



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for May 21, 2018

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

The meeting was chaired by Joel Peter.
Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

1. Measure DD Coalition attendance list:

CALM – James Vann

East Bay for Everyone – Victoria Fierce

East Bay Rowing Club – Virginia Roe

John Roloff.com – John Roloff

Lake Merritt.org – John Kirkmire

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors – Jennie Gerard

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation – Mike Udkow

The Garden Center Inc. – Susan Veit

Urban Permaculture Institute – Nancy Sherman

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall, Sandy Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Joanna Adler, Adrian Cotter, Tom Gandesbery
Joel Peter, John Sutter

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Measure DD Program Manager – Lesley Estes

Public Art Project – Kristen Zaremba

2. The agenda was revised to add an item on Lake Merritt Rangers.

3. Minutes of 3/19/2018 were approved by consensus.

4. 10th Street public art – Kristen Zaremba and John Roloff

Kristen Zaremba of the City's Public Arts Program explained that art projects are now constrained by State requirements that installation and maintenance be performed by licensed contractors, not by the artist as has been past practice. She then introduced artist John Roloff, who is responsible for art design for the 10th Street Bridge project. Using video projection, John showed other projects as background, described the 10th street site, and then presented a series of evolving design ideas for the art installation. He emphasized that at this early point, the design is purely conceptual and likely to incorporate a "ship theme". He took questions and comments, and he received a suggestion to make contact with the Audubon Society or others representing the interests of birds. John mentioned that more information is available at https://www.johnroloff.com/oaklandestuary_page1.html.

5. Measure DD project update – Lesley Estes

Lesley provided brief updates on several projects:

- Lake Merritt Improvement Project. The Garden Center and Grand Ave entrance improvements are "substantially complete", and the garden gates will be installed in July.
- Lakeside Green Street Project. The path will be completed in June, and northbound Lakeside drive is expected to open in August. Snow Park work is scheduled to complete by March 2019.
- Estuary Park. The design contract is being finalized, with the end of May as a target. The public process for the design is expected to begin this summer.

6. Bay Trail updates on 14 remaining gaps – Lesley Estes, John Sutter

John presented a draft [Bay Trail Advocacy Position statement](#) for consideration by the Coalition. At the March 19 meeting, the Coalition suggested that the Bay Trail Subcommittee prepare a recommendation that the City develop a plan with specific goals and dates for closure of the remaining Bay Trail gaps. The draft includes this recommendation and four other points, and after discussion it was adopted by the Coalition. It has been posted in the **Coalition Position Statements & Advocacy Letters** section of the [Coalition's Archive page](#).

Lesley offered these updates on specific gaps:

- Harbor Master trail connection. The plan is to resume negotiations with Oakland Marinas now that the encampment cleanup at Union Point Park has occurred. Lesley noted that Watershed staff will be participating in the City's Homeless Task Force meetings.
- Waterfront trail at Fruitvale. Negotiations with the new property owner are ongoing but have not reached agreement. BCDC has a pending enforcement action against the owner over the closed gate blocking the trail and intends to require that the gate be open 24 hours per day.
- Waterfront trail at High Street and Park Street bridges. Rather than wait for all agreements to be secured, the City will start design work now. This approach is consistent with the intent to proceed with use of Series C bond funds to complete designs for remaining projects.
- Union Point Park to 23rd Avenue Trail. (formerly known as Con Agra/Miller Milling) The Outboard Motor Shop site has many owners involved and negotiations have been challenging. The tidal portion of this property is now the responsibility of East Bay Regional Parks, and the existing lease has expired. Lesley plans to work with the Park District next year on lease conditions for a Bay Trail easement here. In the meantime, she assured the Coalition that Park District staff are aware of the need to include the necessary trail agreements in any future lease. She also mentioned a plan for City staff and Park District staff to meet regularly about Bay Trail implementation.

7. LM2BT bridge funding work group update – Bill Threlfall

Bill indicated that the work group is awaiting cost estimates that reflect design and engineering for the Park / High Street Bridges and Estuary Park. Absent those estimates, it is impossible to determine whether filling the bridge funding request would adversely affect completion of the remaining Bay Trail projects. Accordingly, there is no change in the work group's March 19 recommendation.

8. Agenda Committee guidelines and nominations – James Vann

James noted that the Coalition had adopted [Agenda Committee Guidelines](#) in March of 2016. He recommended that the Committee now serving continue until March 2019 as provided in the guidelines, and the consensus supported this recommendation. Committee members Joel Peter, Jennie Gerard, and Nancy Sherman agreed to serve as requested.

9. Update on HJ Kaiser Auditorium

This item was deferred until the July meeting.

8. Lake Merritt encampments – Jennie Gerard, James Vann

It was reported that the Lake Merritt Advocates and the Homeless Work Group will meet May 22. Naomi Schiff emphasized that the approach will be to seek common ground among the parks advocates and homeless advocates.

9. Brief updates/announcements

- [Capital Improvement Program meetings](#). Joel commented about the significance of this program and encouraged participation.
- [Weed Warriors Work day](#): May 26, 9:00 am to noon, Lakeshore at Hanover
- [Rotary Nature Ctr. Meeting](#): June 2, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, Lake Merritt Garden Ctr.
- [Lakeside Park Rangers](#). This item was deferred until the July meeting.

10. Review of work assignments to Coalition participants:

- Lesley to prepare semi-annual project status summary spreadsheet.
- Lesley to draft a project plan and schedule for Bay Trail completion.
- Bill to post Bay Trail Advocacy Position statement to Coalition Archive.

11. Agenda suggestions for July 16, 2018 Meeting:

- Semi-annual project status summary spreadsheet distribution - Lesley
- Bay Trail gap project plan and schedule – Lesley
- Oakland Civic Auditorium/Orton Development - Naomi
- Homeless update – James, Jennie
- Lakeside Park rangers – Sandy
- Invitation to Lori Fogarty, Oakland Museum

The next Coalition meeting will be July 16, 2018, at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center Ebell Room.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.