



Oakland Measure DD Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks Community Coalition

Meeting minutes - July 18, 2022, 7:10 p.m.

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Welcome by Agenda Committee Member, Adrian Cotter and introductions of other agenda committee members Myra Redman and John Bowers.

Review of Zoom meeting protocol: recording, chat, mute, raise hand and transcription.

1. Introductions of Coalition meeting participants [Coalition is open to the public]

Adrian Cotter	Coalition Agenda Committee, Website
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond	Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation, Coalition admin
James Vann	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt (CALM)
Naomi Schiff	CALM, Oakland Heritage Alliance
John Klein	CALM
Dee Rosario	East Bay Parks, WARD 2
John Bowers	Lake Merritt Institute, Agenda Committee
Jennie Gerard	Lake Merritt Weed Warriors
Myra Redman	Lake Merritt Institute, Weed Warriors, Agenda Committee
Katie Noonan	Rotary Nature Center Friends, Lake Merritt Institute
David Wofford	Rotary Nature Center Friends
Bob Redman	Essex Community Action Committee
Bill Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Sandy Threlfall	Waterfront Action
Rick Rickard	Bike East Bay, East Bay Regional Parks District Advisory Council
Assata Olugbala	Resident
Stephanie McFadden	East Bay Rowing Club
My Vo	Student at Boise State University BA in Public Health

City of Oakland Attendees

Mike Perlmutter	Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works
Terri Fashing	Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager

2. No changes to the agenda

3. Final May 16, 2022 [Meeting Minutes](#) were adopted without revision

3. DD Program Manager: update - Michael Perlmutter, OPW, Watershed Program Specialist, Watershed and Stormwater Management Division, City of Oakland.

While Kristin Hathaway, DD Bond Manager is out, Mike and Terri Fashing, Acting Measure DD Program Manager, are supporting Coalition Administration.

For Measure DD Program detailed report see [Detailed Project Update Table](#) and [Project Update Presentation](#)

Projects with no updates since the May meeting: Lake Merritt Improvement Project/Garden Center, Grand Ave entrance, Snow Park/Lakeside Green Street Project, Tide Gate Operations, Harbor Master Trail Connection Waterfront Trail at Fruitvale, Cortland Creek, Beaconsfield restorations, path repair and watershed acquisitions. See [May meeting documents](#) for latest information about those projects.

Lake Merritt Channel at 7th Street Pedestrian: Crosswalk was damaged and a request has been submitted to the Department of Transportation for repair.

Lake Merritt Channel at 10th Street: Environmental Services Associates (ESA) to provide a proposal to update wetland revegetation bid documents for Peralta Park. Replanting likely to happen late 2024. Construction management staff negotiating with contractor to issue Notice of Completion

Estuary Park: Schematic design completed in July 2022. Drought tolerant and durable vegetation is being selected. Landscape maintenance after project completion will be by Parks Maintenance Division. Phase I is planned for Fall 2024. See [Map](#) and [Estuary Park website](#)

Crowley Trail construction estimated for 2024.

Union Point Park to 23rd Avenue Trail (aka Miller Milling to Cemex, E. 7th St to 23rd/29th Aves). Permissions to Enter with all three private property owners obtained end of June
Geotechnical borings, topographic survey and environmental site assessment work anticipated mid-August/early September.

Waterfront Trail Connections at Park and High Street Bridges. City meeting with various planning stakeholders (City of Alameda, Coast Guard, and Harbor Safety Commission). Construction cost estimates are \$13 - \$16 million for each trail under the bridges. Total cost for both estimated at \$26 - \$32 million depending on when construction starts.

Glen Echo Creek Restoration. Initial data gathering completed. Plans finalized for Public Engagement. Report finalized for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Public Access.
Public stakeholder meetings start September/October. Funding sought.

Measure DD Coalition Administrative Support Contract. Listserv launched. [Public can sign up here](#). The listserv software provides analytics on message delivery, open rates, and engagement. See website item below for additional info.

Some questions from Coalition were asked including a desire for additional financial project tracking information.

