

## **Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for March 21, 2011**

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

Special thanks to those arriving early and setting up the room!

Barbara Schaaf – good job on leading the meeting and then passing the baton!

The meeting was chaired by Barbara Schaaf and Sandy Threlfall served as recorder.

### **1. Measure DD Coalition Attendance List:**

Alameda County Historical Society – Ed Clausen

CALM – Naomi Schiff, James Vann

BART – Robert Raburn

EBBC – Rick Rickard

Friends of the Cleveland Cascade – David Bolanos, Tom Cutts

Lake Merritt Uptown Community Benefit District – Steve Snider

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

Waterfront Action – George Duncan, Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Steve Rochan

Presenters: D C & E: John Hykes and Cynthia Greenberg

City of Oakland

DD Manager – Joel Peter     Council District 2: Jennie Gerard

Public Art Project Manager: Kristen Zarembo

PWA: Ali Schwarz, Lily SooHoo,

### **2. Additions to agenda**

None

### **3. Announcements**

Naomi Schiff announced that preservationists are looking for home for historic 1950's signage removed from the 12<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> street reconstruction. Each sign is 24' long and 5' high, classic black and white with attached light standards. They read: *14<sup>th</sup> Street and Northerly* .....*12<sup>th</sup> Street and Southerly*. Oakland Museum declined due to size.

### **4. Minutes of 1/17/2011 were approved by consensus.**

### **5. Agenda committee for May, July September:**

Rick Rickard was appointed as chair with James Vann and Naomi Schiff as members.

### **6A. Joel Peter's Update on DD Projects**

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Street Project

The west bridge falsework and formwork are done and reinforcing steel is being placed. The first concrete pour for the bridge deck should begin soon. The west section of the bridge is expected to be open September 2011. It will carry two lanes of traffic and a bike trail. This traffic will be shifted from the existing street adjacent to the lake, permitting work to begin in that area.

Along the Lakeshore Ave. side, the curb and gutters were torn out, and then the rains came. At the next dry period the new curbs and gutters will be installed.

#### Fruitvale-High Street Gap Closure - Waterfront Trail

Vortex Diving, a firm located on Livingston Pier, has been selected to do the work, and the notice to proceed has been issued. The pile drivers will work from a barge, and initial clearing and excavation work will be starting around the end of this month.

### Cleveland Cascade

Contractor: Ray's Electric. There have been extensive delays associated with the design and production of the LED-illuminated handrails, which are now expected for delivery in May. The conduit to supply power to the railings has installed.

### Sailboat House

Contractor: Dan Peters Construction. The new balcony is up, with new and attractive hand rails in progress. There is yet to be a lightweight concrete pour over the balcony and completion is expected in April.

### BBI Construction

The firm filed a lawsuit about delays and unanticipated conditions at the Studio One and Municipal Boat House projects. Council reviewed a closed-session settlement, the details of which will be announced at an open session meeting to come. The settlement is not expected to impact the progress of planned Measure DD projects because settlement funds will come from interest on the Measure DD bonds.

### East Oakland Sports Center update

Located on Edes at Jones Ave., the project is substantially complete, although more showers and fencing have been requested for the site. The City Office of Parks and Recreation is planning an opening in July, with a "soft" opening earlier to provide dance and exercise classes at the Center without pool access. Again, Coalition members suggested that we have a tour of the site in May or July, when the remaining work is completed.

### The Livingston Pier

It is Port of Oakland property, and the Port has agreed to the planned trail alignment. Project completion is anticipated near the end of 2011.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Marina and Brooklyn Basin Parcel.

These are also Port of Oakland property, but to date there has been no agreement regarding development of an interim trail at these sites.

### Trail around the Estuary bridges.

John Sutter reported by email that the EBRP Board members and staff went to Washington DC to try and find a solution for the Bay Trail going under High Street Bridge. Deputy Asst Secretary of the Army, Terence ("Rock") Salt was sympathetic but made no commitments. Park district staff will follow up with both him and Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

### Sausal Creek Dimond Park Restoration

A public meeting about the project is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 7-9PM at the Dimond Recreation Center, 3860 Hanley Road. The meeting announcement can be viewed at <http://www.waterfrontaction.org/dd/index.htm#workshops>  
There is an existing culvert that is eroding the sides of the creek in the project area. Work is being done to daylight the creek and improve access up the creek for the Rainbow Trout.

### **6B. Snow Park Presentation**

A PowerPoint presentation was given by John Hykes, Landscape Architect with *Design, Community and Environment* (DC&E). He was assisted by Cynthia Greenberg, also with the firm. The City of Oakland Public Works manager on the project is Ali Schwarz, also present.

An evaluation of the project site revealed that there are a number of "desire line" pathways – wear paths formed by public use. There is also a maintenance road necessary to serve the bathroom facilities. One proposal would remove part of 20<sup>th</sup> Street going through the park, and create a public promenade leading to the edge of the Lake. This is the early stages of seeking comments, feedback and attendance at public discussion forums. Issues of tree removal, tree replacement and types of running path materials are all up for review.

Ali Swartz announced that there will be a public Community Design Review meeting on the project Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Kaiser Center Lobby. This timing is to encourage the business community to provide feedback on the Snow Park design. A second Community Design Review meeting has been scheduled April 13 from 6:30-9:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Center. The meeting announcements can be viewed at

<http://www.waterfrontaction.org/dd/index.htm#workshops>

She also provided copies of a questionnaire that will be used to collect public input regarding project design. The questionnaire can be viewed at

[http://www.waterfrontaction.org/dd/archive/snow\\_quest.pdf](http://www.waterfrontaction.org/dd/archive/snow_quest.pdf)

#### **7. Cleveland Cascade Q & A**

Frustration expressed due to the appearance of some elements at the site and the long delay in installation of railings. It was suggested that a representative from the Friends of the Cleveland Cascade organization could get in touch with PGA, the pro bono landscape architect for the project to see how to help.

#### **8. Letters Task Force Report: John Sutter, Rick Rickard**

No report. A Coalition member requested that Coalition administrative support staff once again E-mail links to the model advocacy letters, to stimulate interest in sending them to relevant policy makers.

#### **9. Lake Merritt Maintenance**

Jennie Gerard announced that the Lake Merritt Master Volunteers will be working at the park on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 1 PM unless there is heavy rain.

#### **10. Agenda suggestions for May 16th meeting**

- Letters Task Force / trail gap closures advocacy
- Project maintenance
- Invitation to Lesley Estes to review priorities for creek restoration, with special attention to Temescal Creek (carried over from 3/21)
- Invitation to Bay Trail staff representative to talk with us

#### **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 16th at the Ebell Room at 7:10 PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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