



# Oakland Measure DD Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks Community Coalition

**Meeting minutes - January 17, 2022, 7:10 p.m.**

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Additional [meeting files are available here](#)

Welcome by meeting Chair, David Wofford. David recognized Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and the volunteer efforts of the DD Coalition in service to Oakland parks. Recognition of other Agenda Committee members: Adrian Cotter and Jennie Gerard. Mandolin Kadera-Redmond, introduced as Coalition administrator, will act as technical support during meeting and record minutes. City employee Mike Perlmutter is supporting the meeting as well.

Review of Zoom meeting protocol: recording, chat, mute, raise hand and transcription.

**1. Introductions of Coalition meeting participants [Note: Coalition doesn't have a membership]**

Rick Rickard	Bike East Bay, East Bay Regional Parks District Advisory Council
Dee Rosario	East Bay Regional Parks District, Board of Directors, Ward 2
Sandy Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Bill Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond	Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, Coalition administrator
Robert Raburn	Bay Area Rapid Transit, Ward 4 and President of the Board of Directors
Derek Sagehorn	East Bay Transit Riders Union
Rachelle Wheeler	City of Alameda Transportation Department
Cyndy Johnsen	Bike Walk Alameda
James Vann	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt (CALM)
Naomi Schiff	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt, Oakland Heritage Alliance
David Wofford	Rotary Nature Center Friends
Katie Noonan	Rotary Nature Center Friends, Lake Merritt Institute
Jennie Gerard	Lake Merritt Weed Warriors, Lake Merritt Advocates
Myra Redman	Lake Merritt Institute, Lake Merritt Weed Warriors
John Bowers	Lake Merritt Institute
Paris Organist	Lake Merritt Institute
Bob Redman	Essex Community Action Committee
Sam Burd	Essex Community Action Committee
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## **City of Oakland Public Works Attendees**

Chris Reed	Estuary Park Project Manager, Project Delivery
Rebecca Darr	Project Delivery
Mike Perlmutter	Watershed and Stormwater Management Division

- 2. After some discussion noting absences, the agenda was adopted without revision.**
- 3. Review Final Minutes of November, 15 2021 [PDF](#), [Word](#) were adopted without revisions.**
- 4. DD Program Manager Report: Kristin Hathaway, Measure DD Program Manager.** Due to Kristin's absence, this agenda item was skipped. Please find the [Project Update Report](#) linked here.
- 5. [Estuary Park Project Update: Chris Reed, Project Manager.](#)** Link to [Estuary Park Report](#).  
Chris provided an overview of the project's progress since the last update to the Coalition in September. Chris presented an update on the project approach and timeline, community engagement activities, a summary of community input received, and an update on remediation plan negotiations.

Project approach and timeline: The team is currently working on a 'Draft Master Plan' to be issued mid-March, 2022. The draft Master Plan will form the basis of a CEQA EIR Addendum and related approvals. Concurrently, staff and the design team will work to define a scope of work for Phase 1 implementation. This will be largely dependent on funding availability. In addition to Measure DD funding, they hope to secure grant(s) and donations to help support a larger scope of work. The team is currently pursuing a CA Coastal Conservancy grant for design of a natural resilient shoreline.

Community Engagement Summary: The focus of the fourth community workshop and public survey was to understand community priorities for phased park improvements. Results of both demonstrated strong support for the Bay Trail and natural resilient shoreline improvements. Support for dog park, waterfront picnic area, habitat gardens, waterfront activities, and public restrooms was also strong. While a standalone playground was not the highest priority, there was strong support for smaller, more dispersed and 'nature-play' elements. More general/narrative feedback was in support of flexible and multi-use spaces to accommodate a wide variety of activities and events. There was also strong interest in street-style skating and fitness elements. All of the input received will be considered in Master Plan and Phase 1 Design, together with other important factors, including: technical feasibility, permitting agency priorities, safety and accessibility requirements, and cost.

Park Remediation: City staff have been working closely with the Brooklyn Basin developers to refine and coordinate the remediation plan for the park. Under the terms of the original development agreement, the developer will remediate the undeveloped areas of the existing Estuary Park as well as the 4-acre site known as 'Parcel N' or the 'Cash and Carry' site, and obtain DTSC (State Department of Toxic Substances Control) approval before turning the site over to the City. The developer has agreed to work with the City and design team to ensure that the remediation and installation of a soil cap is coordinated with the future grading of the park. The required two-foot soil cap will raise the park elevation such that it meets or exceeds the anticipated sea level rise elevations in 2070.

