



# Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

## Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for September 19, 2016

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

The meeting was chaired by Nancy Sherman.  
Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

### 1. Measure DD Coalition attendance list:

Alameda County Historical Society – Ed Clausen

BART – Robert Raburn

Bike East Bay – Robert Prinz, Rick Rickard

CALM – James Vann

East Bay Regional Parks – John Sutter

East Bay Rowing Club – Curtis Frank

Housing our Unhoused Neighbor – Nancy Nadel

Lake Merritt Breakfast Club – Carol Agnello

Lake Merritt Institute – James Robinson

Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation – Barbara Schaaf, Mike Udkow

Port of Oakland – Danny Wan

Urban Permaculture Institute – Nancy Sherman

Waterfront Action – George Duncan, Bill Threlfall, Sandy Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Joanna Adler, Carolyn Burd, Sam Burd, Adrian Cotter, Eugene Koontz,  
Bob Redman, Myra Redman, John Wilson

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Measure DD Program Manager – Lesley Estes

**2. The agenda was modified** to add a brief presentation from Nancy Nadel to the 7:50 item on Lake Merritt Channel encampments.

**3. Minutes of 7/18/2016 were approved.**

**4. Measure DD project update – Lesley Estes**

Lesley briefly commented on the status of the following projects:

- 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge – The second deck has been poured and culvert removal will begin in October, resulting in a further increase in tidal action at the Lake.
- Snow Park/Lakeside Green Street – Project start in December is expected.
- Miller Milling – Project design at 35% is expected in October, followed by a plan to meet with property owners.
- Livingston Pier Trail Connection & Embarcadero Cove Trail Improvements – Delayed a bit by minor changes required by BCDC.
- Crowley Site Interim Trail – Port's ENA with developer fell through, so City may again consider a DD interim trail at this site.
- Harbor Master Site Trail Connection – Negotiation is still in progress.
- Waterfront Trail at Fruitvale Bridge – The plan is now for an "at grade" crossing, taking advantage of park district discussions with the railroad which have opened the opportunity for crossing the tracks between the existing trail and existing stoplight-controlled crosswalk.

- Other Bridge Crossings to Alameda – These are not being pursued actively at this time, though Lesley commented that attention should be directed to them in the future.
- Estuary Park – The RFP for design will be released this month. The design document will be an important tool when seeking grant funding needed to supplement the available DD funds.
- Watershed acquisitions - Lesley noted two additional creek-side property acquisitions.

## **5. Measure KK Infrastructure Bond presentation**

Danny Wan, one of the original co-sponsors of Measure DD, introduced himself and offered comments about the success of Measure DD. He then highlighted Oakland's infrastructure problems, including deficiencies in roads, parks, library buildings and fire stations. He urged local residents to take control of our neglected infrastructure by working to support Measure KK, Oakland's \$600m infrastructure bond that will be on the November ballot. He also mentioned the anti-displacement and housing component of the measure that is intended to provide matching funds for the County affordable housing measure on the ballot.

He then asked the Coalition for its endorsement of the bond measure.

A brief discussion about the housing provisions and probable tax consequences to homeowners followed. Then it was noted that in response to previous endorsement requests, the Coalition had decided not to provide endorsements concerning matters outside the scope of Measure DD and thus the Coalition could not fulfill the present request. Danny expressed understanding of this position and emphasized nevertheless that he urged endorsement by the Coalition's individual participating organizations.

## **6. Lake Merritt DD areas – maintenance and operations**

James Vann reviewed the Coalition's concerns about the "on-the-ground" use of the \$400K enhanced maintenance funds approved by Council. Tora Rocha was not present to provide detail, but Barbara Schaff commented that the areas at the Lake are "looking pretty good".

## **7. Lake Merritt Channel encampments**

Nancy Nadel described an emerging neighborhood strategy to address homelessness. She solicited involvement from interested Coalition participants, who may contact her at [nnadel@gmail.com](mailto:nnadel@gmail.com). She also solicited submission of photos of examples of encampment problems at Measure DD project areas.

James Vann reviewed the adverse impacts of encampments on DD projects, especially along the channel. He briefly described a proposal to form a Measure DD task force to address the issues.

Robert Raburn outlined the severity of the problem at the channel, noting the observed behaviors violate State law requiring safe and accessible access to bike and pedestrian paths. He indicated that the vehicle code prohibits sitting, lying, or loitering on class 1 bike paths.

John Wilson recommended spending the \$4.5M allocated for watershed acquisition in Part B of the DD bond to acquire property near the estuary to accommodate the homeless. He also suggested the Laney College restaurant as a food source.

After considerable discussion, no clear consensus for action emerged, though most participants encouraged a cross-jurisdictional collaboration rather than forming an exclusive DD task force. James Vann, Joanna Adler, Nancy Sherman, and John Wilson expressed interest in working with Nancy Nadel's emerging group.

## **8. \$400,000 Lake Merritt DD maintenance allocation and request for fiscal report**

This matter was not discussed and has been listed as a suggested November agenda item.

## **9. Proposal for self-guided walking tour**

James briefly outlined the proposal and indicated he would bring it back for discussion and action at the November meeting.

## **10. Announcements**

- Weed Warriors - Work day was 9/17 - Creek to Bay Day.
- San Leandro Creek Master Plan public workshop 9/21 - [www.sanleandro.org/sl creek/](http://www.sanleandro.org/sl creek/)
- Bay Day Bike Rides 10/1 - <https://bikeeastbay.org/search/node/october%201>
- Park & Rec Advisory Commission addressed Park Rules on 9/14
- First residential building at Brooklyn Basin approved 9/7 - completion will trigger Bay Trail requirement - [link to story](#)

## **11. Review of Work Assignments to Coalition Participants:**

James Vann will coordinate contact between the participants interested in the homeless encampment issue and Nancy Nadel's emerging group.

## **12. Agenda Suggestions for November 21, 2016 Meeting:**

- Self-guided walking tour proposal
- Follow-up report from Ad-hoc committee on enhanced maintenance funds

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

**Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**