Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for September 19, 2011

The meeting was held in the Ebell Room at Lakeside Garden Center at 7:10 PM.

The meeting was chaired by Rick Rickard and Sandy Threlfall served as recorder.

1. Measure DD Coalition Attendance List:
   ABAG Bay Trail Project – Lee Huo
   CALM – James Vann
   BART – Robert Raburn
   EBBC – Rick Rickard
   EBRPD – John Sutter
   East Bay Garden Center – Anne Woodell
   Friends of the Cleveland Cascade – David Bolanos, Robert Fleming
   Oakland Parks Coalition – Judy Johnson
   Waterfront Action – George Duncan, Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall
   Interested Citizens – Julia Ehrman, John Wilson
   City of Oakland
     DD Manager – Joel Peter Council District 2: Jennie Gerard

2. Additions to agenda
   None

3. Minutes of 7/18/2011 were approved by consensus.

4. Invited Presentation
   Lee Huo, ABAG Bay Trail Planner and contact for Alameda and Contra Costa counties,
   highlighted recent Bay Trail advances that were not part of Measure DD. He noted that the
   Oakland has 38 miles of planned trail, of which 24 are complete. He also emphasized the
   value of collaboration with community agencies and groups such as the Measure DD Coalition.

5. Joel Peter: Update on current DD projects
   Joel distributed copies of the 9/16/2011 Project Status Summary, and this document has been
   posted in the Progress section of the Coalition's web page. Highlights:

   Fruitvale-High Street Gap
   Joel passed around before and after pictures, demonstrating the substantial progress on this
   project.

   12th Street Project
   Progressing on schedule.

   Cleveland Cascade
   Work has been halted and a re-design of the railings is in progress to address technical
   problems. Shop drawings were approved and sent to the manufacturer. The new design will
   necessitate the removal of most of the existing benches along the stairway. Changes to the
   bollards at the top of the Cascade are being designed to reduce glare.

   Boardwalk under the High Street Bridge
   The Oakland City Council approved the cooperative agreement, and it will go before the County
   Board of Supervisors soon. Members of the Coalition expressed interest in writing advocacy
   letters to the County Supervisors urging approval of the agreement, and a model letter was
   requested by the chair.
Snow Park
A "35% set of plans" has been completed and will be posted on the City's Measure DD web site soon.

Lakeside Park Path Improvements
Joel said that design is underway on paving the short section of unpaved path northwest of the Pergola, and re-paving the deterioration portion of the path along the water's edge below Fairyland.

Financial Overview
Joel presented a summary report and briefly reviewed Series A and B bond allocations and expenditures. This report has been posted to the Expense Tracking section of the Coalition's Document Archive we page.

6. Naming of the East 18th Street Pier
Joel indicated that research at the Oakland Library History Room revealed no historic plaque or signage on the Pier wall. After some discussion, it was decided that Anne Woodell would suggest the name East 18th Street Pier and possibly a dedication to Mayor Mott to the Alameda County Historical Society, who would be encouraged to develop an appropriate report and recommendation to City Council.

7. Ongoing Maintenance Issues
Joel described recent problems with graffiti and a general discussion of re-painting ensued. Joel advised that at a future time, he will be asking for volunteers to "adopt" the Pergola as an ongoing maintenance project, with the notion that local community groups might be effective in both managing and reporting maintenance issues.

8. Volunteer Work Day at Lake Merritt – Jennie Gerard
This month's Lake Merritt Master Volunteers work day will be Saturday September 24 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

9. Possible agenda suggestions for November 21 meeting:
- Lake Chalet lease status, operations, gondola, etc. (need to identify information source)
- Ongoing Maintenance issues (general discussion)
- Path extensions and improvements (Joel)

10. Agenda Committee Composition
The following committee was appointed to serve November – March.
- Rick Rickard (Chair*)
- Judy Johnson
- John Wilson
* Rick Rickard will be away and unable to organize and chair the November meeting. Judy Johnson will serve in his absence.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Our next meeting will be Monday November 21 at 7:10 PM at the Ebell Room.