Input, comments and questions were provided by the Coalition. Chris provided responses and asked that engagement with the Coalition be coordinated. The Coalition asked about the formation of a Community Services District for park maintenance, and cited the 2006 Brooklyn Basin Development Agreement. Chris explained that she has been working closely with City staff to better understand the terms of that agreement, its subsequent amendments and implications for the park. That effort is still ongoing and the Coalition will be briefed at a later date once more information is confirmed.

Individuals expressed interest in ongoing collaboration and Chris responded favorably. The Coalition moved to form an Ad Hoc Committee and volunteers interested in participating are invited to contact Bill Threlfall at [wthrelfall@pacbell.net](mailto:wthrelfall@pacbell.net). The Committee is open for anyone to join. It was also suggested that this topic be an ongoing agenda item.

6. **Decomposed Granite (DG) Path Repair Update: Craig Pon, Project Manager, Derin Minor, Manager, Building Services, or Richard Battersby, Assistant Director.** Having no representative from the City, this update was skipped. Requests for progress updates have been made by the Agenda Committee.
7. **Cross Estuary Oakland-Alameda Bike and Pedestrian Bridge: Cyndy Johnsen, Bike Walk Alameda Board Member, and Rochelle Wheeler, Senior Transportation Coordinator, City of Alameda.** Cyndy presented background and progress of the Estuary Bike and Pedestrian Bridge Project showing current access, need and potential plans for transportation and connection to parks and Bay Trail.

Rochelle followed with a presentation of the feasibility study considering placement to meet all Coast Guard requirements. Design has not been developed, however height and alignments were studied. Two options for the Oakland landing of the bridge considered: Jack London Square and Estuary Park.

For more information, contact Cyndy, [cyndy@bikewalkalameda.org](mailto:cyndy@bikewalkalameda.org) and Rochelle, [rwheeler@alamedaca.gov](mailto:rwheeler@alamedaca.gov) and visit [alamedaca.gov/bridge](http://alamedaca.gov/bridge) and <https://bikewalkalameda.org/estuary-crossing/>

8. **Update on [Coalition website](#) Mike Perlmutter, Watershed.** Mike reminded the Coalition that Mandolin with OPRF is the new administrator for Measure DD, though still in transition. Mike provided a view of the City of Oakland Measure DD and DD Coalition webpages. He outlined next steps and the team involved to centralize all Measure DD Coalition information and communications. A central and DD-branded email address will be set up for future communications. Mike described some delays and the intent to complete the email and website system updates soon.
9. **Nominations for Agenda Committee Members.** Jennie Gerard described the Agenda Committee role and the one year term, then asked for nominations. Traditionally, one Agenda Committee member stays one more year for continuity, and nominations are sought for the two other spots. The Agenda Committee recommended that Adrian Cotter stay on. There was discussion of nomination recommendations and requirements. Myra Redman showed positive interest in volunteering. The item will be brought back with the full nomination slate at the March meeting.

## 10. Announcements

- a. Rotary Nature Center Friends on-line events: Katie Noonan, Rotary Nature Center Friends  
[Past videos](#)  
[Lakeside Chat #13 - Winter Birds of Lake Merritt-Take a virtual bird walk with Clay Anderson](#)  
[Lakeside Chats# 14 Lake Merritt's Most Famous Animal w Dr James Carlton](#)

### Upcoming Lakeside Chats

"Darwin and the Galapagos: What Darwin Would Like to Have Known," February 4th  
Free and completely virtual. [Registration Link](#)

Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 16203490 Lake Park Ave. Oakland, CA 94610

- b. [Oakland Redistricting](#): Jennie Gerard noted that the work of the Independent Redistricting Commission is concluding. Lake Merritt as a Community of Interest can give comments.
- c. Lake Merritt Weed Warriors : Jennie Gerard  
Next workday, Saturday, January 29. Also, work completed on replanting four landscape beds along Lakeshore.

### **11. Assigned tasks and agenda suggestions for next meeting,**

- a. Bill Threlfall agreed to coordinate the Ad Hoc Committee for Estuary Park and with Christine Reed.
- b. For items skipped, comments should be sent to the Agenda Committee for follow up.
- c. For agenda: Add standing item for Estuary Park, Tide Gate Report, Report on Path Repair
- d. If the current Measure DD report is prepared, can it be sent out with meeting minutes.
- e. A full slate for the Agenda Committee Nominations to be presented at the March meeting.
- f. An Ad Hoc Committee, created to provide Coalition input to the Tide Gate Protocol and its implementation, will pursue a meeting with Kristin Hathaway and consultant before the next meeting.

9:10pm Adjourn, Next meeting, March 21, 2022, 7pm

Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition:  
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