

BRISBANE PLANNING COMMISSION
Action Minutes of September 10, 2015
Regular Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Do called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Anderson, Munir, Parker, Vice Chairperson Reinhardt and Chairperson Do.
Absent: None.
Staff Present: Community Development Director Swiecki, Associate Planner Capasso.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Munir moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

D. WORKSHOP

1. Brisbane Baylands Planning and Environmental Review

Director Swiecki introduced Lloyd Zola of Metis Environmental Group, consultant to the City for preparation of the Baylands Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Mr. Zola gave a presentation outlining the contents of the EIR, the role of the EIR under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the anticipated structure and schedule of upcoming public hearings on the Final EIR. Chairperson Do invited public comment from the audience.

Tatiana Pomerantseva was concerned that new residents would outnumber existing residents and there would not be enough community amenities to serve new residents, if the Developer Sponsored plans were approved.

Anja Miller requested additional time to review the Final EIR than allowed by the preliminary hearing schedule adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Munir stated that public comment on the Final EIR should be incorporated into an amended version of the Final EIR. Alison Krumbein, consulting legal counsel to the City, clarified that the Planning Commission would be considering whether or not to certify the Final EIR published in June of 2015. Consistent with CEQA requirements, the Final EIR contains all public comments on the Draft EIR, responses to those comments, the Draft EIR, and proposed revisions to the Draft EIR.

Commissioner Munir stated that some citizens may not have had an opportunity to give verbal comments on the Draft EIR.

Director Swiecki noted that the Planning Commission held three public hearings on October 22, 24, and 29, 2013, after the Draft EIR was released where the public had the opportunity to give verbal comments on the Draft EIR. Those verbal comments and responses to those comments are included in the Final EIR.

Colleen Mackin agreed with Anja Miller regarding the proposed public hearing schedule and added that when the Draft EIR process began, the public was promised that there would be substantive hearings to ask questions and make comments on the Draft EIR.

Ms. Krumbein stated that public comment would be received at each of the upcoming public hearings on the Final EIR, and that the city has a legal obligation to act on the applicant's proposal.

Chairperson Do summarized the comments regarding the schedule and noted that the Planning Commission would welcome all interested persons to speak on the Final EIR during the public hearings. She stated that the schedule was a framework to guide the public hearing process but noted there were obligations associated with processing the EIR under CEQA.

Roland Lebrun shared his concern with congestion associated with transporting children to and from school.

Tony Verreos stated he was comfortable with the proposed hearing schedule but noted the Final EIR was hard to find on the city website.

Carol Zoltowsky encouraged the city to communicate better with the community in regards to how they can participate in the review process.

Tatiana Pomerantseva expressed concerns with the increase in taxes that could result from approval of the Developer Sponsored plans for the Baylands and asked who would pay for development.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

i. August 13, 2015 regular meeting

Vice Chairperson Reinhardt moved and Commissioner Parker seconded to adopt the consent calendar. The motion carried 4-0 (Munir abstaining).

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Do acknowledged publications and communications that were not on the agenda.

H. ITEMS INITIATED BY STAFF

None.

I. ITEMS INITIATED BY THE COMMISSION

1. Subcommittee Updates - None.

K. ADJOURNMENT to the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Commissioner Parker moved and Commissioner Munir seconded to adjourn to the meeting of September 24, 2015. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Attest:

John A. Swiecki, Community Development Director

NOTE: A full video record of this meeting can be found on DVD at City Hall and the City's website at www.brisbaneca.org.