ITEM: 5-3

SUBJECT: 2012 Waterfront Committee Work Program

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to the City Council approval of 2012 Work Plan.

DISCUSSION

The following is a general outline of waterfront-related tasks and activities of the Community Development Department for calendar year 2012. The Committee most recently discussed priorities at the October 2, 2011 meeting. At that meeting, it was requested that staff assemble for reference the minutes and memos from earlier discussions (attached).

Initiatives & Accomplishments of 2011

- Completion of Albany Beach Feasibility Study
- Participation in the Golden Gate Fields/Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Second Campus site selection process
- Initiation of the Cove project
- Dog management discussions
- Discussion with Whitney Dotson, EBRPD Board Member

Anticipated Projects

- Completion of the Cove project
- Collaboration with East Bay Regional Park District on the Albany Beach project
- Collaboration with California State Parks on the implementation of improvements to habitat areas funded by the of the Costco Buson settlement
- Volunteer-supported educational/stewardship projects
Anticipated Policy Initiatives

- Participation in community-wide discussion of harmlessness in the City of Albany
- Initiation of the General Plan update including incorporation of principles contained in the Voices to Vision process
- Improvements to trash/littering management

Implementation/Procedures/Projects

- Update information on web page
- Community outreach and communications
1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**  
Members Present: Dann, Diehl, Parsley, Papalia  
Absent: Granholm

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
None.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
None.

5. **DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, WHICH COULD INCLUDE REPORTS AND/OR PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS IF ANY:**

5-1. **Waterfront Cove update (Tony Wolcott)**

Tony Wolcott provided an overview of the work on the Cove area. Committee members discussed trash and graffiti cleanup. Committee member Diehl made a motion to establish a subcommittee consisting of Chair Papalia and Committee member Diehl to draft a letter to the Patch to organize volunteers and financial resources for clean up and promotion of the Cove project. Motion passed 4-0.

5-2. **Proposal for second campus of Lawrence Berkeley National Lab on Golden Gate Fields property - (status report from staff and discussion of anticipated next steps for City task force)**

The Community Development Director reported on City Council action and referred Committee members to www.albanyca.org or Voicestovision.com.

5-3. **Discussion of Committee Goals and Objectives - (Committee members are encourages to offer policies and issues for discussion. Attached for reference is the City Council’s are Goals, Objectives, & Work Plan for 2010/11 – 2011/12.)**

Committee members discussed goals and objectives for the Committee. The following items were highlighted:

- Homeless population
- Dog management in partnership with EBRPD
- Invitation to Whitney Dobson to attend a Committee meeting
- Establishment of sanitary facilities and running water
- Potential mitigations related to development
- Funding for Eastshore State Park implementation
- Develop a plan for neck and plateau
- Implementation of beach feasibility and Bay Trail
- Cove project
• LBNL Project
• Identify sources of funds such as Measure WW
• Department of Energy grants

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Information only

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
   7-1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2011

8. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.
## Restoration Opportunities – Albany Beach, Plateau, Bulb & Bay Trail

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<td>Correct drainage problem east of dunes</td>
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<td>Enhance beach/bay access for non-motorized watercraft by creating a vehicle drop-off point</td>
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<td><strong>Park/Turf Area:</strong></td>
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<td>Provide turf suitable for informal recreation</td>
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<td><strong>Park/Recreation Equipment:</strong></td>
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<td>Provide BBQ/picnic facilities, tot lot play area</td>
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<td><strong>Trail System:</strong></td>
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<td>Pedestrian/bike paths along northern edge of Plateau with additional paths from perimeter to other parts of Plateau</td>
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<td><strong>Interpretive Center:</strong></td>
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<td>Construct small interpretive center</td>
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For users of beach & plateau

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<td>2. Vegetative buffer on north &amp; east edges</td>
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<td>Road Maintenance: Maintain road for emergency access - $60,000</td>
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<td>Educational Center: Enhance cove for interpretive outdoor classroom</td>
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<td>Facilities: Install drinking fountain, restroom</td>
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<td>Amenities: Picnic tables</td>
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<td>Vegetation Management: Remove non-native invasive plants, increase landscaping</td>
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<td>Lagoons: Enhance lagoon habitat</td>
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<td>Trail System: Preserve meandering trails, add pedestrian path circling bulb</td>
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<td>Safety Hazards: Remove safety hazards</td>
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<td>Shoreline Restoration: Enhance south shoreline along Neck (extend beach, create pocket beaches, remove large concrete pieces, move trail)</td>
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<td>Fencing/Buffers: Add fencing/buffers on northeast shoreline</td>
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<td>Extend Bay Trail along GGF/Beach area to connect Bay Trail between Berkeley and Albany</td>
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<td>Create a barrier between Bay Trail and mudflats</td>
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MEMORANDUM

