

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for September 19, 2011

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

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

1. Measure DD Coalition Attendance List:

ABAG Bay Trail Project – Lee Huo

CALM – James Vann

BART – Robert Raburn

EBBC – Rick Rickard

EBRPD – John Sutter

East Bay Garden Center – Anne Woodell

Friends of the Cleveland Cascade – David Bolanos, Robert Fleming

Oakland Parks Coalition – Judy Johnson

Waterfront Action – George Duncan, Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Julia Ehrman, John Wilson

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DD Manager – Joel Peter Council District 2: Jennie Gerard

2. Additions to agenda

None

3. Minutes of 7/18/2011 were approved by consensus.

4. Invited Presentation

Lee Huo, ABAG Bay Trail Planner and contact for Alameda and Contra Costa counties, highlighted recent Bay Trail advances that were not part of Measure DD. He noted that the Oakland has 38 miles of planned trail, of which 24 are complete. He also emphasized the value of collaboration with community agencies and groups such as the Measure DD Coalition.

5. Joel Peter: Update on current DD projects

Joel distributed copies of the 9/16/2011 Project Status Summary, and this document has been posted in the [Progress section of the Coalition's web page](#). Highlights:

Fruitvale-High Street Gap

Joel passed around before and after pictures, demonstrating the substantial progress on this project.

12th Street Project

Progressing on schedule.

Cleveland Cascade

Work has been halted and a re-design of the railings is in progress to address technical problems. Shop drawings were approved and sent to the manufacturer. The new design will necessitate the removal of most of the existing benches along the stairway. Changes to the bollards at the top of the Cascade are being designed to reduce glare.

Boardwalk under the High Street Bridge

The Oakland City Council approved the cooperative agreement, and it will go before the County Board of Supervisors soon. Members of the Coalition expressed interest in writing advocacy letters to the County Supervisors urging approval of the agreement, and a model letter was requested by the chair.

Snow Park

A "35% set of plans" has been completed and will be posted on the City's Measure DD web site soon.

Lakeside Park Path Improvements

Joel said that design is underway on paving the short section of unpaved path northwest of the Pergola, and re-paving the deterioration portion of the path along the water's edge below Fairyland.

Financial Overview

Joel presented a summary report and briefly reviewed Series A and B bond allocations and expenditures. This report has been posted to the Expense Tracking section of the Coalition's [Document Archive we page](#).

6. Naming of the East 18th Street Pier

Joel indicated that research at the Oakland Library History Room revealed no historic plaque or signage on the Pier wall. After some discussion, it was decided that Anne Woodell would suggest the name *East 18th Street Pier* and possibly a dedication to Mayor Mott to the Alameda County Historical Society, who would be encouraged to develop an appropriate report and recommendation to City Council.

7. Ongoing Maintenance Issues

Joel described recent problems with graffiti and a general discussion of re-painting ensued. Joel advised that at a future time, he will be asking for volunteers to "adopt" the Pergola as an ongoing maintenance project, with the notion that local community groups might be effective in both managing and reporting maintenance issues.

8. Volunteer Work Day at Lake Merritt – Jennie Gerard

This month's Lake Merritt Master Volunteers work day will be Saturday September 24 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

9. Possible agenda suggestions for November 21 meeting:

- Lake Chalet lease status, operations, gondola, etc. (need to identify information source)
- Ongoing Maintenance issues (general discussion)
- Path extensions and improvements (Joel)

10 . Agenda Committee Composition

The following committee was appointed to serve November – March.

- Rick Rickard (Chair*)
- Judy Johnson
- John Wilson

* Rick Rickard will be away and unable to organize and chair the November meeting. Judy Johnson will serve in his absence.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Our next meeting will be Monday November 21 at 7:10 PM at the Ebell Room.