



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

Meeting minutes - February 20, 2023, 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 Bob Redman.

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

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

Adrian Cotter	DD Agenda Committee, Community for Lake Merritt
John Bowers	DD Agenda Committee, Lake Merritt Institute
Myra Redman	DD Agenda Committee, Lake Merritt Institute
Bob Redman	Essex Community Action Committee
Bill Threlfall	Waterfront Action
David Wofford	Rotary Nature Center Friends
Katie Noonan	Lake Merritt Institute, Rotary Nature Center Friends
Paris.Organist	Lake Merritt Institute
Josiah Albertson	Lake Merritt Institute, Essex Community Action Committee
Dr. Richard Bailey	Lake Merritt Institute
Rick Rickard	Bike East Bay, East Bay Regional Parks District Advisory Council
James Vann	Coalition of Advocates for Lake Merritt
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond	Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, DD Coalition administrator
Dee Rosario	East Bay Regional Parks District
Nancy Forbord	Essex Community Action Committee
Vivian Romero	Interested Citizen
Charles	
Lee Aurich	

City of Oakland Attendees

Terri Fashing	Watershed Division, Oakland Public Works, Acting Manager
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2. Agenda Committee Nominations. The Coalition nominated the current agenda committee to do an additional year.

3. DD Program Manager Report.....Terri Fashing Watershed and Stormwater Management Division, Acting Measure DD Bond Manager Oakland Public Works, [Project Update Summary](#)

Measure DD Projects were submitted through the **Capital Improvement Project (CIP) prioritization** process. These projects were determined to be extensions of the Measure DD project recommendations already approved by Council long ago^[PM1]. The CIP list will be publicized after it's finalized. Terri recommends that the Coalition look at what funding remains and consider allocating to Water Quality in Lake Merritt.

Project Update

- **COMPLETED** Last updates provided May 2022
 - Lake Merritt Improvement Project /Garden Center & Grande Ave entrance
 - Snow Park/Lakeside Green Street Project
 - Oakland Waterfront Access, Parks and Clean Up
 - Harbor Master Trail Connection
- **Crowley Trail** (formerly known as Brooklyn Basin) Interim Trail East Bay Regional Park project. Last updated provided September 2022 [See page 3 in March 21 Waterfront Trails Update](#)
- **Glen Echo Creek Restoration** - last updated provided in September 2022
- **Creek Restoration of Beaconsfield** Branch Sausal Creek - last updated provided May 2022
- **Measure DD Administrative** Support Contract - Targeting map updates this winter
- **7th Street Tide Gate pump station.** Flood Control plans to meet with OPW to review Memo and discuss plans to receive written feedback to questions from Coalition.
- **Lake Merritt Interpretive Signs** - Installation planned for March, 2023
- **Lake Merritt Channel at 7th Street** Pedestrian crosswalk repaired and damaged again December 2022. Because this is a completed project, repairs go through the normal maintenance process. To confirm if repair covered by warranty.
- **Decomposed Granite (DG) Path Repair.** Some progress has been made to procure contract. Craig Pon will be invited to next month's meeting
- **Lake Merritt Channel at 10th Street** - US Army Corps of Engineers confirmed and approved 12/13/22 delineation as detailed in the report. Plans for plantings, irrigation and weeding.
- **Estuary Park** - Project was awarded CA Coastal Conservancy Climate Adaptation fund for enhanced design of the living shoreline. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Addendum preparation in progress. Phase 1 construction planned for fall 2025.
- **Union Point Park to 23rd Avenue Trail** aka Miller Milling to Cemex E. 7th St to 23rd/29th Aves - Draft of Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report complete and under revision. CA hazardous lead levels found at Miller Milling. Estimating costs for easement acquisitions.
- **Waterfront Trail at Fruitvale** (Fruitvale Bridge Gap Closure) - Staff working to secure contract for work to start in summer 2023.
- **Waterfront Trail Connections at Park and High Street** Bridges - Designs for under bridge trail on hold until inland option and connections are fully planned out.
- **Courtland Creek Restoration** - All external permits secured. Phase I, tree removal in progress. Restoration construction planned for summer 2023.
- **Watershed Acquisition** - Using GIS model that factors ecological and equity to prioritize areas to pursue. Citywide model will be overlaid with parcels and prioritized. Staff will then work through the list to find willing land-owners, connections to existing conserved lands, and other factors. Staff is also working with City Real Estate Division as well as outside partners on potential projects.

Financial review includes staff costs. More details to come next month. [Project Update Table](#)

4. **Water Quality Monitoring** - LakeTech has installed two buoys to monitor water quality. Staff to review data and recommendations. Coalition suggested using citizen monitors and local stewards collections as well. Also suggested that additional buoy be added to the Channel. Could the remainder of Lake Merritt Category Measure DD Funds be used for water quality monitoring and measures to improve water quality, such as aeration/oxygenation device installation?

5. Announcements

- a. [Rotary Nature Center Friends](#) Clean Ups and on-line events
- b. [Lake Merritt Weed Warriors](#) Next event announced
- c. **Estuary Park Plan Study Group** - Pleased to contribute a letter of support for the awarded Grant.
- d. Suggestion to begin Crowley clean ups
- e. Lake Merritt Breakfast Club invitation, March 9th, 7:30am Speaker on the School District Administration building

Assigned tasks and agenda suggestions for next meeting

1. Path Repair Update, Craig Pon, Terri Fashing
2. 7th Street repair. 311 submission complete, Terri will check on warranty -
3. Miller Milling Trail extension - Terri will organize meeting with Dee, Ha, Rick, Bill, and others from EBRPD and the City.
4. CIP prioritized list of projects, and recommendations for priorities of remainder funds, Terri
5. Fiscal Report updates, administration cost detail, Terri Fashing
6. Mapping update - to be completed by Michael Perlmutter for the next meeting's project update report
7. Bay Trail Within Estuary Park, phase 2, Terri will check with Chris Reed
8. Standardized 'tagging' Measure DD indicator for 311 submissions, Agenda Committee
9. Coalition to consider developing committee of all entities surrounding Peralta Park, Laney, OUSD, Oakland Museum, Kaiser/Orton, City, watersheds, bike, EBALDC, etc., Agenda Committee

9:10pm Adjourn, **Next meeting, March 20 , 2023, 7pm**