March 30, 2011

TO: WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

FROM: Ann Chaney, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: What We Learned Regarding Dog Management

In the last year, the Waterfront Committee gathered a great deal of information by holding public meetings, hearing from park users, conducting surveys and research, and talking with state, regional and local park agencies and enforcers. From these efforts, a lot has been learned.

The following is a summary of some of the facts, concerns and comments that have been expressed regarding dog management at the Waterfront.

Comments and Concerns

- Need better communication with the public
- Point Isabel is too crowded
- EB Park Police not actively enforcing dog rules
- Dogs need exercise; inhumane not to allow off-leash
- Sensitive wildlife areas and off-leash dogs don't mix
- State Parks does not have funding for enforcement
- Create off-leash area at waterfront
- Dog issue is significant to the community
- Amount of dogs and those not under control is not safe for children
  Thank you to those who clean up after their dogs Use Cesar Chavez as model; we license, self regulate
- More dog bites a result of higher concentration
- There are people who don’t use area because of the number of dogs
- Albany owns 80’ right of way through state park

- Eastshore State Park general plan sets forth policies
- Enforcement is real issue; if no enforcement, what’s the hurry?
- Majority of dog owners using waterfront live outside Albany
- People who don’t follow the rules ruin it for the rest
- Point Isabel created as part of ESP plan to meet off-leash dog demand
- Need longer time to understand the effects of the policy
- Make area accessible to disabled and older persons
- Provide exemptions for service dogs
  Need to develop wish list for park improvements
- People who walk dogs at waterfront also use Albany shops and restaurants
- Need to find funding to support enforcement
- Need to share

City and District staff have not yet had an opportunity to meet about this issue, as requested by the Committee. In the meantime, there are other issues the Committee has expressed interest in, or that require your attention, such as funding opportunities for waterfront improvements, the Golden Gate Fields response to the LBNL proposal and its relationship to Voices to Vision recommendations, Bay Trail gap closure planning, beach restoration feasibility study. Because of these pressing issues, and additional staff time needed to respond to dog management questions, it is suggested that the Committee agendize this issue for later this year.
NOTE: NEW MEETING DATE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
MEETING

City Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue
Wednesday, March 2, 2011 – 7:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL
Members Present: Diehl, Dann, Granholm, Papalia, Parsley

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3-1. Approve Minutes from January 24, 2011 meeting (attached)
Draft Park & Recreation Commission minutes from February 10, 2011 Joint
meeting (attached)
Minutes approved unanimously – Diehl abstained.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

5. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS, WHICH COULD INCLUDE REPORTS AND/OR PROPOSED
RESOLUTIONS IF ANY:

5-1. Dog management at Albany Waterfront – Follow-up from Joint P&R Commission and
WFC meeting (new correspondence attached; additional information to be distributed
at meeting)
The Committee agreed to hold a meeting with a representative from EBRPD, one member
from the Park & Recreation Commission, and a designee from the Committee to discuss the
proposed policy further. Papalia was selected as the designee for the Committee.

5-2. Funding for Bulb & Neck improvements
The Committee identified potential improvements for funding:
Parsley would like removal of rebar and debris. Granholm agreed with Parsley, and added
that this should be a high priority.
Papalia suggested some of the $700,000 in Measure WW funds provided to the City be
utilized for improvements, and recommended determining the status of the remaining
Measure WW funds for Eastshore State Park.

Diehl would like the Council to allocate enforcement and a lump sum for ongoing
maintenance and dog management. Papalia agreed ongoing maintenance is needed.
Dann suggested roads be improved.

Caryl O’Keefe: suggested the Committee talk with EBRPD about how to ready the bulb for
transfer to the State and be realistic about available funding given current budget constraints.
Chaney will research the status of Measure WW funds.

