



# Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

## Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for July 16, 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 Jennie Gerard. Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

### 1. Measure DD Coalition attendance list:

Alameda County Historical Society – Ed Clausen

Bike East Bay – Robert Prinz, Rick Rickard

CALM – James Vann

Children's Fairyland - C.J. Hirschfield

Clean Water Compliance – David Swartz

Community for Lake Merritt - Adrian Cotter

East Bay Regional Parks – Dee Rosario

East Bay Rowing Club – Ken Croley, Virginia Roe

Lake Merritt.org – John Kirkmire, Katie Noonan

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors – Jennie Gerard

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation – Mike Udkow

Orton Development - Carole Ann Bradley, David Dial

Urban Permaculture Institute – Nancy Sherman

Waterfront Action – George Duncan, Bill Threlfall, Sandy Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Joanna Adler, Diane Bonanno, Robert Kidd, Kathryn Kasch,  
Eugene Koontz, Joel Peter, Bob Redman, Myra Redman, John Sutter

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Measure DD Program Manager – Lesley Estes

Public Works – Ha Nguyen, Ali Schwarz

### 2. The agenda was adopted as published.

### 3. Minutes of 5/21/2018 were approved by consensus.

### 4. Oakland Civic Auditorium - David Dial & Carole Ann Bradley, Orton Development

David Dial commented that the parties were close to finalizing the contract documents which will then go to Council for approval. They hope to begin activity on the site soon after the start of 2019 and spend 12 to 18 months in construction. He then introduced Carole Ann Bradley and they jointly presented project renderings and described the design – a "light touch" approach that is constrained to an extent by the historic status of the building. Finally, David and Carole Ann responded to Coalition questions.



## **5. Semi-annual Project Status Summary & report - Lesley Estes & Ali Schwarz**

Lesley distributed copies of the [July 15, 2018 Project Status Summary](#), which is also posted on the Coalition web page in the [City of Oakland Resources section](#).

She noted that projects highlighted in yellow are considered active. Drawing on the document's detail, Ali and Lesley briefly discussed the status of the following active projects:

- Lake Merritt Water Quality
- Snow Park/Lakeside Green Street Project
- Garden Center and Grande Ave entrance improvements

Lesley also presented examples of planned signage for Lake Merritt and noted the proposed locations. Coalition comments emphasized the need for additional languages on the signage to insure effectiveness, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Spanish. A discussion ensued about strategies to end bird feeding by the public.

## **6. Friends of Estuary Park presentation - Virginia Roe & Ken Croley**

Virginia Roe noted the recent formation of the Friends of Estuary Park group, saying the group wishes to maintain the quality of the Jack London Aquatic Center by including a good dock, launch ramp, and place for the public to fish. She introduced Ken Croley who reviewed the inception of the Aquatic Center in 2001 by its founder Robert Kidd. He described existing uses of the facility and then distributed a sample page from the group's web site, which may be viewed at [friendsofestuarypark.com](http://friendsofestuarypark.com).

Ken then suggested new elements for the Estuary Park site plan:

- An additional facility next to the existing building to allow expansion
- Replacement of the worn-out dock
- Shower facilities

He encouraged Coalition participants to visit the group's web site and sign the petition of support found there.

## **7. Bay Trail projects, plan, and schedule for 14 gaps - Lesley Estes & Ha Nguyen**

Lesley introduced Ha Nguyen, who has replaced Woojae Kim on the Bay Trail projects. She distributed [this project schedule](#) and then offered brief updates on several gaps:

- Fruitvale land crossing
- Park Street Bridge
- High Street Bridge
- E. 7<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Street crossing – Lesley described the need for a new pedestrian crossing here to address flooding, other obstacles, and safety concerns. Due to particular features of the site, the cost will be "several hundred thousand dollars." She asked for Coalition input concerning this initial step of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street project, and after some discussion and clarification, the Coalition expressed consensus supporting the pedestrian crossing.

Lesley then requested Coalition assistance with two urgent items:

Amendments to As-Needed Civil Engineering Services Agreements. She indicated that the existing engineering contracts for the E. 7<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Ave trail segment and the Park Street Bridge segment must be amended to permit continued work on these projects. A

staff recommendation to approve these amendments will be heard at the Special Public Works Committee July 17, 2018 at 10 a.m. She encouraged Coalition participants to communicate their views about the staff recommendation in writing or in person. Discussion ensued, and the Coalition then developed a consensus statement of support for the staff recommendation and tasked Bill Threlfall to write a Coalition letter including the statement and send it by midnight to the members of the Public Works Committee. The resulting [July 16, 2018 letter](#) has been posted in the **Coalition Position Statements & Advocacy Letters** section of the [Coalition's Archive page](#).

Park Street Bridge meeting with Alameda County representatives. Lesley noted that there will be a joint meeting at the project site to discuss implementation. She solicited Coalition participation and will announce the meeting details when it has been scheduled.

### **8. Campers at Lake Merritt – Naomi Schiff**

Naomi provided a general update and reviewed recent key events, including the City securing \$9.9M from various sources to address homeless issues. She cautioned that vigilant advocacy will be required to retain these funds and influence their use. She also encouraged homeless advocacy directed toward Alameda County.

### **9. Brief updates/announcements**

- [Capital Improvement Program meetings](#). Jennie Gerard, Virginia Roe, and Nancy Sherman commented on the program's process and development of project evaluation criteria, noting that it was a new program for the City.
- [Weed Warriors Work day](#): July 28, 9:00 am to noon
- [Other](#): George Duncan announced an Alameda County Historical Society event scheduled Thursday July 26 4-6 p.m.

### **10. Review of work assignments to Coalition participants:**

- Bill to write a Coalition letter expressing support for the staff recommendation to amend certain engineering contracts for Bay Trail projects and deliver it to members of the Public Works Committee by midnight.

### **11. Agenda suggestions for September 17, 2018 Meeting:**

- Expanded presentation of Bay Trail project designs and schedule – Lesley

The next Coalition meeting will be September 17, 2018, at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center Ebell Room.

**Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**