4. 12th Street Bridge restoration post fire damage, and encampment management plan

Mike Perlmutter gave an overview of the 12th street bridge site since the 4/28/2022 fire. Current issues include art installation repair, homeless encampment management, debris removal, and repair needs. The Coalition is working on an advocacy letter to the various City officials. Terri Fashing encouraged reporting the encampment via OAK311 and homelessness@oaklandca.gov. The next day after the meeting, Watershed staff referred Assata's request to the Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful Division of Public Works to finish debris removal.

5. Reporting homeless encampments.

Mike presented an overview of standard methods to report homeless encampments. [OAK311](tel:5104443111) (via phone, app, or website) and homelessness@oaklandca.gov.

OAK311 is for reporting routine maintenance and urgent infrastructure needs. Reports are time stamped and tracked.

Homelessness@oaklandca.gov is received by the Encampment Management Team. Include the following if possible in the request: 1. Date, 2. Requester, 3. Exact address and location description and Google Maps link, 4. Council District, 5. Vehicles involved (specify cars, RVs, trucks, etc.), 6. Nature of report/complaints as it relates to homelessness: brief description of the encampment and conditions. (e.g. tent or structure blocking sidewalk, RV in front of driveway, dumping from an RV, or general encampment), 7. Other city departments notified (e.g. 311, Human Services, Fire, Public Works), 8. Pictures of the encampment.

Requests are reviewed, forwarded for assessment, scheduled for action by the Encampment Management Team, or referred to the appropriate department.

More information and encampment management schedule at www.oaklandca.gov/topics/encampment-management-team.

Please cc the Watershed team when emailing reports of homeless encampments impacting waterways.

Report fires to the Fire Department at (510) 444-1616 or 911.

Report violence, threats of violence, and other illegal behaviors to 911

6. The Beautification Council

Overview of the Beautification Council, an Oakland based non-profit working against illegal dumping, graffiti and blight. They have a two-year \$1.6 million dollar contract to perform detailed cleaning of homeless encampments after City closures and as-needed time sensitive assignments.

7. Measure DD website Updates..... Adrian Cotter, Measure DD Coalition volunteer

Adrian Cotter presented an update of the Measure DD website. The Coalition page provides meeting minutes, video of meetings, past plans and documents, and the listserv signup.

A map of DD projects is being planned.

Please send website feedback to Adrian.

8. Announcements

a) Rotary Nature Center Friends on-line events.....Katie Noonan

- August 5 Lakeside Chat 21 Online Event
 Corrina Gould in Ohlone Territory of Huichun/Oakland [To Register](#)
- August 28 Discussion with Exploratorium on sea level rise at the Sailboat House

b) Lake Merritt Weed Warriors – next workday.....Jennie Gerard

- July 30th Pergola that holds wisteria has been refurbished, weeding,
 deadheading roses to prepare for reopening.

9. Questions and requests to City of Oakland staff

1. Requesting cost and installation information for the stand-alone bathroom at Lake Merritt? (David) – this question has been forwarded to Facilities
2. Please show what is funded, which projects are fully funded, and which are short of funding in the project update table. (James and Naomi)
3. Please include more details, updates, plans and funding plans of projects. Suggest that short updates be included in minutes. (Bill & Jennie)
4. Geographical equity for Measure DD? Specifically for District 6. (Assata) – this will be available with the DD map in development.
5. What is happening about re-inhabitation of encampments that are cleared out? What is the follow up of the Encampment Management Team after removal? (James, Assata) – direct these questions to homelessness@oaklandca.gov

10. Assigned tasks

1. Agenda Committee to file letter to City officials regarding art restoration, public access, and homeless encampment management 12th street bridge
2. Letter regarding wish list and CIP status is near completion to be submitted to City officials

11. Agenda suggestions for next Coalition Meeting

1. More financial project tracking info from DD Bond Manager
2. Downtown plan, Lake Merritt as historic item – Naomi Schiff coordinating
3. Potential to cross channel design incorporating railroad bridge – Naomi Schiff
4. Orton Presentation for Kaiser Center – Adrian and Jennie coordinating

9:00pm Adjourn

[next meeting, September 19, 2022 7:00pm](#)

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/measure-dd-community-coalition>