



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for January 20, 2014

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

The meeting was chaired by Rick Rickard and Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

1. Measure DD Coalition Attendance List:

Alameda County Historical Society – Ed Clausen

CALM – James Vann

BART – Robert Raburn

EBBC – Rick Rickard, Tom Willging

Friends of the Gardens at Lake Merritt – Dick Austin, Susan Veit

Friends of Sausal Creek – Barbara Goldenberg

Garden Center, Inc. – Anne Woodell

Lake Merritt Breakfast Club – Carole Agnello

Lake Merritt Institute – John Kirkmire

Moffatt & Nichol – Gary Antonucci

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Parks Coalition – Judy Johnson, Mike Udkow

SGA & Associates, Architecture & Engineering – Steven Grover

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Lyle Oehler, Joel Peter, Steve Rochon, John Wilson

City of Oakland

Council District 2 – Jennie Gerard

Measure DD Program Manager – Lesley Estes

Capital Improvement Project Coordinator – Diane Tannenwald

2. After two minor revisions, minutes of 11/18/2013 were approved by consensus.

3. Invited presentation from Channel to Estuary Pedestrian/Bike Bridge team

Diane Tannenwald introduced Gary Antonucci of Moffatt and Nichol, the prime contractor and project manager. She also introduced Steven Grover of SGA & Associates, the firm responsible for planning, architecture, and public outreach. Steven Grover then took the floor and explained that as a step preliminary to three upcoming public workshops, the team is reaching out to selected community groups for early input regarding the workshops and for an opportunity to test some presentation approaches. He noted that planning for the bridge dated back to early efforts in the 1960s, and then gave an overview of the project context, constraints, and key planning considerations. Finally, he sought Coalition input regarding design goals and desires for an ideal bridge.

Coalition members offered several suggestions regarding presentation approach: briefer background, use of photographs to stimulate more thoughtful input, inclusion of street-level views and location of schools. Desires for the bridge included looking at different types of users (e.g. dog walkers babies in strollers and elderly), design touchdowns to accommodate those users, separation of bicycles from pedestrians and dogs, places for the elderly and young to rest, no creation of "habitat" for the homeless, noise and pollution considerations of 880, hence separated from 880 as much as possible, using existing conditions (views, darkness, light) to

create opportunities. At the close of the session, Diane Tannenwald indicated that she would welcome further input sent to dtannenwald@oaklandnet.com.

4. Invited presentation from the Lakeside Park Bellevue Ave. project staff

Due to project staff unavailability, Lesley Estes gave the presentation, noting that the project was born from the Lake Merritt Master Plan and the Sailboat House shoreline renovation. The project will include Bellevue Avenue pavement improvements, restriping, handicap parking upgrades, changes to a one-lane configuration with diagonal parking on one side and parallel parking on the other, a dedicated bike lane, replacement of 31 parking spaces lost in the Sailboat House project, and a new overflow parking area.. She noted that the design is now at 65% and the project will be timed follow the Sailboat House project completion, likely going to bid in four to five months.

5. Measure DD project update – Lesley Estes

Lesley provided the following report:

Lake Merritt Channel Improvements

Lesley advised that the project is moving ahead quickly.

Lakeside Green Streets Project

The grant agreements are being finalized and the bidding will take place this year.

Discussions with Port Staff regarding: Bay Trail Improvements on Port land

Lesley advised that negotiations have led to good progress toward the necessary agreements, though there is nothing in writing yet.

6. Appointment of new Agenda Committee

Rick Rickard advised that Mike Udkow and James Vann had agreed to serve on the new Agenda Committee. James then sought an additional female participant to join them, but no volunteer was forthcoming. Accordingly, the committee of two was appointed.

7. King Tide Walk with Friends of Sausal Creek, January 30, 2014

Barbara Goldenberg of Friends of Sausal Creek, noted that local historian Dennis Evanosky will participate in the walk, discussing the history of the manmade channel, and she encouraged Coalition members to join the free event:

January 30, 10a.m.

Meet at Fruitvale Bridge Park floating dock at Fruitvale Ave & Alameda Ave

8. Maintenance

Lake Merritt Enhanced Maintenance Committee Report

Jennie reported that the committee has held its first "listening meeting" to learn how aware folks are about the deterioration of new Measure DD projects and to assess the appetite for increased levels of maintenance. Another similar session will be held near the end of February.

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors Report

Jennie announced that the next regular work day will be Saturday, January 25.

12. Review of Work Assignments to Coalition Members:

- Lesley – invite Ali Swartz and Denise Louie for March 17 meeting presentations listed below

9. Agenda Suggestions for January 20 , 2014 meeting:

- Invited presentation on Entryways Project from Ali Schwartz (Lesley)
- Update on Lake Side Green Streets Project from Ali Schwartz (Lesley)
- Invited presentation on sailboat house shoreline Project from Denise Louie (Lesley)

The next Coalition meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.