5-3. Albany Beach Restoration Feasibility Study (2/17/11 presentation link below)
http://www.ebparks.org/files/Albany%20BeachWorkshop_Presentation_Slides_02-09-2011.pdf
No action was taken on this item.

5-4. Comments on Training Seminar for Commissions/Committees/ (please bring notes)
No action was taken on this item.

5-5. Election of Chair & Vice Chair
The Committee selected Papalia as Chair and Dann as Vice Chair.
NOTE: NEW MEETING DATE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Information only
   6-1. Letter to Whitney Dotson (attached)
        Chaney will contact Dotson to determine his availability for the Committee’s April meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
   (Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public
   comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items)
   7-1. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 2011

8. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes

Community Center
1249 Marin Avenue
Monday, April 13, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Chair Diehl at 7:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL
Members Present: Dann Granholm Papalia Diehl Larson So
Members Absent: Parker
Staff Present: Ann Chaney
Others Present: Fern Tiger Associates

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3-1. Approve Minutes from March 9, 2009 and March 30, 2009 meetings
March 30 minutes approved as amended. March 9 minutes will be revised and provided to the Committee for additional review.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT
Dann announced the April 19th Earth Day cleanup at the waterfront.
Papalia reported Penelope Leach provided an update regarding dogs in parks. The City Council will be considering establishing an ordinance with limitations on hours that dogs will be allowed off-leash in parks. The Park and Recreation Commission will be providing recommendations to City Council. The Committee is encouraged to coordinate on this ordinance with the Park and Recreation Commission.
Papalia also reported that he attended an East Bay Regional Park District meeting (EBRPD). The EBRPD approved seeking grant funds to analyze the feasibility of Albany beach restoration. Papalia encouraged EBRPD to include a restroom facility in the restoration plans. EBRPD agreed to this request.

5. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, WHICH COULD INCLUDE REPORTS AND/OR PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS IF ANY:

5-1. Consider Committee attendance at trial run of visioning seminars - Fern Tiger and Associates
Fern Tiger reported that the trial run will consist of a group of people accustomed to facilitating and have done a number of community sessions that will provide input on the seminar methodology. It is important to ensure the materials and seminars conducted are neutral and unbiased.
Granholm agreed with Fern Tiger and feels the Committee should not interfere in the trial run or publication.
Larson agreed with Granholm, but noted most publications include a pre-publication phase of review.
So stated he does not see why observation of the trial run by committee members could impact the neutrality of the process.
Diehl agreed with Granholm.
No action was taken on the item.

5-2. Measure WW
a. Present proposals identified by Committee for Local Grant Program allocation - $771,363 Citywide
So provided three proposed projects, the second proposal is the bay trail, which may not qualify for the funding stipulations. So focused on his first and third proposed projects: 1) remove re-bar & construction debris – this would improve safety of the park and existing rebar/construction debris could be a liability and discourages the State park from taking over the property. The staff estimate for this project is $250,000, about 1/3 of the total funds.
2) repair the south pier – this could provide increased recreational opportunities for the park users, and greater accessibility to the bay. The cost estimate is based on a similar project conducted in Virginia at approximately $350,000, ½ of the total funds.
So suggested Chaney review the property boundaries to determine if the pier improvement areas are within Albany’s jurisdiction.

Larson cited that the Measure WW guidelines require consistency with any planning documents developed for parks. The City’s Recreation & Open Space Park Master Plan excludes the bulb area. Chaney replied that the pier area is under the State Park control and included as part of the Eastshore State Park plan.

Papalia provided a proposal to improve the areas adjacent to the cove including the seating area with new landscaping and improvements to the “triangle” area (intersection of the paths) west of the cove that includes fruit trees in raised beds, terraced triangle planting area and new trees to the south and west to protect the space. Two four-foot walls would be constructed in the “triangle” area to protect and terrace the area. The project would also include relocating bike racks, installing picnic tables and seating areas. The plant species were selected by Tony Wolcott the City’s Urban Forester and the tree species are tough species that would adapt well to the weather conditions at the waterfront. Tony would manage the planting, with assistance of the community at a planting work project. Estimated cost is between $15-20,000, and meets all of the Measure WW requirements.

Larson asked if the plants are native.

Papalia stated they may not all be native, but are adaptable to the environment.

Larson asked if an irrigation system is needed.

