

Measure DD Coalition
Minutes of July 21, 2008 Meeting

In attendance: Rick Rickard, John Sutter, John Wilson, Gerald Cauther, Ken Pratt, Sandy Threlfall, James Vann and Kathy Raymond.

City Staff Attendees: Joel Peter, Jennie Gerard, Pat Mossburg

Project Updates:

Joel brought a PowerPoint presentation that showed projects that have been completed and some that have yet to be done. Within the presentation were shown the following projects.

Studio One – Completed
Beaconsfield Canyon Acquisition – Completed
Waterfront Trail and Alameda Ave. – Completed
Pergola – Completed
Union Point Park – Completed
Arroyo Viejo Creek at the Oakland Zoo – Completed
Butters Canyon – Completed
66th Ave. Gateway – Completed
Lake Merritt storm water filters – 3 have been completed and a 4th is being designed
Aeration Fountains in Lake Merritt – Completed
Municipal Boathouse Renovation – Nearing Completion.
18th St. Pier reconstruction – Completed

The Lakeside Dr. construction should begin in late Sept. A notice to proceed should be given on Sept. 24th. McGuire and Hester will be doing the landscape construction by the Municipal Boathouse. Staff is recommending that \$1.9 million of interest go to the Boathouse project at Council on Sept. 23rd. The Landscape project is between \$3.5 to \$4 million and runs from 14th to 19th Sts. All together it is looking like this project will run around \$18 to \$19 million.

The Lakeshore/EI Embarcadero project may start around late Sept. or a little later. Gallaher and Burke is doing the work. It should last around 1 year. They are planning on turning 1 left turn into 2 at Lakeshore turning toward Grand Ave. Currently there is only 1 turn lane. They have been doing modeling to see how to try and help traffic.

12th St. is scheduled around the Spring of 2009. They are working on finalizing the Federal funding that will allow the project to be fully funded.

Sailboat House: They would like to move up the Sailboat House project to do some work as the current Balcony has rot and cannot be used. Audree Jones-Taylor the OPR Director has asked that some money be moved up to this round of funding to be used to replace the balcony and they will be going to Council on this. It was asked that if they do this repair would it modify the original plan they had designed for the Boathouse renovation, and yes it could mean that this design would be gone for good. The Sailboat house original design plan was to go back to the original look of the building in 1915. It had an open air covered area that would eliminate the current inside upstairs of the building. This top floor is used for a rental facility by OPR and not having an indoor area could impact this. It was also noted that others at OHA have indicated that the current look done in the 1950's is still historic. Sandy Threlfall indicated that if the original plan is going to be done away with then first it should go back to the community and OHA should weigh in. Sandy offered to contact OHA about this issue. In the end it really comes down to a money issue, there isn't currently enough funding to do the original design plan and they would need to raise around \$10 million to renovate this back to the original master plan.

Waterfront Trail at Derby St. begins in October this will be pile supported. At Beach St. there will be a kind of terraced design that will taper down. The gap of the trail at the Brinks warehouse has now been granted an easement and a design is being worked on. The Cryer Boatworks site has a 100% complete design. There is a building at Union Point Park that is owned by the Port but leased by the City. It is currently not earthquake safe and only used for storage.

Other items in Design Phase:

Waterfront Trail from High St. to Fruitvale

Creek Restoration at Shepherd Canyon

Lake Merritt #4 Storm water filter

Lake Merritt Channel projects at 10th and 7th Sts.

East Oakland Sports Complex – they are currently designing towards the budget.

Bond Spending:

Currently the City has spent \$53 million of the first round of \$70.5 million from Series A. When 12th St. gets started it will really help to spend this down. It will probably be the end of 2009 before the end of Series B. They have raised an additional \$34 million towards Measure DD projects if they get the expected Federal funding. They have raised \$3.4 million additional for the waterfront trail itself.

Bay Trail:

Joel brought photos that showed the entire length of the Bay Trail. The City is still awaiting the Port's appraisal on Brooklyn Basin as they did not like the City's offer based on the City's appraisal. Currently Conagra is still a big blockage. Also at Pier 29 there is a new restaurant called Tiki Tom's the City hopes that they may help in putting in the trail at their location. They are looking at using catwalks at the Park and High St. Bridges they would need to widen to 6 to 7 ft that's all that would be allowed. The aerial photos Joel showed were from www.mapslive.com.

Suggestions for Next Meeting:

The Sailboat House and OHA comments

A scorecard of projects summary – completed/ partial completion/ etc.

Outreach – could we print up posters to put in public spaces

Union Point and Estuary Park – some asking if they could put tennis or basketball courts at Cryer Site.

New Agenda Committee: Sandy Threlfall and James Vann

Next Meeting Nov. 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.