

Measure DD Coalition
Minutes of November 17th, 2008 Meeting

In attendance: Dinah Benson, Ken Benson, Ron Bishop, David Bolanos, Rick Rickard, John Sutter, Sandy Threlfall, James Vann, Anne Woodell and Kathy Raymond.
City Staff Attendees: Joel Peter, Pat Mossburg, Sue Piper and Jim Wheeler

Sandy Threlfall chaired the meeting that began with introductions.

Project Updates:

The 12th St. project has federal funding tentatively approved. It will be the end of the year before it can go to bid as the money has to be in place first.

Gallagher and Burke have started work on the Lakeshore project. Option B, where the curbs don't move was selected as the final design. The area is fenced off but there has been no work yet as the project is starting off on the slow side. The contractors have 200 days to complete the work or liquidated damages sets in so they have incentive to complete within the timeframe. There are small signs posted. It was mentioned that there is a safety concern by the bus stop as it seems someone started to unravel the construction fence.

The landscaping project at the muni boathouse on Lakeside has begun and is moving along. The building itself is almost complete the City is just completing a small fraction of work and then the restaurant owner can begin to come and make their renovations. The Street reconfiguration will not be complete until sometime in springtime perhaps around April. The Boats are currently being stored in a temporary location.

Sailboat House – The current plan for the Sailboat house was to leave it the way it is instead of restoring to 1914 look of having an open air top floor. They will propose restoring the balcony now with series A funds by moving some Series B into Series A and then reprogramming Series B. It was noted that taking away the current top floor rental facility would be very detrimental.

The Cleveland Cascade is very close to going out to bid, they have a 100% design with 5 extra alternatives based upon budget. The installation of the handrail is the highest priority.

The Port came back with a counter to the City's proposal on the Brooklyn Basin property which is a lot higher. The City is currently under negotiations with the Port.

The Waterfront Action Coalition is holding a meeting at 8 a.m. Nov. 18th to discuss the proposed trails around the 3 bridges. They have been trying to get Alameda County to partner to expand the catwalk. Alameda County and the Coastguard are both scheduled to be at the meeting. Another option is to install a traffic light at tidewater but the County doesn't like that proposal.

The Pier at Fruitvale is currently closed by the County and they will need to fix the Pier. The new restaurant Tiki Tom's opened two weeks ago.

The Derby to Lancaster part of the Bay Trail had the official start of construction today.

The East Oakland Sports Complex design has been wrapped up and some of the work has been bid out. This is being done as a CM at Risk project to aid in the speeding up of the project. The construction is scheduled to begin in January. The passage of Measure WW will mean that \$6 million will be put towards this project.

Sandy brought up the issue around maintenance at Union Point Park and said the State Coastal Conservancy is not happy about how the park is being maintained. It was noted the park needs to have a Steward to keep it up and that they should work with Keep Oakland Beautiful who has a volunteer organizer. Perhaps Beacon School could essentially adopt the park. It was also noted that after some discussion on if there could be perhaps some tennis or basketball courts created on the future Cryer site

that as it is Public Trust land there are specific stipulations that it can ONLY be designed around passive use and there is already an approved design for this location. There are no current plans around the existing building but it is not seismically sound so only being used for storage right now. They wanted to open and make a beach area but the water and area is very contaminated. Long term they would still like to do this but would require a lot of dredging the whole area. They are planning plaza areas that would cap the contaminated soil. The Design also calls for no mow grass and some historical signage. As they cannot create anything not deemed passive use they are moving ahead with current design and it is going in the queue. This whole area pretty much to Jack London is mostly Tideland Trust. It does allow for commercial uses like hotels/motels but no condos. To learn more you can go to the Public Trust web site at www.sl.c.ca.gov.

There is nothing new with the ConAgra site.

Audit:

There was an Audit done that you can find online at the City's site www.oaklandnet.com/measuredd. It is required every 3 years.

James Vann provided a proposal to the group asking for height restrictions around the Lake as the City is looking at zoning currently in this area. The participants all agreed with the draft. Kathy Raymond will send out an email to the entire coalition to see if we should indicate it comes from the Coalition as a whole or just the participating members at the meeting. It was noted that buildings that were too tall would shadow the lake, take away view corridors and may even impact sailing conditions. It was asked if anyone wanted to propose language to the draft to get it to James.

Maintenance around projects is continuing to be one of the biggest obstacles. Some discussions were had around how we can aid in this issue. Job training was brought up as a possibility.

Outreach was also discussed on how we can continue to promote what DD funds have completed and are continuing to complete. Sue Piper suggested that perhaps we can put out information in the Waste Mgmt. Bill that comes out quarterly as the City already has an agreement with them. Also to target Councilmembers newsletters, Neighborhood Watches and Associations. Perhaps KTOP or Comcast would be willing to have someone on to promote this.

The next meeting potential agenda items were proposed:

Ongoing Maintenance Discussion

Follow-up to Outreach

Questions anyone may have around the Audit

Training Programs

It was suggested to have a meeting solely around maintenance but it was decided that perhaps we should begin with a discussion in January about what this would entail.

Ongoing Agenda Committee: Sandy Threlfall and James Vann

Next Meeting January 26th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.