Papalia replied that there is remaining drip irrigation system, and the parking lot area may have pressure water valves that can be connected to – Tony is researching this item.

Granholm stated he liked the idea, but would like the Waterfront Committee to assist with the design phase to discuss specifics regarding plants.

Diehl agreed with Granholm.

Larson provided a proposal, as taken from the Open Space & Recreational Master Plan to improve Albany’s linear waterfront park. The project includes enhancing the existing park and installation of a drinking fountain. There is a lot of maintenance that should be done including graffiti, weeding, improving the fencing. It would include enhancing the cove and replace the existing irrigation with actual plumbing of potable water that serves a drinking fountain, educational enhancements to the area, a bathroom facility. The price was estimated at $75,000 within the plan, but Larson thinks this estimate is low.

Dann provided three proposals: 1) to develop an enclosed area for children and park users that would be protected from the dogs that are off leash. The area would be located near the bathroom area. Cost estimate is approximately $50,000.
2) Improve accessibility at the end of Madison Street at Albany Hill.
Granholm stated a path exists – Dann removed this item.
3) Alternative energy studies at the park – researching solar or other alternatives. Cost estimate is $20,000.

Diehl suggested the alternative energy item be included with other improvements that may otherwise require traditional electricity.

**Diehl provided a proposal to create a plan to assess and remove rebar. This would help improve accessibility at the waterfront for all ages, and help leverage additional funding if a plan was developed. Estimate is 95,000, 12% of total funds.**

Public Comment:

Alan Marris: a cost estimate has been developed for irrigation at the waterfront by maintenance department staff. Encouraged the $27 Million component of Measure WW fund the concrete/rebar removal.

Caryl O’Keefe: supported Diehl and So’s recommendation to remove safety hazards at the bulb.

Brian Parsley: agrees with O’Keefe, and would like to see improvements to remove safety hazards.

Granholm stated his proposal is that the $27 million of Measure WW for Eastshore State Park improvements/expansion cover the costs of his recommended projects for the Albany waterfront. To prepare a two special area plans - one for the Albany Plateau, and one Bulb and Neck, similar to what was done for the Brickyard Cove and Berkeley Meadow area. The special area plan for the Plateau should be consistent with Eastshore State park General plan, with informal recreation picnic area, turf area, restrooms and landscaping, non-native plants should be replaced with native plants. The second project is to implement the plan.
The third project is to develop a specific plan for Albany Bulb and Neck, including all governing agencies. The plan would include how the land would be transferred to the State. Cleanup of the area will be required, while trying to maintain the character of the area. The fourth project is to implement the specific area plan for the Bulb and Neck.

Larson stated safety issues can vary, the cleanup proposals seem to be inconsistent with the Open Space & Recreation Master plan and may create contention with community that would prefer the “let it be approach” for the area. So disagreed, noting that cleanup of the area would provide a direct benefit for recreational users and help remove the risk of safety hazards. Granholm agreed with Larson, many parks have inherent safety hazards. The special area plan could help outline a publicly supported plan for managing the area. Dann supported removing major safety hazards.

Papalia encouraged the Committee to select a project that takes action to improve the waterfront, and suggests implementing the cove redesign, incorporation of potable water, and establishment of enforceable dog leash regulations to encourage recreational use by Albany residents. This will help reclaim the waterfront for Albany.

Diehl presented the rating sheet for the proposed projects. Bay trail extension was deleted. Diehl revised her proposal to rebar assessment and removal. Dann’s two proposals - no dogs allowed area and alternative energy source were added to the rating sheet. Committee members ranked their top three preferred projects. Chaney tallied the rankings. Waterfront trail improvements – 11 votes Rebar assessment removal – 9 votes Cove triangle improvements – 9 votes Chaney will provide a written summary of the rankings for the Park and Recreation Commission meeting.

b. $27 million for Eastshore State Park improvements/expansion

Diehl reported that the City Council asked the Committee to provide recommendations for land acquisition and improvements with an interim report due back to the City Council in June 2009. A dialogue will need to be initiated with EBRPD, the Committee will need to identify what they would like to see done. There may also be an opportunity to ask City Council for a time extension. Diehl suggested the Whitney Dobsen be invited to the May Committee meeting to discuss whether EBRPD has a plan for how funds may be spent. Diehl would also like the Committee to have an opportunity to identify projects and identify a priority project to recommend to EBRPD.

