



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for January 13, 2016

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

The meeting was jointly chaired by Mike Udkow and James Vann.
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

Children's Fairyland – C.J. Hirschfield

East Bay Regional Parks – John Sutter

East Bay Rowing Club – Virginia Roe

Friends of Sausal Creek – Barbara Goldenberg

Lake Merritt Institute – Charles Brooks III

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation – Barbara Schaaf, Mike Udkow

Urban Permaculture Institute – Casey Harper, Nancy Sherman

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall

Wholly H₂O – Elizabeth Dougherty

Interested Citizens – Mike Connor, Trina Goodwin, Kathryn Kasch, Joel Peter, Christine Werme,
John Wilson

City of Oakland

Measure DD Program Manager – Lesley Estes

Council District 2 – Jennie Gerard

2. By consensus the draft agenda was modified, deleting the 7:40 Shoreline Park presentation, for which the presenters had cancelled.

3. Minutes of 11/16/2015 were approved by vote.

4. Measure DD Project Update – Lesley Estes

Semi-Annual Distribution of DD Project Status Summary

Lesley distributed copies of the [January 11 Project Status Summary](#), which is also posted on the Coalition web page under the **City of Oakland Resources** section.

Drawing on the detail of the document, she discussed the status of the following projects:

- Lake Merritt Water Quality
- Sailboat House
- Snow Park/Lakeside Green Street
- Bellevue Avenue Reconfiguration
- Garden Center & Grand Ave Entry Improvements
- Con Agra to 23rd Ave. Trail
- Livingston Pier Trail Connection
- Crowley Site Interim Trail

- Harbor Master Site Trail Connection
- Waterfront Trail at High Street Bridge
- 10th Street Project
- Estuary Park

During the discussion of Estuary Park, Lesley advised that the Measure DD improvements to Estuary Park are scheduled for the future, as they will require a lengthy public process, Series C bond funding, and additional funds from grants to be sought. She also noted that the development agreement between the City and the developer of Brooklyn Basin requires that the developer perform the environmental remediation of the park site, capping contaminants and adding two feet of fresh topsoil but otherwise providing no replanting or improvements. Because this remediation work could therefore leave Estuary Park unusable by the public, it should be performed shortly before the Measure DD Estuary Park project gets underway. However, the developer has declared a wish to perform this remediation in 2016, which could leave the park unusable by the public for years. Discussions between the City and developer over this issue has begun. Coalition participants expressed consensus that we wish Lesley to update us regularly on the progress of these negotiations until they are complete.

5. Presentation: "People's Proposal for Remainder Parcel" - E 12th Coalition & SAHA

Eric Saijo, Dunya Alwan, and Ayo Chaney of the East 12th Coalition introduced themselves, noting that representatives of Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) were unavailable. Eric indicated that SAHA, working with the East 12th Coalition, is one of the organizations who submitted a notice of intent to purchase the "remainder parcel" in the City's second round process dealing with the disposition and development of this property. Dunya went on to describe the community benefits of their proposal, emphasizing the strong community planning process. The proposal, which is entirely a product of volunteer effort, calls for 133 units and high density, resulting in 700 residents if all units were filled. More detail about the proposal is available at <http://proposal.e12thoakland.org/>

The presentation concluded with a request from the East 12th representatives that the Measure DD Community Coalition endorse their proposal. A brief discussion ensued, during which John Sutter noted that an endorsement from the DD Coalition would require that we more extensively review all of the proposals under consideration, a complex and time-consuming task that could not be completed in the required timeframe. Others agreed, and no consensus to endorse the proposal emerged.

6. DD-Related Projects and Matters:

Remainder Parcel at E 12th St & Lake Merritt Boulevard. Lesley was asked to briefly review the status of the City's second round process and offered a quick summary.

Kaiser Convention Center Rehabilitation. Lesley was asked to briefly review the status of this project, and mentioned that Orton Development had been selected and has entered into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with the City. Jennie Gerard offered to be a point of contact for Coalition participants interested in joining small group planning sessions.

BCDC Permitting of Crowley, Livingston, and Embarcadero Cove. Lesley commented that the Bay Conservation and Development Commission has offered some challenges in the City's permitting for these Bay Trail projects, but she was confident that the issues would be resolved.

DD Funds for 7th Street Pump Station & Water Quality Upgrade. Lesley said that the County agreed in principle with the City's automation proposal but rejected the specific equipment system proposed. Ongoing discussions are expected.

Compensation for residual damage from Warrior Celebration at Lake Merritt Blvd. Lesley was asked to briefly review the status of the City's request for compensation for damages. She noted that an invoice has been sent but no response has been received.

Shoreline Park New Design. Naomi Schiff and John Sutter comment on the developer's selection of a new landscape architect and noted the vast improvements of the new design, which was approved by the Planning Commission on December 16, 2015. That approval has now been appealed to Council. Coalition participants commended John Sutter, James Vann, and Naomi Schiff for their joint letter to the Planning Commission, which was incorporated by reference in its motion to approve the development permit.

School District Administration Properties at 10th Street. Naomi Schiff reported that the Oakland Unified School District remains uncertain of its plans for these properties. She declared her personal goal was to facilitate communication between the City and school district. Lesley indicated her interest in participating as a City representative in such meetings.

Port Payments to City for Maintenance of Tidelands Trust Lands. Bill Threlfall gave a brief overview of the concern, and indicated that more information is being sought through public records requests. Questions arose regarding the use of the payments received by the City but were deferred until additional information can be obtained.

7. Administrative Support for the Coalition

Bill Threlfall inquired if the City will be seeking proposals for administrative support for the Coalition in 2016. Lesley affirmed that an RFQ for this service will be issued soon.

8. Discussion: Coalition Statement of Purpose and Role

Bill Threlfall distributed copies of [this excerpt](#) from a recently discovered 6/24/2003 City Community and Economic Development Agency and Public Works Agency Agenda Report. The excerpt includes the [Coalition's Statement of Purpose](#), adopted by the Coalition at its April 12, 2003 meeting, and it also includes City Staff/Coalition agreements about the Coalition's role.

Bill urged those in attendance to review the material and consider how well the Coalition doing in achieving its purposes. He deferred any additional discussion until the March meeting because the agenda had run late and the meeting would be required to adjourn almost immediately.

9. Maintenance and Announcements

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors Report

Jennie Gerard advised that an announcement about the next workday would be forthcoming.

Channel Tidal Marsh Update

Joel reported fencing was erected to protect plantings, but homeless in the area continue to break down the fencing. Accordingly, volunteer efforts have been suspended until an organized City program to address this problem is implemented. A brief discussion of the problem ensued, and concerned citizens can contact Joe Devries at JDeVries@oaklandnet.com

10. Review of Work Assignments to Coalition Participants:

This item was cancelled due to lack of time.

11. Agenda Suggestions for March 21, 2016 meeting:

This item was cancelled due to lack of time, but the following topics were mentioned during the course of the meeting or carried over from the current agenda:

- Agenda Committee Composition
- Report on negotiations over schedule for Estuary Park environmental remediation -Lesley
- Discussion of Coalition Statement of Purpose and Scope - Bill
- Port Payments to City for Maintenance of Tidelands Trust Lands - Sandy
- Compensation for Warrior Celebration at Lake Merritt Blvd & HJ Kaiser Center - Lesley
- Presentation by new landscape architect for Shoreline Park

The next Coalition meeting will be in March 21, 2016, at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center Ebell Room.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.