



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for May 21, 2012

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

The meeting was chaired by Rick Rickard and Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

1. Measure DD Coalition Attendance List:

Alameda County Historical Society – Ed Clausen

CALM – James Vann

EBBC – Rick Rickard

Friends of the Cleveland Cascade – Barbara Newcombe, David Bolanos, Robert Flemming

Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation – Ken Lupoff

Garden Center, Inc. – Anne Woodell

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Museum of California – Bill McMorris

Oakland Parks Coalition – Judy Johnson, Mike Udkow

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Robert Kidd

City of Oakland

Oakland Tours Program – Annalee Allen

DD Manager – Joel Peter

2. Minutes of 3/19/2012 were approved by consensus.

3. Update on current DD projects - Joel Peter:

Joel distributed copies of the 5/4/2012 Project Status Summary, and this document has been posted in the [Progress section of the Coalition's web page](#). Highlights:

12th Street Project

Progress continues at a rapid pace, with a high level of activity. Project completion is expected by the end of 2012.

Change orders have not exceeded expectations. Some of the most costly changes pertained to the methods of pile driving, which were revised in certain locations to reduce project noise to acceptable levels.

In response to a question why bridge railings were being painted rather than powder-coated, Joel indicated city maintenance staff request paint because it has a more "toothy" surface that facilitates effective touch-up and repair.

Annalee expressed a desire for temporary trash receptacles in the 12th street area. Mike Udkow agreed to investigate possibilities.

Members briefly discussed signage, and Joel mentioned that previous signage has been problematic due to vandalism and graffiti. He indicated that while some signage will probably be needed for the project, the intent is to let pedestrian patterns emerge after project completion and then review the needs that can be identified.

Bay Trail to Lake Merritt Bike/Pedestrian Bridge

Joel indicated that the City received 10 proposals in response to the RFP for a feasibility study for the bridge project, and these were currently under review.

Bay Trail at 29th Ave.

Joel discussed development plans at the former Tiki Tom's site and the related new Bay Trail segment, which will connect to an existing segment in front of waterfront condominiums.

Sausal Creek Daylighting

David expressed interest in "daylighting" a short section of the creek in the area of International Blvd. – East 18th St. Joel noted that while the project is on the restoration list, it is of relatively low priority. He also advised that recent experience with other creeks shows that such a project would be very costly due to the watercourse depth in the area.

Cleveland Cascade

Robert Flemming reported that the park is clean, lit, and the railings are properly aligned. He also expressed concern about the extreme brightness of a recently installed streetlight upgrade at the north side of the staircase. He urged a return to a gentle light similar to the "necklace of lights" nearby at the lake.

Snow Park

Joel reported that the design is about 65% complete and will include a paved promenade. Naomi expressed a concern that the paved promenade might attract unsuitable uses, and Joel noted that the Planning Commission would determine which uses are appropriate.

3. Plans for Lake Merritt Blvd Opening Celebration

Members of the committee restated the consensus view regarding schedule: that the celebration should be planned for the spring of 2013. The committee was encouraged to coordinate with Bill McMorris of the Oakland Museum of California however possible.

Naomi noted the potential for the celebration to highlight the history of the 12th street area, where Horace Carpentier, first mayor of Oakland, established his entrepreneurial foothold.

4. Invited Presentation: Opportunities for Collaboration with Oakland Museum

(Bill McMorris, Project Coordinator, Oakland Museum of California)

On behalf of the Oakland Museum, Bill McMorris expressed interest in working with the Coalition on plans for the Lake Merritt Blvd Opening Celebration. He suggested that the event might be scheduled in coordination with the Museum's planned opening of its Natural Science gallery on May 31 of 2013.

Bill also expressed interest in learning more about Measure DD plans for the lawn area and amenities on the lake side of the Museum, as well as the construction schedule there. Referring to the 12th street design drawing, Joel gave a general overview and encouraged continued discussion about future connections between the park and Museum.

Bill also discussed relocation of sculpture in the 12th street area. He noted that the "Jan Evans piece" was moved by the Museum to avoid damage from nearby construction, and it is now not clear what to do with the piece since it doesn't seem to fit the site. In the near term, it will go to the collection storage facility. The "Zs piece" will need to be relocated, but the piece is owned by the Museum Foundation, which has no plan for the move. In response to a question about timing, Joel indicated that the piece will need to be moved by late spring 2013.

5. Short Items:

- Rick introduced Ken Lupoff, new Executive Director of the Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation. Ken expressed an interest in reconnecting "Friends"

with the Coalition and was welcomed. He suggested that advancing park maintenance efforts will be a priority for "Friends".

- Barbara Newcombe reminded the Coalition that work days at the Cleveland Cascade are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month. She also noted that Robert Flemming will take on an increased co-leadership role at the Cascade.

6. Possible Summer Project Walk/Ride

Members again discussed the possibility of a walk/ride along the estuary through recent DD project areas and key trail gaps. There was consensus that we should attempt to coordinate the event with a planned Oakland Heritage Alliance waterfront walk tentatively scheduled for July 14, 2012. Sandy agreed to coordinate plans with Naomi and Joel.

7. Agenda Suggestions for July 16th meeting:

1. Invited guest: Kristen Zaremba – update on art designs planned for Lake Merritt and 12th St.
2. Invited guest: Lesley Estes (Rick will extend invitation)

8. Review of Work Assignments to Coalition Members:

1. James Vann: Invite Kristen Zaremba for July 16.
2. Rick Rickard: Invite Lesley Estes for July 16.
3. Mike Udkow: inquire about temporary trash containers at 12th street area.
4. Sandy Threlfall: Coordinate 7/14 walk/ride event with Naomi & Joel. Publicize.
5. Joel Peter: Provide copy of 12th street plans to Bill McMorris.

The next Coalition meeting will be Monday, July 16th at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.