

Measure DD Community Coalition Meeting Notes for September 20, 2010

Meeting was held in the Ebell Room at Lakeside Garden Center at 7:15 PM.
Once again, special thanks to Rick Rickard for arriving early and setting up the room!

The meeting was chaired by Judy Johnson and Sandy Threlfall served as recorder.

1. Measure DD Coalition Attendance List:

CALM - James Vann

EBBC – Rick Rickard

EBRPD – John Sutter, Jim Townsend

Friends of the Cleveland Cascade – David Bolanos, Barbara Newcombe

Oakland Heritage Alliance – Naomi Schiff

Oakland Parks Coalition – Judith Johnson, Barbara Schaaf

Waterfront Action – Bill Threlfall, Sandra Threlfall

Interested Citizens – Marian Beil, Mimi Means, John Wilson

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DD Manager – Joel Peter

Council District 2 - Jennie Gerard

Council District 7 - Pat Mossburg

2. Additions to the agenda:

Appointment of next Agenda Committee

3. Minutes were approved by consensus.

4. Joel Peter's Update on DD Projects

12th Street Project.

We have received great publicity from the following:
KQED Quest, SF Chronicle and KQED radio

Sailboat House.

Now that summer sailing classes are over the bid went out to replace the rotten balcony. Once City staff negotiates the contract there is a plan to get it done before the rains come.

Cleveland Cascade.

A project sign was installed this week as field work by Ray's Electric on the lighted handrails is anticipated to begin in October with a completion date targeted for February 2011.

Cryer Site.

The site is now open to the public, which brings the Bay Trail all the way to Dennison. Interpretive signage will be installed soon.

Access to the Estuary is fenced off due to shoreline contamination issues. The old building on the site is not safe for public use and is currently being used to store Public Works materials. The parking lot was reconfigured in response to the request from the Unity Council. There is now an unlined area where a temporary ball court can be set up.

There are plans to remediate the beach area contamination if funding can be obtained. The first step is applying to the EPA Brown Fields Grant program for the funds to assess the contamination, followed by development of a remediation plan to

present to the State Water Board. Joel requested letters of support for the grant application from the Coalition and concerned organizations.

Con Agra.

The property owners have declined to grant the required easement for the Bay Trail in this area. At its November meeting, the Coalition may wish to discuss strategies to increase the likelihood of obtaining the easement. The project has been allocated \$3M for the development and building of the trail and possible acquisition costs. Joel will be working together with EBRPD and their acquisition team.

High Street Boardwalk.

We have submitted our proposal to Alameda County, and, as yet, have had no response.

10th Street Project.

The project received a \$2M grant from the California River Parkways program. We met with representatives in the early spring, on a rainy day, with three DD Coalition members there also. We were given the maximum grant possible.

Question from John Wilson – what are the contamination issues along the channel?

A: Soil testing continues to be done along the channel. It has been fairly clean so far.

Fruitvale-High Street Gap.

The Bay Trail in this area will be a pile supported structure that will connect the Alameda Avenue trail to existing trail behind the Brinks building. Five bids for the project came in, and most were under budget. It will go before Public Works Committee on November 9th. Each of the bids has some technical problem, so the City will start negotiating with the low bidder to seek resolution.

Trail around 3 Bridges to Alameda.

There has been no progress with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding boardwalks around the three bridges.

5. Lake Merritt Deadheaders: Jennie Gerard

There will be a kick-off event Saturday, September 25th from 1 PM to 3 PM on the north side of the Municipal Boat House, 1520 Lakeside Drive. The LM Deadheaders are modeled after the Morcom Rose Garden Deadheaders which is a volunteer maintenance program for the Garden. The LM Deadheaders will be focusing their efforts on the area from the Cameron-Stanford House to 19th Street. They hope to have volunteers either 1) adopt a garden bed or part of path or 2) adopt a stretch of path/walkway. Initial training will be provided by the Department of Public Works.

To join the group, visit: www.thegardengeek.com/node/93623

6. Oak to Ninth Project:

Lawsuit status. The suit regarding stability of high rises in a liquefaction zone is now in the Appeals Court. Resolution is not expected before next year.

A revision to the sales agreement between the Port of Oakland and Oakland Harbor Partners has been renegotiated. There was a 25% payment made in the spring of 2010 and the balance is due in 2015. However, in 2015, OHP can ask for another extension.

BCDC permit. It is anticipated that the BCDC hearing on this project will be in November. The Measure DD Community Coalition has submitted a [letter to BCDC requesting an interim Bay Trail](#) within 18 months of the granting of the BCDC permit.

Ninth Avenue Terminal's future will be heard by the CED committee on September 28th at 2 PM. The Council members on the committee are: Chair De La Fuente, President Brunner, Council members Reid and Kernighan. The staff report recommends no ENA (exclusive negotiating agreement) with Terminal Partners. If the committee recommends an ENA, then the item will be heard by full Council. Otherwise, it will be on the Council's consent calendar and die.

The railroad trestle adjacent to the Ninth Avenue Terminal may be eligible for grant monies for restoration to a bicycle pedestrian trail. Also there is the Rails to Trails program we might pursue.

7. Agenda Committee

For the next three meetings, Barbara Schaaf (Chair), David Bolanos, and Naomi Schiff have agreed to serve. John Wilson offered to serve as a back-up.

8. Audit for Measure DD - Discussion

A question was raised about how the Coalition should fulfill its oversight goals. Part of the DD Community Coalition's purpose was to provide input regarding prioritization of projects and their associated budgets.

Joel reported that there was an outside audit in 2006, and the report is on the Coalition's web site in the [archive of reference documents](#). Then in 2009 there was an IRS audit. Following all grant projects, the granting agency conducts an audit. Joel Peter noted the next Measure DD audit will happen three years after the sales of bonds for Series B, which happened in July of 2009. It was suggested that interested members review the 2006 audit report and bring any questions to the next Coalition meeting.

9. Oakland Parks Coalition

The OPC will be doing their annual Park Survey Saturday October 2nd. Please meet at the Ebell Room in the Lakeside Garden Center at 8:30 AM to participate!

10. Possible agenda items for the November 15th meeting:

- Report on completed DD projects that are in use. (Request speakers from the projects, such as Fairyland, Studio One, etc.)
- Letter campaign for the High Street Boardwalk, Con Agra segment, and others.
- Are there alternatives beyond the Deadheaders for ongoing maintenance of Measure DD projects?

11. Next Coalition Meeting:

Monday, November 15, 2010, 7:10 PM at the Lakeside Garden Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM. Thanks to the attendees who racked their chairs!

Submitted by Sandy Threlfall