physical model of the waterfront that will be placed in the Community Center lobby. FTA has engaged a land valuation specialist to study the value of non-public land at the waterfront.

An outreach publication that includes detailed information on the waterfront is being developed. The publication will be sent to all addresses within Albany, which will note the dates and times for the public discussion sessions. The discussion sessions will be comprised of about 40 block sections within the city, held in public meeting locations, with RSVPs to determine size of group and any language needs. Reminders regarding the sessions will also be provided. A report will be developed and presented following the public sessions, along with analysis of next steps for the process.

Larson encouraged use of the community access channel.

So asked whether the publication will be translated to other languages.

FTA replied the City would translate the main component of the publication.

Public Comment:

Caryl O'Keefe: what will sessions with the public be comprised of, and expectations for the sessions.

Bob Outis: same question as O'Keefe.

Trevor Grayling: would like to see detail provided regarding financial issues related to waterfront land uses.

FTA replied to the comments: the financial issues will be provided in the publication, with further detail on the website.

The sessions will include a short presentation, and then be organized to elicit information regarding the waterfront, based on assumptions and scenarios. FTA continues to work on the content of the sessions.

Parker encouraged providing childcare at the sessions.

Papalia raised the issues of off leash dogs, art, and homeless issues at the waterfront and asked if these would be addressed.

FTA replied they would be addressed, and are included in the frequently asked question section of the publication.

Parker asked when FTA would return for another update.

FTA replied they would identify the best available time to return.

Caryl O'Keefe suggested the land valuation study include analysis of the bulb area.

Parker suggested this area not be reviewed.

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

**6-1. Report from Planning Review Subcommittee regarding possible topics for updating city waterfront planning documents** (Attachment 1: continued from November 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

Papalia would like to set aside time to discuss use policies including art and dogs. Papalia conducted a site visit and asked park visitors what type of amenities they would like, and would like to revisit to inquire with other users. Granholm supports the idea. Dann suggested identifying funding opportunities for the amenities.

Granholm suggested focusing on things that can be done on City property.

Granholm suggested revising the Plan for Albany's Portion of Eastshore State Park not be undertaken at this time as it should include a lot of public involvement and this could impact the FTA visioning process.

Chaney added that park use policies for events also be reviewed for the area.

The Committee agreed to continue this item to the March meeting.

Public Comment:

Allan Maris: encouraged the Committee to identify projects for Measure WW funds.

Brian Parsley: researched Measure WW prior to the election, and East Bay Regional Parks had a set list of items they were looking at. Acquisition of the bulb was not included.

Chaney clarified that the City will receive a specific allocation based on population. Chaney will provide additional information on this item at the next meeting.

**6-2. Selection of Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

Dann nominated Diehl for Committee Chair. Seconded by So.

Papalia nominated Granholm for Committee Chair. Seconded by Larson. Granholm declined the nomination.

Diehl unanimously approved as Chair.

Dann nominated Granholm for vice chair. Granholm declined the nomination in support of Papalia.

Larson nominated Papalia for vice chair. Papalia unanimously approved as vice chair.

**6-3. Input to Council on Committee composition** (Attachment 2)

Chaney provided an overview. Each Commission is to review its composition and provide any suggestions back to City Council. The Committee was established by Minute Order in 1974 to advise the Council on issues pertaining to the Waterfront. The Committee is comprised of 7 members including 2 at-large appointments.

Granholm stated the current size of the Committee is good, more would be unwieldy. So agreed.

Dann asked the difference between a Committee and Commission.

Chaney replied there is not much of a difference in Albany.

Papalia commented Commissions have discretion to deal with particular items.

Parker suggested the Committee be revised to a Commission, and identified by ordinance of the City Council.

Granholm agreed with recommending the change to a Commission. Papalia agreed.

Public Comment:

Allan Maris: Committee is a good size, supports the change to a Commission.

Diehl motioned the size of the Committee be maintained. Unanimously approved.

Diehl also motioned that the Committee be designated as a Commission. Seconded by Granholm.

In favor: Dann, Diehl, Granholm, So, Parker, Papalia. Opposed: Larson.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**

- Waterways display signage – correspondence from BRI Communications (Attachment 3)  
Chaney provided information from a vendor interested in providing signage for the waterfront.  
So motioned the item be placed on a future agenda. Seconded by Papalia.
- December 31, 2008 correspondence from Edward Moore (Attachment 4)  
The Committee did not motion do place this item on a future agenda.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8-1. Next meeting February 9, 2009.**

Information on Measure WW, an update on the Park and Recreation Commission review of dogs in public parks, and the waterways display signage.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.