



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

Meeting minutes - May 16, 2022, 7:10 p.m.

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Welcome by Agenda Committee Member, Adrian Cotter.

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

1. Introductions of Coalition meeting participants [Note: Coalition is open to the public]

David Wofford	Rotary Nature Center Friends
Adrian Cotter	Coalition Agenda Committee, Website
John Bowers	Lake Merritt Institute, Agenda Committee
Myra Redman	Lake Merritt Institute, Weed Warriors, Agenda Committee
Bob Redman	Essex Community Action Committee
James Vann	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt (CALM)
Naomi Schiff	CALM, Oakland Heritage Alliance
John Klein	CALM
Sam Burd	Essex Community Action Committee
Bill Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Sandy Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Katie Noonan	Rotary Nature Center Friends, Lake Merritt Institute
Rick Rickard	Bike East Bay, East Bay Regional Parks District Advisory Council
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond	Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, Coalition administrator
Jennie Gerard	Lake Merritt Weed Warriors
Derek Sagehorn	East Bay Transit Riders Union
Caroline Kim	

City of Oakland Attendees

Mike Perlmutter	Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works
Terri Fashing	Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager
Craig Pon	Facilities Services Division, Oakland Public Works
Christine Reed	Project and Grants Management Division
Rebecca Darr	Project and Grants Management Division
Kristin Zaremba	Public Art Program, Cultural Affairs

2. Request was made to make a change to the agenda to include an item about recent fire under 12th street bridge to be included in the Measure DD Program Manager’s report.

3. Final Minutes of March, 21 2022 [Meeting Minutes](#) were adopted without revisions.

4. Decomposed Granite (DG) Path Repair: update - Craig Pon, OPW, Capital Improvements Project Coordinator, Facilities Services Division, City of Oakland

The goal of the pilot project is to see how Elephant Armor flexible mortar performs in winter conditions, rain and cold temperatures. Oakland Public Works is considering this material for various repairs throughout the City including parking lots, walls, benches, and paths.

Craig provided an update including photos of the results of the path repair pilot material application project. The sample application was observed over the winter months on high traffic areas of the path at the intersection of [Brooklyn and Lakeshore Avenues](#). Additional locations and conditions are also being tested. Craig shared observations of the material’s rigidity, durability, coloring, application procedures, curing time, and temperature requirements. Using a binder to adhere the material has worked favorably.

Bid process for securing a vendor should move quickly. Site walk-through with all potential contractors for questions will be part of the process.

Construction and application of material to repair areas will then be scheduled. Turnaround time on future repairs appears to be quick due to the short curing period.

5. Estuary Park Renovation and Expansion: update - Christine Reed, OPW, Project Manager: Estuary Park, Project and Grants Management Division, City of Oakland [Project website](#), [Update Report](#).

Christine Reed shared appreciation for the Measure DD Coalition, the boating community and Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development (OPRYD) for input provided via the most recent public engagement process. Christine gave an overview of the refinement of design elements of the Estuary Renovation Plan since the last update given at January’s Coalition Meeting. The most recent designs incorporate public input.

The Oakland Estuary Park Conceptual Plan was presented with highlights of some of the most significant changes based on recommendations from stakeholders. Some of those changes are in response to comments made to capture views from Jack London Aquatic Center entry, increase event capacity at the space, and to open up areas currently hidden from sight lines. Christine is working with OPRYD and the boating community to look at event specifications including food truck parking, group gathering, and performance locations.

The design includes areas for roller skating and skateboarding, and Christine is looking into materials durable for these activities. Public comment prioritized Bay Trail and waterfront experience over formal

playgrounds. The design will more likely resemble a nature play area with opportunities for groups to come together. Intentional lighting for safety and night use was also noted in the updated plans for parking, paths and gathering areas.

One of the key changes the design team addressed was to raise the walking path from the existing bulkhead to create more continuity to other park areas. Christine also shared the designs for restroom and boating locker rooms, and initial plans for resilient shoreline landscaping.