Granholm stated he would like specific/special area plans developed and implemented, similar to what was done in the Berkeley Meadow and Brickyard areas. Larson suggested staff identify how the Committee should engage with EBRPD.

Chaney reported the funding also includes expansion of the park. Hartman of GGF attended a recent City Council meeting and detailed how the property bid process would be working. Papalia suggested recommending acquisition of the Bulb, and that the funding available under Measure WW would enable EBRPD to improve it as necessary for recreational use. So supports discussing the potential projects with EBRPD. EBRPD may be hesitant to acquire the Bulb because of potential liabilities of the land. Granholm stated he proposed the special area plans because it is how the EBRPD typically conducts its planning process, and would serve as a forum to resolve transfer issues as part of the planning process.

Diehl summarized that three different ideas have been proposed:
1) Granholm’s proposal to develop and implement specific area plans
2) Diehl’s proposal to acquire additional land from GGF
3) Papalia’s proposal to offer acquisition of the Bulb as-is with the funding available under Measure WW for EBRPD to improve the land as needed. Larson suggested adding So’s proposal to continue the pier. So agreed. Larson suggested continuing to the next meeting.

Public Comment:
Alan Marris - suggested the conversation with EBRPD include specific positions regarding Measure WW. Edward Moore – encouraged the Committee to collaborate with Berkeley and EBRPD to pursue purchase of the GGF property. Caryl O’Keefe – suggested acquisition of the Bay Trail extension. Brian Parsley – agrees with Papalia. Diehl clarified that there is also funding available for the Bay Trail within Measure WW.

So asked staff if there was any requirement for transferring the property to EBRPD. Chaney replied that a lease was entered into between the City and the State regarding transfer of the property. Chaney suggested providing a copy of the lease for the Committee’s review.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

6-1. December 31, 2008 correspondence from Ed Moore regarding Ferry Terminal EIR/EIS and Waterfront as a cultural landscape eligible for the National Register of Historic Places
Edward Moore noted that the communication also includes a 4-page letter regarding the property. Fern Tiger’s study and publication should further detail the cultural landscape.

6-2. Proposed Berkeley Humane Society “Bay to Barkers” event at the waterfront
Chaney reported that the Humane Society has inquired about holding their annual event at the waterfront. The event will be held on GGF property, which GGF has agreed to support. The event will be held on August 2nd from 10 - 1 pm. They also would like to do a dog walk, which will include a portion of the Albany waterfront, on portions of EBRPD land and City land. Diehl suggested this item be placed on the May agenda.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

7.1 Next Meeting: Special Joint Meeting of Waterfront Committee and Park & Recreation Commission - April 27, 2009.
Next regular meeting – May 11 to include: Measure WW funding for the Bay trail, lease agreement between the State and City for the Bulb, Measure WW funding - $27 Million for expansion/improvement to Eastshore State Park, Bay to Barkers event, bike rack request, signage at waterfront.

8. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.
1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order by Chair Diehl at 7:35 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**
Members Present: Diehl Larson Parker Dann Papalia So Granholm

Staff Present: Ann Chaney
Others Present: Fern Tiger Associates

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
3-1. Approve Minutes from March 9 (revised), and April 13 meetings
March 9 and April 13 minutes approved as amended. Motioned by Diehl, seconded by Granholm.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Diehl announced Green Albany Day will be held on May 17th, and the Committee will have a table at the event.
Mark Campo – artist that created the heron sculpture at the waterfront. Interested in restoring the sculpture and has discussed the item with the Arts Committee.

5. **PRESENTATION**
5-1. Brief presentation by Fern Tiger Associates regarding the upcoming Voices to Vision sessions
FTA requested the Committee assist in promoting the upcoming sessions. Posters, banners, and reminders have been sent out. FTA provided flyers to the Committee for distribution. Approximately 50 RSVPs have been received thus far.
Parker suggested improvements to the city’s website to include more graphics on the sessions, and asked about other publicity opportunities including banners.
FTA replied they are producing banners and will review the website.

