



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for January 21, 2013

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, Anne Woodell

CALM – James Vann

EBBC – Dave Campbell, Rick Rickard, Tom Willging

East Bay Regional Parks – John Sutter

Friends of Cleveland Cascade – Barbara Newcombe

Friends of Oakland Parks & Recreation – Judy Johnson

Garden Center, Inc. – Anne Woodell

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

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

Waterfront Action – George Duncan, Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall

City of Oakland

Council District 2 - Jennie Gerard

Measure DD Program Manager – Lesley Estes

2. Announcements: Naomi Schiff was recognized as the winner of the League of Women Voters of Oakland's *Making Democracy Work* award.

3. Introduction of Lesley Estes

Lesley Estes was introduced as the new Measure DD Program Manager, succeeding Joel Peter, who retired at the end of 2012. Lesley took the opportunity to describe her background, which includes 19 years of service with the City of Oakland, early involvement with Measure DD, and long experience with water policy and watershed issues.

4. Update on current DD projects – Lesley Estes:

Lesley distributed copies of the 12/20/2012 Project Status Summary, and this document has been posted in the [Progress section of the Coalition's web page](#). After some discussion about this document, it was agreed that Bill would keep posting a current copy for reference on the web page, but Lesley would prepare a different, briefer report focusing on her own design for future Coalition meetings. Project Highlights:

Sailboat House Shoreline

Lesley reported that the shoreline design is actually about 65% complete, and the fencing design is being reviewed with the aim of improving water views.

Cryer Site Building

A review of possible uses of the building is in progress. Lesley noted that certain restrictions prevent demolition of the building on this site. One Coalition member suggested that if the use selected generates revenue, we should seek a way to commit some portion of that revenue stream to maintenance of the Cryer site or adjacent Union Point Park.

10th Street

The project is being re-bid because all bids received exceeded both the estimated cost and the funding allocated to the project, and two of the bids were deemed non-responsive. New bids are due near the end of January 2013.

Snow Park - Lakeside Green Streets Project

Although it was expected that the project would go to bid in January, the bid is temporarily on hold while a the possibility of a dog park being added is explored and an opportunity for a large grant for the project. The key concern is whether the grant would cause a problematic delay, potentially putting bond funding at risk.

Jennie Gerard reported that Snow Park is under consideration as an alternative location for the dog park. The concept will be discussed at a Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting, Monday, January 28, 4:30 pm, Lakeside Garden Center 666 Bellevue Ave. After general brief general discussion, the consensus was that this possible use is a Measure DD matter and should go on the March 18 Coalition agenda.

ConAgra to 23rd Ave

It was reported that no further discussions have occurred.

5. Lake Merritt Blvd Opening Celebration Committee Report

James distributed a report of the Committee's first meeting and sought Coalition ideas and comments on the goals for the event. He also sought volunteers to join the Committee, and Anne Woodell volunteered for the Recreation Activities/Demonstration group led by Judy Johnson.

The Coalition "brainstormed" briefly, with several ideas being suggested. One point of agreement was that the event and its name should be focused, with the emphasis on the 12th Street completion. Concern was expressed that the tentative May 4, 2013 date may be too soon in view of the lead time required for fund-raising and commitment by participating dignitaries.

The Committee expects to meet again in very soon. Notes from the November 8 meeting are available in the **Committee Notes** section of the Coalition's [documents archive web page](#).

6: Advocacy Report

Bill Threlfall reviewed the two key dates pertaining to the Oak to Ninth project and noted that each had been extended:

- The expiration of the BCDC permit for Oak to Ninth was administratively extended one year to December 31, 2013 by the Acting Executive Director of BCDC.
- Deadline for close of escrow for the project was extended by the Port Commission by 90 days to May 1, 2013.

Several Coalition members spoke before the Port Commission at its December 20, 2012 meeting, requesting action to facilitate the interim Bay Trail. However, the Commission granted the 90-day extension with no conditions related to the Bay Trail. Bill recognized the extensive contributions of John Sutter, Robert Rayburn, Naomi Schiff, Dave Campbell, and Rick Rickard in this effort.

Members of the Coalition discussed the possibility of a future letter to urge the State Department of Toxic Substances Control to take priority action on the Oak to Ninth remediation plan and related interim Bay Trail alignment plan, in order to speed interim trail implementation. The consensus did not favor such action.

During the December 20 Port Commission meeting, Commission President Gilda Gonzales requested that the Measure DD Community Coalition provide an informational presentation to the Port Commission, and this event has been tentatively scheduled in March. Bill has been working with Lee Huo, ABAG Bay Trail Planner for the East Bay to develop the presentation. Lee and Bill will jointly make the presentation, which will focus on two goals: 1) Inform the Port Commission

about the Bay Trail, and 2) Encourage policy direction giving increased priority to the Bay Trail on Port lands. When the agenda for the presentation is set, Bill will send notice to the Coalition.

Naomi suggested that both the Mayor's office and the newspapers be alerted to the presentation, once it is scheduled.

7. Measure DD Map

Bill noted that the future interim Bay Trail project at [Livingston Pier](#) has been added to the [Measure DD Map](#). This project will go forward when the Port and City have reached agreement regarding its implementation.

8. Lake Merritt Weed Warriors Program Update

Jennie Gerard noted that the next work day will be January 26 and encouraged interested parties to check for more details at the [Lake Merritt Weed Warriors Facebook page](#).

9. Agenda Suggestions for March 18, 2013 meeting:

1. ConAgra update (Lesley)
2. Snow Park design / dog park concepts
3. Committee report: Lake Merritt Blvd Opening Celebration (James)
4. East 18th St. Pier naming (James)
5. Report from DC Bicycle Summit, esp. floating walkways under estuary bridges (Dave)

10. Review of Work Assignments to Coalition Members:

1. Judy Johnson: coordinate agenda for March 18 and chair the meeting.
2. James Vann: call meeting of Lake Merritt Blvd Opening Celebration Committee.
3. Bill Threlfall: advise Coalition of agenda details for port Commission Informational Presentation on Bay Trail
4. Rick Rickard, Dave Campbell, Sandy Threlfall: draft & send letter to BCDC re: wooden Bay Trail surface at Phoenix Commons. (Left over from November)

The next Coalition meeting will be Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center.

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.