

Measure DD Coalition
Minutes of
May 21, 2007 Meeting

In attendance: Ron Bishop, Ken Benson, Jennie Gerard, Robert Kidd, David Mix, Pat Mossburg, Rick Rickard, Naomi Schiff, John Sutter, Sandy Threlfall, James Vann, Anne Woodell, Ken Pratt, Lee Hoo, John Wilson, Elois Thornton, George Duncan, and Doug Biden

The meeting called to order by Chair of the day, Rick Rickard, at 7:05 pm at 1211 Embarcadero, 2nd floor, Oakland on the waterfront.

Due to minor confusion one half of the attendees were not aware of exact location and arrived later.

1. Attendees introduced themselves. - see list

2. Joel Peter, City of Oakland, reported on the bids received for repairs to the 18th St. pier. The lowest bid was \$1.6 million and highest bid was \$2.3 million. The original DD estimate was about \$1 million. Joel is planning to recommend that both bids be rejected and then he'll go to City Council to request authorization to negotiate further with the bidders.

He also noted that the original 18th St. Gateway (E. 18th between the Lake and Park Blvd.) allocated \$600,000 for improvements. He now believes that those improvements can be paid through Redevelopment Agency and then the DD money can be reallocated to the pier repair.

The East Oakland Sports Center at the Brookfield Park site- referring to last month's presentation, he proposed two options. One option kept the buildings where they currently are and build additions in phases. The second option called for razing the existing buildings and building an entire new building on the back of the lot. They have now come up with a "blend" of the two options that would provide for keeping the existing center and building only Phase One at the back. Then, when funds eventually become available, phases 2 & 3 could be complete and the existing building torn down.

3. Elois Thornton, City of Oakland, reviewed the Design Guidelines criteria for public access for the Waterfront 19 mile trail. Proposed are Development Standards of 4 stages with a Master List of design treatments, that have general themes including courtyards and plazas. The document includes a character matrix for each of the four areas with basic criteria in compliance with BCDC . This matrix is to be used by the planner not the developer.

THE SUPPLEMENTAL STANDARDS INCLUDE:

Minimum trail and buffer width
Minimum trail material width - 18' to 40', 12' minimum
Oakland neighborhood and historical context
Shoreline bank protection
Standardized trail way-finding markers.

Ron Bishop opposes concrete curbs on the trail. He would like to see a test strip in Jack London Square area for testing trail material

The areas are: with character criteria - showing case studies of other waterfront cities

Downtown - Broadway and the Estuary

Marina - historic pier to Oak to Ninth

Industrial - Embarcadero East to High Street Bridge

Marshland - High Street Bridge to Damon Slough

Landscape Types were defined:

Court

Plaza

Promenade

Field

Street Park

Street

Terrace

The Trail Lights, Kiosks and Gateway Markers were shown on the trail map:

Kiosk were placed at 1 mile intervals

Trail lights at 1/4 mile intervals

Gateway lights at opportunity sites and primary approaches to trail.

The Railing proposal was included.

Regarding the trail lights and marker- they are looking for other options. Many letters of opposition have been received which are not in favor of the current design.

The BCDC Commission will review and report about the options of no markers.

The Railing design is custom and expensive. The coalition seemed to be in favor of railing only where needed for safety. Final option will not have this proposed type of rail.

Five sub areas may have a design for each sub area.

In July BCDC Design Review committee will report.

The adoption process - plans will go to the Oakland Planning Commission in August and then on to Oakland City Council in September.

Public meetings will take place for public and interested parties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm to tour the immediate waterfront trail.

Anne Woodell,
Acting Secretary