



Measure DD Community Coalition (Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks)

Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for September 20, 2021, 7:10 p.m.

A [video recording of this meeting is available here](#)

Additional [meeting files are available here](#)

7:05 Zoom Meeting Start
(Confirm meeting time for next time, as zoom provides prompt arrival and start)

Welcome by meeting Chair, Jennie Gerard, and introduction of other Agenda Committee members: David Wofford and Adrian Cotter. Mandolin Kadera-Redmond introduced as new Coalition administrator; will act as recorder as new administrator.

Review of Zoom meeting protocol: recording, chat, raise hand and transcription.

1. Introductions of Coalition meeting participants [Note: Coalition doesn't have a membership]

Abundant Aid - Ken Price

BART - Robert Rayburn

Bike East Bay – Rick Rickard, Robert Prinz

CALM – James Vann, John Klein

Community for Lake Merritt – Adrian Cotter

East Bay Regional Parks – Dee Rosario

East Bay Rowing Club – Virginia Row

Essex and Lake Merritt Homeowners' Association – Sam Burd

Friends of Joaquin Miller Park – Mike Udkow

Friends of Sausal Creek – Anna Schmidt

Lake Merritt Breakfast Club - Aileen Frankel

Lake Merritt Institute - John Bowers, Charles Brooks

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors – Jennie Gerard

Measure Q - Brooke Levin

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation - Mandolin Kadera-Redmond

Rotary Nature Center Friends – Katie Noonan, David Wofford

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall, Sandy Threlfall

Wallace Roberts & Todd (WRT) John Gibbs, Jacob "Jake" Tobias

Interested Citizen –

Robert Kiddl

City of Oakland Attendees

Kristin Hathaway – OPW Watershed and Stormwater Division and DD Program Manager

Mike Perlmutter – OPW, Watershed and Stormwater Management Division

Richard Battersby – OPW Assistant Director

Derin Minor – OPW Building Services Manager, Facilities Services Division

Craig Pon – OPW Capital Improvement Project Coordinator, Facilities Services Division

Ha Nguyen, OPW, Project Delivery Division

Christine Reed, OPW, Project and Grants Management Division

2. Hearing no changes, the agenda was adopted without revision.

3. Review minutes of July 17, 2021 [PDF](#), [Word](#) were adopted without revision

4. In Memory: Nancy Sherman Naomi Schiff noted that Nancy Sherman had passed away recently. A moment of silence, agreement to send card of condolence, and option to donate were offered in memory of Nancy.

<http://sojacommunity.org/donate/>

5. Estuary Park Design Update - Chris Reed, WRT

Chris gave an overview of project timeline updates, community engagement plans, and introduced WRT to present the Refined Concept Design.

Jake Tobias and John Gibbs of WRT described incorporating community input and working directly with the City on design. They introduced possible elements and programs for the park. Next steps include a community engagement meeting in October. Current Measure DD funding does not cover all ideas in Phase 1 concepts. Coalition participants expressed concern about adequacy of stakeholder meeting, and stressed importance of engaging various community stakeholders.

After some Q&A and Coalition comments, the session concluded.

6. Park Trail Restoration Project/Decomposed Granite (DG) Path Repair update - Derin Minor and Craig Pon

Craig provided a brief description of the process for path repair. A pilot test of a flexible roll-on concrete is under consideration. A pilot application will take place at the Wayne Ave seating area. . \$300,000 of Measure Q funds and some non-committed O&M funds are earmarked for this project, which will improve a stretch of lakeside path of about one mile in length, and no major repairs are needed elsewhere.

After some Q&A and Coalition comments, the session concluded.

7. DD Program Manager Report - Kristin Hathaway

Kristin, Measure DD Bond Manager, shared screen of the [September 20 Program Summary Report](#) outlining projects and current status updates.

