



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for July 16, 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

East Bay Regional Parks – John Sutter

Friends of the Cleveland Cascade – Barbara Newcombe, Robert Flemming

Garden Center, Inc. – Anne Woodell, Bruce Cobbledick

Lake Merritt Breakfast Club - Dan Altemus, Aileen Frankel

Oakland Parks Coalition – Judy Johnson, Mike Udkow, Barbara Schaaf

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Robert Kidd, Nora Daly-Peng, Bob & Nora Redman, John Wilson
City of Oakland

Oakland Tours Program – Annalee Allen

Council District 2 - Jennie Gerard, Rebecca Barnard

Public Art Project – Kristen Zaremba, John Rogers (art team contractor)

Measure DD Manager – Joel Peter

2. Minutes of 5/21/2012 were approved by consensus.

3. Update on current DD projects - Joel Peter:

Joel distributed copies of the 7/16/2012 Project Status Summary, and this document has been posted in the [Progress section of the Coalition's web page](#). Highlights:

12th Street Project

The 12th Street overlook is nearly done, and project completion is still expected by the end of 2012.

One of the next major steps will be to demolish and remove the old culverts, opening the tidal flow to the new channel. Existing fish will be protected during this process. A small ceremony will occur when this milestone is attained, and Coalition members asked Joel to provide notice of this event.

A new restroom type is being constructed in the area: It will have individual exterior doors to each stall, and the wash-up facility will be located outside.

ConAgra to 23rd Ave

Joel indicated that ConAgra has expressed openness to the possibility of a waterfront trail. The City's design consultant is now working to create a topographic survey and schematic trail layout as a basis for further discussions with ConAgra.,

Snow Park

Joel reported that the design is now about 80% complete.

Bellevue Avenue Reconfiguration

A preliminary concept plan is in development and being coordinated with the expected revisions to the Fairlyland entry area.

3. Invited Presentation: Measure DD Public Art Installations

(Kristen Zaremba, Assistant Public Art Coordinator, City of Oakland)

Kristen introduced John Rogers, a member of the artist team for the 12th Street Reconfiguration Project. Using visuals, John presented key features of the art design and responded to questions about it.

Kristen then described the artist selection process for the Snow Park/20th/Harrison project, which she noted had now been designated as the "Lakeside Green Streets" project. [Wowhaus](#) (Scott Constable & Ene Osteraas-Constable) is the firm recently selected, and Kristen showed some samples from their portfolio to illustrate their range of work.

Annalee inquired whether the art design would give attention to the history of the name "Snow", and Kristen advised that historical background information would be provided to Wowhaus. She also noted that while the Wowhaus artists have identified selected target areas for art in the park, the design concept itself is still forthcoming.

James invited Kristen and Wowhaus staff to return to share the conceptual design when it is fleshed out.

4. Erik Niemann Reception

Rick noted that a small subcommittee had suggested that the Coalition send a letter of recognition to Erik Niemann for his public service in publishing the Oakland 12th Street Photo Blog. Rick read the draft letter to the Coalition, and there was consensus that it be sent on behalf of the Coalition. The letter can be found on the Coalition's Archive page.

Rick also mentioned that Erik has planned an October 28, 2012 reception related to the Oakland 12th Street Photo Blog and asked that Bill send details to the 7/16 meeting attendees.

5. Tenth Street and Peralta Community College District

Joel briefly described the infrastructure plans and challenges for the Lake Merritt Channel project, noting that the project cannot begin until the Peralta Community College District and the City of Oakland execute a Right-of-Entry Agreement to permit the City contractor to perform necessary work on Peralta CCD property. He described the history surrounding the agreement and members noted that this might be a propitious time to send a letter from the Coalition to the Peralta CCD Chancellor urging quick execution of this agreement. Bill read a draft letter to the Coalition, and there was consensus that it be sent on behalf of the Coalition. The letter can be found on the Coalition's Archive page [here](#).

In addition, some members expressed interest in sending individual letters reflecting their individual or organization perspective. Bill offered to send contact information and a general outline of the key issues to attendees of the 7/16 Coalition meeting.

A suggestion was made to increase public involvement by posting the letter in the "my word" section of the Tribune, but the consensus was that Coalition should hold such action in reserve pending the outcome of the next few weeks' negotiations. Joel agreed to advise the Coalition of the status after a few weeks.

6. 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 12th St. "overlook" was suggested as a venue. Robert asked if the concept had been clarified: a) minimal scale, limited participation, no-cost

event, or b) big event, with participation by City luminaries, well-funded. No consensus emerged, and a request was made that the committee begin plan development.

7. Lake Merritt Master Volunteer Program Update

Jennie indicated that after a naming contest, the group now has a new name: "Lake Merritt Weed Warriors"!

Jennie introduced Rebecca Barnard, an intern providing service on this program. Rebecca displayed the Lake Merritt Weed Warriors Facebook page and encouraged Coalition members to visit it at <http://www.facebook.com/LakeMerrittWeedWarriors>.

8. Various Lake Merritt Issues

Graffiti challenges, porta-potties, information tableaus, and summer algae harvesting were discussed briefly but incompletely due to time constraints. The sense was that at least some of the issues should be revisited in the future

9. Agenda Suggestions for September 17th meeting:

1. Invited guest: Lesley Estes on Watershed Information Panels (Rick will extend invitation)
2. Committee report: Lake Merritt Blvd Opening Celebration

10. Review of Work Assignments to Coalition Members:

1. Rick Rickard: Invite Lesley Estes for July 16, send letter of recognition to Erik Niemann
2. Bill Threlfall: Send letter to Peralta CCD Chancellor, post contact information & model letter.
3. Joel Peter: advise Coalition (through Bill) of status of Peralta Right-of-Entry Agreement
4. Sandy Threlfall et al: Begin celebration planning & prepare to report September 17.

The next Coalition meeting will be Monday, September 17th at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.