Public Comment:
Brian Parsley – asked about the Sierra Club article that encourages people to frequent the visioning sessions, and urged the Committee to support the visioning process.
John Kindle – agreed with Parsley’s comments.
Trevor Grayling – member of the Sierra Club approximately 600 residents are members of the Sierra Club. Supports a measurable way for FTA to ensure fairness.
Alan Marris – asked how non-residents are allowed to participate.
FTA replied that they are tracking all that attend the sessions, non-residents fall into two categories: regional stakeholders and business owners, and a visioning session will be held for each.

5-2. Brief presentation by Sustainability Committee member regarding liaison relationship
Tom Cooper, Sustainability Committee Chair provided a presentation. The Sustainability Committee is interested in developing a liaison relationship with the Waterfront Committee regarding matters of mutual interest. An example is wind power research at the waterfront. A member of the Sustainability Committee will attend the Waterfront Committee meetings.

6. **DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, WHICH COULD INCLUDE REPORTS AND/OR PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS IF ANY:**
6-1. Measure WW - (Reminder: Please bring proposals using the Measure WW $771,000 format)
a. $27 million for Eastshore State Park improvements/expansion
   “...to expand and restore this eight-mile long urban shoreline park adjacent to the East Bay communities of Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, Albany, and Richmond. Consistent with the ESP General Plan, develop access improvements, restore upland and wetland areas to enhance wildlife habitat, and to complete east shore segments of the Bay Trail.”
Granholm provided a project proposal: 1) Prepare a special area plan for the Albany Plateau, with the western portion of the plateau designed for informal recreation and trails with signage. The eastern area improved with plantings. 2) Implement special area plan. 3) Prepare a special area plan for the Albany Bulb and Neck. This will require interagency coordination, to result in identification of how to transfer the Bulb to the State. 4) Implement special area plan.

Papalia proposed the Committee request the State to take the property as-is. So asked why the City would want to transfer the property to the State. Chaney commented that the City requested the Bulb be included within the Eastshore State Park when it was developed.

Parker stated that there was an attempt at discussions regarding property transfer a couple of years ago, and suggests trying to initiate another discussion. Granholm agrees.

Diehl provided project proposals that were developed as part of the Cosco Busan potential projects: 1) expand existing salt marsh, 2) remove safety hazards at the Bulb

Public Comment:
Brian Parsley – supports Papalia’s proposal and Granholm’s proposal. Diehl’s proposal for cleanup would not be acceptable as the Bulb is currently not part of the Eastshore State Park.
Caryl O’Keefe – suggests the Committee take more time before making recommendations. Suggests the Committee also do more research to determine whether the City would indeed like the Bulb transferred to the State.
Alan Marris – supports Granholm’s proposal.

Diehl withdrew her proposal for rebar removal and included it within Granholm’s proposal.
Papalia will submit his proposal in writing
Diehl motioned the Committee suggest three project proposals to City Council including: Granholm’s proposal, Papalia’s proposal, and Diehl’s proposal to expand salt marsh. Seconded by Parker. Unanimously approved. Chaney offered to work on identifying costs associated with the proposal.

b. $12.3 million for Bay Trail funding
“...to connect urban communities to shoreline access and wildlife viewing, opportunities by completing the 86 mile Bay Trail along the East Bay shoreline. Acquire and develop trail links to close the remaining gaps between Martinez and Fremont.”
Diehl provided the project proposal as listed in the Cosco Busan project list – construction of a permanent bay trail extension through Golden Gate Fields property. The project would include acquisition and development of the trail. A cost estimate is needed.
Granholm suggested including some flexibility given the uncertainty of the property ownership, and include options for an interim and permanent trail.

Public Comment:
Caryl O’Keefe: supports funding for a bay trail and supports Ganholm’s suggestion of flexibility, and encouraged looking at how to retain parking.
Brian Parsley: supports extension of the bay trail and encourages discussions with property owner.

Papalia asked what the timetable is for all of the project proposals.
Chaney replied that the City Council is seeking proposals early to meet submittal deadlines for next year while allowing ample time for public discussion.

Diehl motioned the Committee recommend a project proposal to City Council to create an interim or permanent bay trail, depending on whether or not land acquisition is possible through GGF property. Seconded by Papalia. Unanimously approved.

