



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for November 17, 2014

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

The meeting was chaired by Mike Udkow and Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

1. Measure DD Coalition Attendance List:

BART – Robert Raburn

CALM – James Vann

East Bay Regional Parks – John Sutter

Friends of Sausal Creek – Dee Rosario

Lake Merritt Institute – Charles Brooks II

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Parks Coalition – Judy Johnson, Barbara Schaaf, Mike Udkow

Waterfront Action – George Duncan, Bill Threlfall, Sandy Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Sam Burd, Robert Kidd, Joel Peter, Sergio Romero

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Council District 2 – Jennie Gerard

Public Works Agency – Lily Soo Hoo

Public Art Project Manager: Kristen Zaremba

2. The draft agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Minutes of 9/15/2014 were approved by consensus.

4. Measure DD Project Update – Lily Soo Hoo

Measure DD Project Status Summary Spreadsheet

Lily did not distribute copies of this updated document but orally reviewed brief highlights.

She agreed to provide [this copy for online distribution to Coalition participants](#). Recent changes are highlighted in red.

The latest version of this document is always published on the Coalition web page under [City of Oakland Resources](#): City of Oakland Progress Documents: Project status summary

A few of the mentioned highlights are noted below:

10th Street Bridge update

Lily reported that the project has been slowed by infrastructure issues and is about 40% complete. Final completion is now expected in fall of 2016.

Bay Trail Improvements on Port land

The contract WRT to perform design and construction management of the trail enhancements at the four key sites has been finalized.

Lakeside Green Street project

Project construction is expected to start late in 2015.

Cryer Site

Community outreach regarding use of the site is the next step.

Con Agra

The Con Agra property has been sold. City staff are working with the new owner to formalize the working agreement previously established with Con Agra regarding Bay Trail access.

5. Invited Presentation: Public Art in Measure DD Projects - Kristen Zaremba

Kristen Zaremba, City of Oakland Public Art Program Manager, gave a slide presentation and discussion of Public Art at three Measure DD projects: 12th Street underpass, Lakeside Garden gates, and the Lakeside Green Street project. She also noted that John Roloff has been selected for the art installation at the 10th St. channel area, but as of yet had no related slides to display. Coalition members requested a follow-up presentation regarding the 10th St. channel art when available, and Kristen agreed to explore the matter with John Roloff. A brief discussion regarding use of Series C money for art projects ensued, and it was noted that 1.5% of the project budgets is reserved for public art.

6. Report on "12th St. Remainder Parcel" Development – James Vann

James noted that Joel and Naomi served with him on the remainder parcel subcommittee and then highlighted the City's response to the committee's four main concerns. This response is detailed in [this November 17 letter](#) from the City, which may be found in the "**Remainder Parcel**" section of the [Coalition's Archive page](#).

7. Information: Development along the Lake Merritt Channel – Naomi Schiff

Naomi reported on recent meetings pertaining to Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) property and to the Henry J. Kaiser Auditorium. She indicated that responses to the OUSD high-rise RFP were weak, and the district has put the plan on hold until April 2016. Her impression is that the property owners, agencies, and other players along the channel are engaged in very little coordination of planning and effort.

8. Update: PRAC position regarding park usage and signage – Mike Udkow

Following up on the Coalition's interest to "keep an eye on" Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) action regarding the issue of designating areas for grilling, Mike attended the recent PRAC meeting. Although the issue came under discussion, it was soon apparent that the City had already installed signs with related "do's" and "don'ts". Nevertheless, Mike agreed to continue monitoring PRAC agendas. Jennie emphasized that there is strong, almost irresistible public demand for designated grilling areas.

9. Maintenance and Announcements

Committee on Enhanced Maintenance for Lake Merritt

Jennie Girard gave an overview of the purpose and activities to date of the committee and then indicated that now that the election is over it will become active once again.

Naomi advised that a Draft of a maintenance budget advocacy letter is in progress. She hopes to submit it for Coalition review at our next meeting.

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors Report

The next regular work day will be Saturday, December 6, 2014.

Channel Tidal Marsh Update

Joel Peter report that 16 volunteers participated in the recent work day. No additional sessions are scheduled for the rest of this year.

10. Other Announcements:

- Sandy Threlfall gave a brief overview of issues underlying the recent East Bay Express article: [An Environmental Setback at Brooklyn Basin](#). She noted that the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) will hold a public hearing on the matter in spring of 2015. After some discussion, the Coalition reached consensus that we should send a letter to BCDC urging support for the requirements of the existing BCDC permit 7-06, with particular attention to section H.1.a. - e. Sandy Threlfall, Bill Threlfall, and Joel Peter were charged with preparing a draft for Coalition review on 1/19/2015.
- Bill advised that the Coalition's meeting dates will follow the established pattern of third Mondays of alternate months and will always be shown on the Coalition's web page.

11. Review of Work Assignments to Coalition Members:

- Lily Soo Hoo – Update and send Measure DD Project Status Summary Spreadsheet
- Sandy Threlfall, Bill Threlfall, Joel Peter – Draft BCDC letter for Coalition review.
- Enhanced Maintenance Committee consisting of Jennie Gerard, George Duncan, and Naomi Schiff – Draft maintenance budget advocacy letter for Coalition review.

12. Agenda Suggestions for November 17, 2014 meeting:

- John Roloff to discuss public art – Kristen Zaremba will explore.
- Review/adopt draft Coalition letters re: maintenance budgets & Brooklyn Basin wetlands.

The next Coalition meeting will be Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center.

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.