



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for September 17, 2018

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

The meeting was chaired by Jennie Gerard. Bill Threlfall served as recorder.

1. Measure DD Coalition attendance list:

Alameda County Public Works – John Medlock

Bike East Bay – Robert Prinz, Rick Rickard

CALM – James Vann

Community for Lake Merritt - Adrian Cotter

East Bay Rowing Club – Ken Croley, Jolie Krakauer, Virginia Roe

Golden Gate Audubon Society – John Bowers

Lake Merritt.org – John Kirkmire, Katie Noonan

Lake Merritt Breakfast Club – Aileen Frankel

Lake Merritt Weed Warriors – Jennie Gerard

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Museum of California – Ryan Jones

Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation – Barbara Schaaf

Oakland Rotary Club - Robert Kidd

Urban Permaculture Institute – Nancy Sherman

Waterfront Action – George Duncan, Bill Threlfall, Sandy Threlfall

Wholly H2O – Elizabeth Dougherty

Interested Citizens – Carolyn Burd, Sam Burd, Ellen Cavanagh, Myra Redman, George Rowan, Jr.

City of Oakland:

Measure DD Program Manager – Lesley Estes

Public Works – Kristin Hathaway

2. The agenda was adopted as published.

3. Minutes of 7/16/2018 were approved by consensus.

4. Measure DD project updates - Lesley Estes

Lesley briefly commented on the following projects:

- Lake Merritt Improvement Project – Almost complete, with only punch list remaining.
- New Fairyland sign is installed.
- Garden gates installation has been delayed by problematic cost of the required contract change order for installation. The gates will not be installed in time for the Autumn Lights Festival.
- Lakeside Green Streets – 65% complete.
- 12th & 10th Street Projects complete, but the Water Board and State Fish and Wildlife required a related wetlands mitigation project. That mitigation project has not met the success criteria of its permit, in part due to the impacts of encampments in the area. Lesley wrote a memorandum titled [Impacts from Homeless Encampments at Peralta Park](#) to the Encampment Management Team, and it was presented to Council at the September 17, 2018 meeting. The

memorandum estimated the costs of managing these impacts to be in excess of \$500,000. The memo may be found in the **Reports** section of the [Coalition's Archive page](#).

- 7th Street – this project will be a "long way off" in the future. Therefore, interim measures are being proposed to provide improved crossings at this location.
- Estuary Park – Planning in this project is now moving quickly. A series of three community meetings is planned, the first of which is intended to gather input and ideas:
 - **October 17th 2018**
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Jack London Aquatic Center
115 Embarcadero
Oakland, CA 94606
Participants are requested to RSVP to a.sabo@circlepoint.com

Subsequent community meetings will review draft and final designs.

More project information will be available at www.oaklandca.gov/projects/estuary-park

5. Bay Trail project designs - Lesley Estes & John Medlock

Lesley gave an overview of the status of many of the Bay Trail projects, touching on these:

- Embarcadero Cove Trail Improvements – will commence October 1.
- Livingston Pier Project - will commence October 1.
- Fruitvale land crossing – Lesley discussed this project in detail and presented design drawings. She emphasized that in the interest of progress, design work has moved ahead even though the required easement is still under negotiation.
- Miller Milling to CEMEX – Again, design is moving forward although the required easements are still under negotiation. Final design at the CEMEX segment cannot be completed until the adjacent Park Street Bridge crossing plan is defined.
- Park Street and High Street Bridges - Lesley then summarized the long history, challenges, and design options for Bay Trail crossings at these bridges. To provide additional perspective, she introduced John Medlock, who has been the Alameda County point person for City-County negotiations about the Bridge crossings. John outlined the many obstacles to completing a crossing. He indicated that the County is not opposed to the Bay Trail but will not propose any solutions; it will only respond to solutions proposed by the City. His comments focused on the challenges and problems. There was no consensus about how to proceed with the bridge crossings.

Lesley noted that the follow-up status report on Bay Trail progress requested by Council will be presented November 13.

6. Lake Merritt Tuff Shed Cabins – John Kirkmire, Naomi Schiff, James Vann

John reviewed the history of the Tuff Shed projects and their relationship to Lakeside Park camping trends. He emphasized the temporary nature and limited capacity of 40 persons per project. Naomi cautioned that in view of this limited capacity and the estimates of 60-90 or more campers at the Lake, it might be quite a long time before encampments can be fully cleared from Lakeside Lark. Accordingly, John, Naomi, and James were tasked to draft another letter concerning the encampments and submit it to

the Agenda Committee for distribution with the November 19 agenda and adoption at that meeting.

7. Measure DD group picnic proposal – Robert Kidd

Robert noted that the Coalition might benefit from an uplifting experience and suggested the possibility of a pot-luck waterfront picnic, possibly in October of 2018 or spring of 2019. Adrian Cotter and Sandy Threlfall also expressed interest and agreed to work with Robert to outline a plan for Coalition consideration.

8. Announcements and updates

- Rotary Nature Center: Katie Noonan spoke of the closure of the Rotary Nature Center and its value as a resource to the City's residents. She asked that the Coalition write a letter of support for the reopening and staffing of the Center. Although the center was not included in Measure DD, it may be of concern to the Coalition due to its location in the park. After some discussion, it was agreed that
 - Katie would draft such a letter for distribution to those in attendance at the September 17 Coalition, requesting their feedback and suggestions;
 - She would revise the draft per the received input and forward it to the Agenda Committee for consideration to be transmitted immediately on Coalition letterhead or to be placed on the November 19 agenda.
- Weed Warriors Work day: October 27

9. Review of work assignments to Coalition participants:

- Bill to assist in the logistics of the Rotary Nature Center draft letter.
- Bill to distribute the homeless encampment draft letter with the November 19 agenda.
- Robert, Adrian, and Sandy to give further consideration to picnic planning.

10. Agenda suggestions for November 19, 2018 Meeting:

- Homeless encampment letter - John, Naomi, James
- Rotary Nature Center letter - Katie

The next Coalition meeting will be November 19, 2018, at 7:10 p.m. at the Garden Center Ebell Room.

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.