6-2. Proposed Berkeley Humane Society “Bay to Barkers” event at the waterfront
Chaney provided an update and distributed the application for use of the property for the event. The event is a fundraiser for the Humane Society. GGF has granted permission for use of the parking lot for vendors. A dog walk is scheduled as part of the event, which will include use of Albany’s waterfront property.
All dogs will be on leash. Dog waste will also be picked up. Approximately 60 volunteers work the event. A vet and medical emergency are on hand at the event.
Diehl motioned that staff proceed in permitting the Bay to Barkers event. Seconded by Parker. Unanimously approved.

6-3. Installation of bicycle rack at Waterfront Park
Chaney provided an update – EBRPD reported that if the bike rack were placed on their property it would require going through their permitting process. Chaney asked whether the Committee supports placing this particular bike rack on city property.
So asked how many bikes the bike rack would serve.
Parker suggested using the bike rack and evaluating how well it will be used.
Papalia suggested asking Albany Strollers & Rollers select location for the bike rack.
Granholm motioned the Committee approve installation of the bike rack and leaving the particular location up to staff discretion.
Papalia suggested Albany Strollers & Rollers be consulted. Granholm consented.
Seconded by Dann – unanimously approved.

6-4. Waterways map display proposal
Chaney stated she has been in touch with the vendor, who has sent a large version of the display.
Chaney stated concern with potential vandalism of the sign.
Parker motioned that the offer be declined due to concerns of vandalism. Seconded by Diehl.
Unanimously approved.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
8-1. Next Meeting: May 25 (Memorial Day) if deemed necessary, otherwise June 8, 2009.
Next meeting June 8th – Papalia requested dogs at the waterfront be included on the agenda – Papalia will provide a written report with options. Chaney will provide a written report reflecting what will be submitted to City Council regarding Measure WW funds.
A status report will be provided regarding the visioning sessions.

9. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.
FUNDING and IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES

Measure WW

In 2008, Alameda and Contra Costa County voters approved East Bay Regional Park District’s (EBRPD) Measure WW, the “Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond”, which is an extension of Measure AA.

In summary:
$500 million bond issue
  $125 million goes to cities, counties, and special park and recreation districts
  $375 million will fund Regional Park acquisitions and capital projects, of which 7% ($26.2 million) will be held in reserve for unanticipated future needs and opportunities.

Measure WW – Local Grant (to Albany) - $771,363

The Local Grant portion of Measure WW allocates funds to cities based on population. The City of Albany has been allocated $771,363, and has up to the year 2018 to use the funds. Cities are able to submit projects to East Bay Regional Park District in February and March of each year. This allows East Bay Regional Park District the ability to sell enough bonds, on an as-needed basis, to pay for the submitted eligible projects. The following projects have been or are being implemented:

- Improvements to the Cove at the Albany Waterfront $ 50,000
- Teen Center Expansion $120,000
- Additional Rubberized Surface at Ocean View Park Playground $ 20,000
- Unallocated $581,000
  $771,000

Measure WW – Eastshore State Park - $27 million

Projects proposed by the City, to the EBRPD Board, for use of Measure WW – ESP funding:
- Bay Trail - Acquire land or easement for, and construct a Bay Trail extension through Golden Gate Fields property.
- Prepare a project area plan and implement plan for Albany Plateau
- Prepare a project area plan and implement plan for Albany Neck and Bulb
MEMORANDUM

TO: Waterfront Committee
FROM: Ann Chaney
DATE: March 2, 2010 (revised at April 12, 2010 WFC meeting)
SUBJECT: 2010 Waterfront Committee Work Program

The following is a priority list of issues, tasks and activities the Waterfront Committee has chosen to use to guide future agendas for calendar year 2010.

Planning
- Albany Beach Feasibility Study – provide input and assistance to East Bay Regional Park District
- Dog Management – identify recommendations based on input from EBRPD staff, survey, public input

Activities/Programs
- Educational programs – wildlife, sensitive habitats, dog management
- Encourage Stewardship, Volunteerism

Construction Projects
- The “Cove” project (Measure WW)

Policy Initiatives
- Respond to Council or community requests/issues as may be necessary

Funding Sources
- Advocate for Measure WW for Eastshore State Park
- Track and apply for Coastal Conservancy funding (e.g., Whale Tail grant)
- Other funding as the opportunity arises

Continue Monitoring:
- Bay Trail status
- Burrowing Owl habitat
- Voices to Vision
- Disaster response plan for Waterfront area
- Homeless situation at the Waterfront