

Minutes of the Measure DD Coalition meeting 11/16/2009

The meeting was held at the Lake side Garden Center, Ebell Room at 7 PM

Measure DD Coalition Attendance List

CALM – James Vann

East Bay Bicycle Coalition – Robert Raburn

East Bay Regional Parks – John Sutter

Friends of the Cleveland Cascade – Barbara Newcombe

Garden Center, Inc. Anne Woodell

Oakland Parks Coalition – Judy Johnson & Dean, Barbara Schaaf

Waterfront Action – Sandra Threlfall

Interested Citizens –David Bolanos, John Wilson

From the City of Oakland:

City of Oakland DD Manager – Joel Peter

Council Member Kernighan's Office – Jennie Gerard

The meeting was chaired by James Vann, and Sandy Threlfall served as recorder.

Report on Projects from Project Manager, Joel Peter:

The second round (Series B) of bonds were sold in July 2009 for \$65 M. We have spent nearly all of monies from Series A bonds of \$70,579,000.

- Lakeshore Avenue: biking stripes are almost completed, turf and furniture will be installed shortly, and there are new garbage bins.
- Lakeside Drive: there will be a new railing to replace the K rails. They are planning to improve the striping by the Essex condominiums to improve safety at that corner.
- Lake Merritt: a CDS unit (vortex stormwater filter) will be installed in front of the Nature Center. The cost estimate is \$500,000. In addition, Federal Stimulus monies will be used to install filters in the storm drains along the streets. The filters can be cleaned with a vacuum truck that is also covered under the Stimulus monies.
- Cleveland Cascade: there has been a delay as the bids came in higher than the funds allowed. Right now Lyle Oehler is in negotiations with Ray's Electric (with permission of the City Council) to find a way to make it work.
- 12th Street Project: the scope of the project is from East 18th Street around the south end of the Lake to the Courthouse and the DD project cost is estimated at \$45 M for 500 days of work, or roughly 2.5 years. There are grant funds of \$8 M coming from the California Coastal Conservancy, \$13 M from the Federal Highway Bridge program.
- Cryer Site: there is a lot of action at the site as the highly contaminated soils are being removed, and then the site will be capped.
- East Oakland Sports Center: the foundation is being constructed.
- Lion Creek project: Alameda County is constructing phase 1 now. The next phase by the City is out to bid (bids to be opened November 19th).
- Bay Trail: Design work is underway for a connector from Alameda Avenue to High Street to close the gap. It will be a pile supported path, and 95% of the design has been completed by the consultants on the project. The Derby to Lancaster section is under construction, and is about 75% complete.

Status of Contract for services for the DD Coalition

The contract with Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation expired in July. The contract provided staff to book the room, have a DD page on a web site and have staff take and distribute notes and announcements for the meetings. Due to changes at the City, the \$5,000 contract must be put out to bid in the form of a Request for Proposals (RFP) with a minimum of three bids required. The RFP is expected to go out in the next three weeks.

Oak to Ninth Public Trust Land Exchange: Sandy Threlfall

The Port Commission has agenzized the exchange item for their Commercial Real Estate committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 2nd at Noon in the Port's Board room. Threlfall asked people to attend this meeting and support the Trust staying on the lands originally designated by the Estuary Policy Plan and Measure DD. (For a discussion of Trust lands, go to <http://www.waterfrontaction.org/learn/trust.htm>). The concerns include the fact that some of these lands were to be open space/park lands under Measure DD. In 1999, the Port had endorsed the Estuary Policy Plan which set these areas aside, and the areas were included in the Measure DD campaign in 2002 so that there would be funding to develop the park lands. In 2004, Senator Perata carried legislation (which passed) to remove the Public Trust designation from certain areas, which passed in 2004, so that housing units could be built on the site.

Operations Conflict – Lake Chalet Restaurant and the Rowers: Ann Woodell

Measure DD provided \$19 M to renovate the Boat House and surrounding area, to bring it back to its historic state. Part of that included maintaining storage for the rowing sculls under the south wing of the building. Woodell indicated that the rowers cannot store their sculls under the boat house as the restaurant has installed pipes which restrict access. Joel Peter explained that the original plan was for the sculls to be on three tiers of storage. Due to the requirement of fire sprinklers' installation, and restaurants drain lines, only two of the three tiers of storage are useable. The rowers will be storing some of their sculls on their floating docks, and are requesting the addition of sheds for the sculls stored outdoors. Jennie Gerard added that the rent is under discussion for the rowers as they have lost one tier of storage.

Maintenance Committee of Oakland Parks Coalition

The representatives of OPC asked the group if they could make their presentation at the next DD Coalition meeting. It was agreed.

Lake Merritt Gardens, Inc

Gates have been approved for the gardens under the Series B Art allotment. Stephen Huss or staff will be asked to come to the January meeting with the proposed designs.

Please mark your calendars for the next DD Coalition Meetings:

Monday, January 25th and Monday, March 15th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

SPECIAL REQUEST: The Trust for Public Land and KTVU television station (channel 2) have launched "Cox Conserves Heroes" to "honor the Bay Area's unsung environmental heroes and inspire neighborhood conservation." It's a competition, and the winner's chosen neighborhood organization will receive \$5,000.

Barbara Newcombe, on behalf of the Cleveland Cascade: <http://clevelandcascade.org>

Dawn Hawk, on behalf of Bella Vista Park <http://tinyurl.com/bellavistapark>

You get to vote to help make decide the winner. Voting started this morning, and goes through December 7.

Go to www.coxconservesheroes.com/san-francisco-bay-area-ca/finalists.aspz

Then... VOTE! Just click the "VOTE" button under the photo of the candidate Hero.