



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for July 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order in the Ebell Room at Lakeside Garden Center at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was chaired by Mike Udkow and Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

1. Measure DD Coalition Attendance List:

Alameda County Historical Society - Ed Clausen

BART – Robert Raburn

Bike East Bay – Rick Rickard

CALM – James Vann

East Bay Regional Parks – John Sutter

Friends of Sausal Creek – Dee Rosario

Garden Center, Inc. – Anne Woodell

Laney College – Amy Bohorquez

Oakland Parks Coalition – Barbara Schaaf, Mike Udkow

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Sam & Carolyn Burd, Joel Peter, Ken Pratt, Bob & Myra Redman, John Wilson

City of Oakland

Council District 2 – Jennie Gerard

Measure DD Program Manager – Lesley Estes

Economic & Workforce Development – Hui-Chang Li

2. Review/Approve Agenda

Lesley advised that Becky Tuden was unavailable and that the Lake Merritt Water Quality item should be rescheduled for a future meeting.

3. Minutes of 5/19/2014 were approved by consensus.

4. Measure DD project update – Lesley Estes

Love Our Lake Day 2014

Lesley announced that the Office of the Mayor and Walk Oakland Bike Oakland are teaming up to bring back Love Our Lake Day on September 14, 2014. She indicated that the City will have a booth and inquired if the Coalition would like to participate by volunteering to staff the booth and responding to visitor inquiries. After a bit of discussion, the consensus was that we should participate. Amy Bohorquez and Mike Udkow volunteered to staff the booth, and Bill Threlfall was urged to send an e-mail call for additional volunteers to the list. Mike Udkow agreed to serve as contact to coordinate volunteer schedules.

Art Installation at 12th Street Bridge

Lesley distributed photos of the LED light installation now in progress. A brief discussion ensued.

Lake Merritt Channel Improvement at 10th Street

The project is now 40% complete. The bridge will largely be built before the existing culverts are removed, after which it is expected that tidal flushing will be improved by a further 50% beyond the gains already achieved. Completion is anticipated by late 2016.

Lakeside Green Street Project

This project will go to bid next winter.

Estuary Park

Preliminary work will begin soon, prior to the sale of Series C bonds which will fund the majority of the park project. The Brooklyn Basin project developer wishes to accelerate improvement of this area and will therefore provide limited funding for some initial surveying, site analysis, and engineering with no quid pro quo. This early work will be focused on the existing green space and does not include the former Cash & Carry site. Lesley noted that because much of the property involved is subject to the Public Trust, only Trust-conforming uses will be permitted.

Sausal Creek Restoration

The necessary environmental preliminaries have been completed and the project is expected to go to bid this winter. The project will correct an incised area of creek bed, stabilized failing slopes, remove a culvert and concrete spillway and provide new habitat and native trout passage.

Status of Bellevue and Garden Center Entryway Project & New Gate at Garden Center

The entryway project will go to bid in winter, and the art project gates will be installed in conjunction with the entryway project

Status of Name Installation at 18th Street Pier

Lesley advised that the City is not moving forward with this work at this time.

Progress with Port Staff regarding Bay Trail Improvements on Port land

The City is hiring a designer for conceptual design of the trail enhancements at the four key sites. These designs will become part of the anticipated formal agreements with the Port for these improvements.

Lake to Bay Trail Bridge Planning

On August 7, 2014, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. there will be a second public meeting to solicit public input for this project that is now in conceptual planning. The meeting will be held at the Jack London Aquatic Center. Several members commented on the quality and interactive character of the first meeting and encouraged Coalition participation. Further detail is available at <http://www.lm2bt.com>.

5. Report on Meeting with Developer of "12th St. Remainder Parcel" – James Vann

James introduced Hui-Chang Li, Urban Economic Analyst II for the City, who has major involvement in the project.

He noted that at its May meeting, the Coalition charged an ad-hoc subcommittee consisting of Joel Peter, James Vann, and Naomi Schiff to communicate the Coalition's position to key parties in the project. He noted that a May 21, 2014 letter outlining our position was sent to the attention of Hui-Chang Li at the City. That letter can be found [here](#) under the **Coalition Position Statements & Advocacy Letters** section of the [Coalition's archive page](#).

The subcommittee also held a July 17, 2014 meeting with the key parties in the project. As a follow-up to this meeting, the subcommittee has provided a written report to the Coalition covering major changes to the project since it was first presented to the Coalition in December 2013. James reviewed the key points of the report, which can be found [here](#) under the **Coalition Miscellaneous** section of the [Coalition's archive page](#). Based on consensus, the report was accepted.

6. Information: School District RFQ for 10th Street Property – Joel Peter

Using large aerial photographs, Joel gave an informational overview about potential development, which is expected for the coming fall.

7. Discussion: Signage at Lake Merritt Park

A general discussion revealed that a) no single department is in charge of all signage at the lake, b) new signage is planned that has a more welcoming tone (fewer "don't's) c) OPR is planning signs to better regulate safety and cleanliness.

8. Maintenance and Announcements

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors Report

Jennie announced that the next regular work day will be Saturday, July 26, 2014.

Channel Tidal Flat Update

Joel Peter reported that no work events are on the schedule. He also noted that new plantings are doing well where they are caged, but suffering where they are accessed by Canada geese.

9. Review of Work Assignments to Coalition Members:

- Bill Threlfall – Send e-mail with link for August 7 Lake to Bay Trail Bridge meeting.
- Bill Threlfall – Send an e-mail call for volunteers to staff the "Love our Lake Day" booth.

10. Agenda Suggestions for September 15, 2014 meeting:

- Becky Tuden to discuss Lake Merritt water quality.
- Kristen Zaremba to discuss public art
- "Blow by blow" description of DD estuary projects & progress by Lesley.
- Lakeside Green Street update from Lesley, with attention to path improvements

The next Coalition meeting will be Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center.

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.