



# Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

## **Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for March 18, 2019**

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

The meeting was chaired by Jennie Gerard. Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

### **1. Measure DD Coalition attendance list:**

Bike East Bay – Robert Prinz, Rick Rickard

CALM – James Vann

Cavagnero and Associates – Anna De Anguera, Felicia Dunham

Community for Lake Merritt – Adrian Cotter

East Bay Rowing Club – Virginia Roe

Hood Design – Paul Peters, Walter Hood

LakeMerritt.org – John Kirkmire

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors – Jennie Gerard

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation – Barbara Schaaf, Mike Udkow

Oakland Museum of California – Lori Fogarty

Oakland Rotary Club – Robert Kidd

Rotary Nature Center Friends – David Wofford

Urban Permaculture Institute – Nancy Sherman

Volunteering for Oakland – Sam Burd

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall, Sandy Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Trina Goodwin, Kathryn Kasch, Kirsten Netterblad, Bob Redman, Myra Redman

City of Oakland:

Measure DD Program Acting Manager – Kristin Hathaway

### **2. The agenda was adopted without revision.**

### **3. Minutes of 1/21/2018 were approved.**

### **4. Invited Presentation: Oakland Museum of California development plans for gardens - Lori Fogarty**

Lori highlighted the vision for exploiting the Museum's proximity to the Lake by quoting John King, San Francisco Chronicle Architectural Editor. She then introduced representatives of Hood Design and Cavagnero and Associates who presented a slide-show overview of the planned renovations, with a focus on the exterior and enhanced connections to the Lake. Lori noted that Hood Design is also the landscape architect for the adjacent Kaiser Auditorium project and will seek a common "campus" approach. The Museum hopes to break ground on the project by the end of 2019.

### **5. Measure DD Project Status Summary & report - Kristin Hathaway**

Kristin distributed copies of the [March 18, 2019 Project Status Summary](#), which is also posted on the Coalition web page in the [City of Oakland Resources section](#).

Drawing on the document's detail, she briefly discussed the status of the following projects. Her remarks closely followed the spreadsheet's "Project Status" column:

- Lake Merritt Water Quality
- Bellevue Ave
- Snow Park/Lakeside Green Street Project
- Union Point Park to 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave Trail (Miller Milling to Cemex)
- Crowley Trail
- Harbor Master Trail Connection
- Waterfront Trail at Fruitvale
- Estuary Park
- Lake Merritt Channel at 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- Lake Merritt Channel at 7<sup>th</sup> Street
- Creek Restoration at Courtland Creek
- Watershed Acquisitions

#### **6. Report on meeting with Wilma Chan's Chief of Staff re: Bay Trail crossing at High St. and Park St. Bridges - Rick Rickard**

Rick briefly described history of unsuccessful City-County negotiations over these two sites and explained the attempt to enlist the County Supervisor Wilma Chan's support for progress. He noted that after a meeting, Supervisor Chan's staff expressed interest and planned to investigate the matter from the County's perspective. A second meeting may follow.

#### **7. Lake Merritt Channel Projects (Bond Section 3) - Bill Threlfall**

Bill read aloud the text of [Measure DD Section III](#) pertaining to "Pedestrian and Bicycle Access, Wetlands Restoration and Other Channel and Shoreline Improvements" and urged that the Coalition discuss the condition of the Channel shoreline and evaluate the need for improvements. Naomi Schiff suggested that this topic be an agenda item for the May Coalition meeting. An ad-hoc committee consisting of Naomi Schiff, Sam Burd, Adrian Cotter, and David Wofford offered to walk the site and return with a report in May.

#### **8. Appointment of new Agenda Committee**

Following Coalition [guidelines](#), Naomi Schiff, Sandy Threlfall, and Nancy Sherman were appointed as the Agenda Committee through March 2020.

#### **9. Updates:**

Adams Point Neighborhood Group meeting re: enforcement of no camping at lake. Myra Redman reported meeting highlights, including the City's adopted approach of "soft enforcement."

Kaiser Convention Center re-use. James Vann described key points of a community meeting and Design Review Committee meeting on the project.

Rotary Nature Center re-opening. Adrian Cotter and Nancy Sherman briefly described the event and the improvements to the Center. They commented that their concern is largely with the program for the facility. John Kirkmire noted that the Center's schedule is posted on the [LakeMerritt.org Rotary Nature Center page](#).

## **10. Announcements and updates**

- [Blanket Drive for Lake Merritt Community Cabins](#)
- Lake Merritt Weed Warriors workday – March 30, 9 a.m.-12 noon

## **11. Review of work assignments to Coalition participants:**

- Naomi, Sam, Adrian, and David to act as described in #7, above. Bill to connect them via email.

## **12. Agenda suggestions for next Meeting:**

- Bond section III: improvement of park and paths along Lake Merritt Channel – evaluation and plans
- Estuary Park design presentation by representative of Hargreaves Associates, if available
- Estuary Park water quality

The next Coalition meeting will be May 20, 2019, at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center Ebell Room.

**Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.**