Estuary Waterfront Access Category Active Projects

- Union Point Park to 23rd Avenue Trail Project in easement negotiations with property owners and right of way consultants.
- Harbor Master Trail connection in process and soon will be complete
- Waterfront at Park Street Bridge received approval to build under bridge
- Waterfront at High Street Bridge, not likely overwater trail
- Waterfront at Fruitvale Street Bridge, significant progress, finalizing easement, design team preparing documents and construction planned for 2023
- Estuary Park, see update earlier in the minutes
- Lake Merritt Channel 10th Street Project, detailed report later
- Tide Gate 7th Street, A protocol memo has been drafted and will be made public for feedback. Clarification provided regarding how channel flow is restricted by BART tube.;

7th Street Pedestrian Crosswalk, completed in August.

Creek & Waterways Restoration Category

- Courtland Creek, public input meetings complete, funding promising to complete funding for construction beginning Spring 2023
- Glen Echo Creek on Richmond Blvd, Concept Design, looking for funding
- Beaconsfield Creek, pre-design status

Watershed Acquisition

Mike Perlmutter described active acquisitions. He explained there is about \$1 million for land and conservation easement purchases. Looking at many projects: Arroyo Viejo Creek, Sausal Creek headwaters, Temescal, etc. Horizon Water and Environment being brought on as a consultant to help prioritize acquisitions and to provide other program support.

Measure DD Coalition Administration Support Contract

Mike Perlmutter, OPW, Watershed has brought on Mandolin with OPRF and Adrian to support Admin work through website, email list and coalition meetings administration.

After some Q&A and Coalition comments, the session concluded

8. Channel and Lake projects [Coalition wish list](#) update

Kristin Hathaway shared that she did submit the Lake Merritt Channel pathway improvement to the CIP request list, though it was not included in the City staff report. The project is in the queue for the next round.

9. 7th St crosswalk and Channel fencing update - Ha Nguyen,

Ha shared visuals of the crosswalk at 7th Street, now well-lit with the crosswalk well painted. Coalition participants expressed appreciation for greater safety at crossing

Ha showed the proposed Channel fencing location and cost estimates for a 10-foot fence to be installed behind the guard rail and extending from 12th St to 10th St underpasses. She still needs to confirm buildability, permits, PRAC attendance, and maintenance needs.

10. Proposed position statement re Brooklyn Basin Marina Expansion [\(see position statement\)](#)

Naomi Schiff and Bill Threlfall asked that the Coalition sign a position statement regarding a proposed Brooklyn Basin marina expansion. Visuals were presented of the proposed expansion's impact on Brooklyn Basin parks.

Motion to send letter was approved with no objections

11. Future Coalition meeting logistics

For now meetings will remain virtual. Mike Perlmutter shared that the City does have facilities with some hybrid meeting technology. The group will continue to evaluate how to hold these meeting safely and effectively with virtual, hybrid, and in person options

12. Announcements

- Rotary Nature Center Friends on-line event, marsh restoration talk from Save the Bay
- Lake Merritt Weed Warriors – next workday, Saturday, September 25, and Lakeshore Ave replanting
- Measure Q new website [Measure Q at Work!: The 2020 Oakland Parks and Recreation...](#)
- New districting can impact Lake representation. Council committee developing alternatives for community consideration.
- OPRF has new Executive Director, Terra Cole Brown
- Lake Merritt virtual Town Hall, Sept 29th hosted by ???
- Dee Rosario would like to update the monument at the Lake for youth killed in Alameda County. It hasn't been updated since 2015. Monument was spearheaded by now-deceased Gail Steele, former Alameda County Supervisor. Monument did go through PRAC

Assigned tasks to send

Jennie will take charge to send card of condolence to Nancy Sherman. Bill will send a letter of Coalition position regarding proposed marina expansion at Brooklyn Basin.

Will hear from Craig Pon on the DG path repair and Ha Nguyen on the 10th St. fence at next meeting
Next meeting, November 15, 2021

9:15pm Adjourn

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