The Estuary Park Renovation is projected to be on schedule for construction. Currently environmental consultants are drafting an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Addendum to the 'Oak to 9th' EIR, due this June for Planning Department review. Planning will then advise steps for next steps for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approval. Also working closely with OPRYD to develop narrative in the Master Plan for racial equity framework to refine goals for programming. Site remediation should begin in 2023, and construction to begin in 2024. There are additional steps regarding the funding that will determine exactly when schematic design will be complete. Christine confirmed she will make sure all updates are current on www.oaklandca.gov/projects/estuary-park.

6. DD Program Manager: update - Michael Perlmutter, OPW, Watershed Program Specialist, Watershed and Stormwater Management Division, City of Oakland. Mike has stepped in for Kristin while on leave with support from Terri Fashing, Acting Measure DD Program Manager.

For Measure DD Program Report see [Table](#) and [Powerpoint](#) presentation for project status and financial updates.

April 28, 2022 Fire at the 12th Street Bridge [News](#)

The Coalition began with questions regarding cause, insurance, art restoration, estuary health, response to repair, and the City's plans to prevent future encampments. Kristin Zaremba confirmed that there is insurance, and that the art was destroyed and will need to be assessed for restoration. The DD Coalition recommended notifying the Encampment Management Team. The Coalition will send a letter with questions, comments and recommendations to the City Administrator, Department of Transportation, Public Works. James Vann and John Bowers will draft the letter from the Coalition for the Agenda Committee's review.

7. Lake Merritt to Bay Trail Connection Bridge, update - Michael Perlmutter, OPW, Watershed Program Specialist, Watershed and Stormwater Management Division, City of Oakland.

This project is on hold as of January 2020 due to competing priorities and lack of funds. 60% design completed. Estimated at \$49M- \$74M to construct. Additional constraints include complex and challenging coordination with UPRR, Laney College, EBMUD, Caltrans, and Coast Guard. Measure DD funded \$1M. The Active Transportation Program funded \$3.2M to complete design, of which \$1.2M was spent. \$1.9M was returned to the State in early 2020 and OPW submitted a final project expenditure report on January 21, 2020.

8. Capital Improvement Project overview and relationship to DD Coalition wish lists, update - Michael Perlmutter, OPW, Watershed Program Specialist, Watershed and Stormwater Management Division, City of Oakland. (see Powerpoint)

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the process that the City uses to prioritize projects that improve and maintain public facilities and infrastructure, aligned with racial equity. Michael gave an overview of the timeline and process from project nomination to budget creation and public notification.

The Coalition voiced concerns that Measure DD wish list projects should not be subject to the CIP ranking process and schedule.

The Coalition designated a Subcommittee to contact the City Administrator's office with their questions before the July meeting. John Bowers, James Vann, David Wofford, Naomi Schiff and Bill Threlfall agreed to meet and bring back a proposal for the committee addressing next steps as it pertains to the CIP process and the bond funds currently available for the Measure DD wish list.

9. Brooklyn Basin Marina proposal withdrawal - Naomi Schiff

It was reported that the developer, in response to many comments and letters, has withdrawn the request to expand the Marina at Brooklyn Basin. Naomi Schiff thanked the Coalition for writing and endorsing the letter. Naomi will keep the Coalition updated on future design input as she is made aware.

10. Announcements

- a. Rotary Nature Center Friends. Education & Clean Ups 3rd Saturday of the month. Saturday, May 21, clean up, sweeping, weeding, 10am -12noon. Donations can be made P.O. Box 16203490 Lake Park Ave. Oakland, CA 94610
[Lakeside chat #18 Turtles in Trouble](#)
- b. May 28 Weed Warriors

11. Assigned tasks and agenda suggestions for next meeting

- a. Estuary Park Maintenance Plan
- b. 12th Street bridge site restoration post fire damage, and encampment management plan to keep the site clear
- c. Update from Orton Development, contractors for renovation of the Municipal Auditorium, regarding relation of proposed landscaping to DD-funded landscaping between the Auditorium and Lake Merritt Blvd
- d. Update on CIP as it pertains to DD Wishlists
- e. City staff to ask Chris Reed about Estuary Park project water conservation, and plant maintenance responsibility (City or condo?).

9:15pm Adjourn, Next meeting, July 18, 2022, 7pm

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www.oaklandca.gov/resources/measure-dd-community-coalition