

Lake Merced Task Force

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Minutes

I. Call to Order

- Time - 6:16pm
- Roll Call

Mondy Lariz – CalTrout
Mary Tienken – SFRPD
Ross Wilkinson – LTA
Tim Colen – GWPNA
Erik Rosegard – CPRS
John Plummer
Jeff Gilman – SFPUC
James Grant – PRGC
Jerry Cadagan – CSLM
Joseph Mucelli – CMP

Dan Murphy – GGA
Orlando Tyson – LAIC
Ryszard Dziadur – SFSU
Anna-Marie Bratton – CCSF
Sean Elsbernd – Supervisor
Dick Allen – Dolphin Club
Mona Cereghino – LTA
Dick Morton – SPUR
Jim Stickley – WRT
Randy Zebel – CNPS

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Tom Abott – SER
Dennis Shea – SFRA
Patrick Seetland – City of DC
Lesley Steele – JPC
Robert Maddow – O Club
DeeDee Workman – SFB
Suzanne Gautier – SFPUC
Carolyn Meyer Ayag – GGHNG

II. Approval of Agenda – approved with no changes

III. Approval of minutes – approved with no changes

IV. WRT - San Francisco State University master plan

- Draft master plan and EIR report will be uploaded to website within month (URS is EIR consultant)
- Planning for 5,000 additional students
- Focus will be on connections to open space and community
- Fill in gaps of hydrology, ecology, transportation, community access, etc.
- 2020 plan opening corridor between 19th Ave. and Lake Merced Blvd. including restoration of creek, trail system, bicycle networks, and recreation facilities/fields as part of an overall storm water management project
- Addressing overflow parking at Parkmerced and Lakeview Apts.

V. Supervisor Elsbernd

- Cypress point – thank you to LMTF
- New Stoplight going in at Lake Merced Hill (by end of April)
- Introduced resolution to develop management plan of Lake Merced and associated land tract facilities to foster Lake Merced stewardship; both commissions (SFRPD and SFPUC) to forward a plan to city by end of March (legislation to modify resolution 104035)
- Reinforced need to comment on draft EIR (to be released February)
- New owners (Alliance Residential) of Parkmerced has 700 million, but no immediate plans
- General Growth company purchased Stonestown Galleria

VI. SFRPD

- Mary Tienken from SFRPD
- Managing Coastal Conservancy Grant (fish community study; natural areas enhancement; trail feasibility study) will be completed by end of March due to end of funding cycle
- Final copy of trail feasibility study will be ready and uploaded by end of January
- Trail highlights:
 - Grading and paving of trail to Cypress Point has started
 - Overlook will be funded by separate monies (\$45,000) & scheduled for summer
 - Planting is just beginning with signage yet to be started
- \$875,000 (some from SFPUC and revenue bond) has been earmarked for Lake Merced, but no decision on spending/projects. Money is allowed to rollover.

VII. SFPUC – Suzanne Gautier and Jim Stickley (WRT)

Lake Merced Watershed Plan - www.sfsuwaterplan.org

- Watershed is defined by SFPUC ownership (approximately 600 acres adjacent to LM – bordered by surrounding roadways)
- 2-year planning process to 2030 with immediate focus on land use and facilities
- Wallace, Roberts, & Todd (WRT) is officially under contract with SFPUC to conduct a watershed plan for Lake Merced
- Steve Hammond will be Principal Investigator with Jim Stickley and Wendy Bloom as project directors
- Environmental Science Associates – Natural resources and watershed planning
- Sherwood Design Engineers – Hydrology, watershed planning engineering
- Nelson/Nygaard – Transportation and parking
- Animal migration issue asked to be addressed by master plan
- Immediate timeline:
 - Data collection and review (January)
 - Site reconnaissance (January)
 - Existing factors report (February)
 - Stakeholder focus group meeting (March)
 - Preliminary land use goals, objectives & program elements (March)
 - Committee Meeting #2 (April)

VIII. SFPUC – Jeff Gilman

- Groundwater project NW Basin Watershed Plan constructing one of several test wells near pump station 400-450ft. to test productivity flow of aquifer and influence of well on LM water level sometime in January
- Proposed groundwater well located at test well location near LM pump station

IX. Announcements and Communications

- Visit sunset circle – trees have been planted
- SFPUC calendar available - best management practices for gardening
- Feeding of birds and cats is an issue at LM although feeding birds is allowed at this regional park

X. Signage around Lake Merced

- Banners on utility poles regulated by DPW
- Parkmerced has some rights to place specific advertising signage on site
- All other general advertising free standing signage is regulated by city ordinance

XI. Treasurers report - \$2,155.35.

XII. Resolution –

- DeeDee Workman motioned to accept resolution with two amendments
- Dick Morton seconded the motion
- The resolution is sponsored by the Steering Committee of the LMTF
- Amendments:
 - Changing “land surrounding Lake Merced” to Lake Merced land tract
 - Chair, (Mondy Lariz) or designee to formally present the resolution to both commission meetings

XIII. Next meeting – Wednesday, April 11, 2007

XIV. Meeting adjourned – 8:34