



CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
BRIDGE TO EVERYWHERE(BTE)
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

November 20, 2024, Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

**Signifies virtual attendance*

Present: President Ken White, Director Rachel

Other Attendees:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager

Patrick Treanor, District Engineer

Greg D'Ambrosio, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve

Doug Schmitz, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve

Laura Bowling, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve

Mayor Dave Potter, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Katherine Wallace, Associate Planner, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Sean Edwards, River School Parent Teacher Organization

**Megan Dobyms, River School Parent Teacher Organization*

**Rafael Payan, Ph.D., General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District*

**Paul Bartow, Citizen Representative*

Absent:

Sam Farr, Retired Representative U.S. Congress

Other In Person Attendees:

Bob Siegfried, Carmel Valley Association Representative

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

*White*_____ *Rachel*_____

- 1. Appearances/Public Comments:** *Anyone wishing to address the Committee on a matter not appearing on the agenda may do so now. Public comment shall be limited to 3 minutes per person per topic. No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.*
- 2. Agenda Changes:** *Any requests to move an item on the agenda will be considered at this time.*

General Discussion Items:

3. Report On Meeting With Chip Rerig & Representatives:

General Manager, Barbara Buikema, to report out dates for the BTE Presentation to Carmel-by-the-Sea City Council. Tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. The City Council will walk through Rio Park at 3 p.m. first and then return to Council Chambers for the Bridge To Everywhere presentation.

4. Requesting Status Update on the Logo Trademark:

Laura Bowling reported out that it is 99% complete and this item will be dropped from the agenda.

5. Scheduling Continuation of Rio Park Property Negotiations & Partnerships

General Manager, Barbara Buikema to report out

- Tentative Date for the next negotiation meeting in the first week of January.*

Greg D'Ambrosio stated that Chip Reig supposed to get back to us for a date certain in January, after the Council's been seated, to sit down and talk about Rio Par Park. Barbara Buikema will follow up with Chip Reig on the date certain.

Greg D'Ambrosio asked if a map the plant property should be presented. Mayor Potter stated that would be a good idea. Greg D'Ambrosio requested that the bridge gate be open.

Note: if you believe you possess any disability that would require special accommodations in order to attend this meeting, please call the Carmel Area Wastewater District at 831-624-1248, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Sean Edwards asked what the call is to action? Mr. Edwards also asked about how to locate information about the bridge. Laura Bowling stated that the bridge-to-everywhere.org is up and running. Laura Bowling asked Mr. Edwards would it be enough to:

- *Issue letters*
- *Post an event to answer questions*
- *Point them to a website*
- *Timeline of when things might happen*

Laura Bowling asked Mr. Edwards to provide input and to spread the word.

Bob Siegfried requested the last paragraph on the flyer.

Director Rachel would like to know the position of Monterey Parks on this project.

Barbara Buikema will reach out to Monterey Parks Department to see what the next steps are regarding their input on the project.

Schedule of organizations to meet with:

- **Carmel Valley Association Designated Appointee:** *(Barbara Buikema, Patrick Treanor, Greg D'Ambrosio, Laura Bowling)*

- ❖ *Confirmed presentation date will be January 16th at 3 p.m. at the Mid Valley Fire Station, Carmel, CA*

Greg D'Ambrosio stated that there are several presentations that are going to occur in the near future. It is important to also discuss the bridge as a critter corridor and possible grant funding.

- **Carmel Mission- Designated Appointee:** *(Patrick Treanor, Doug Schmitz, Laura Bowling, Paul Bartow)*

- ❖ *Discussion about Mission and future deliverables*

Laura Bowling stated that the Carmel Mission was very positive about the project. The safety elements were discussed and went through a printed copy of the presentation.

Laura Bowling asked if the Carmel Mission would grant permission to have pedestrian access over the District easement. The Carmel Mission asked if it would infringe on Larsen Field and

Note: if you believe you possess any disability that would require special accommodations in order to attend this meeting, please call the Carmel Area Wastewater District at 831-624-1248, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

requesting a rendering showing what the foot traffic would look like from the Mission Trail across Rio Road down the sidewalk up to the easement. Would it be fenced? Or would the current fencing by neighbors homes remain? Or would something else be created? This type of information would be important to present to the decision makers at the Dioceses.

The Carmel Mission also requested a walking tour. A walking tour will be scheduled.

The Carmel Missions most pressing concern is the safety improvement during when school is open and when children are being dropped off and picked up.

Greg D'Ambrosio requested that a group sit down to include in a future design. This should be done before a grant is requested. Greg D'Ambrosio requested that we discuss the likes that the Carmel Mission would like to see. The recommended group working with the Carmel Mission would include Greg D'Ambrosio, Laura Bowling, and Doug Schmitz.

Doug Schmitz suggested that we resurrect from the files the alignment that Brian Roseth worked on. we should probably engage at some point, whether initially or later, Scott Hall, to do some drafting work, not necessarily for the easement. Once you get to Rio Road, how to travel from Rio Road to a crosswalk, then to Rio Park or Mission Trail Park, and then to Carmel Mission because that area right there in front of the orchard house needs some pedestrian attention. That could be a partnership of the city. Maybe they could apply for a safe routes to school grant.

Patrick Treanor stated that the question to ask is if they like the concept and if they are ready for us to move onto the actual design and planning stage.

The easement is about 20 feet wide.

➤ **Carmel Rotary-** Designated Appointee: *(Greg D'Ambrosio)*

❖ Greg will contact Rotary to set up date for presentation

The Carmel Valley Association presentation will occur on January 16, 2025 at 3p.m. at the Mid Valley Fire Station. The Carmel Rotary Club meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2025 at 11:45 a.m. at The Carmel Foundation.

Note: if you believe you possess any disability that would require special accommodations in order to attend this meeting, please call the Carmel Area Wastewater District at 831-624-1248, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

6. Site Clean Up Progress Report:

- Discussion regarding site cleanup progress

Greg D'Ambrosio stated quite a bit of it was cleaned up, especially grass and debris and brush, and there's a couple of piles left. The chips are almost gone because most of them are being used at Mission Trail

7. BTE Outreach:

- Paul Bartow to provide an update:
 - Complete general informational flyer

Paul Bartow suggested that Laura Bowling provide some imagery on the back of the informational flyer. Laura Bowling stated that she will begin developing some imagery to add to the flyer.

Patrick Treanor asked if there were pictures during the walk to school days. Laura Bowling stated that there were pictures taken.

8. Projected Preliminary and Future Expenditures :

- *Discuss upcoming potential expenditures*
 - **Log debris & Wood Spoils**
 - **Marketing**
 - **Pine Cone Publications**
 - **Radio Announcements**
 - **Public Outreach And General Informational Flyer**
 - **Topes Tree Service**
 - **Logo Copyright**
 - **Title/Easements**
 - **Dusky-footed Woodrat Nesting Site**

Laura Bowling stated that the group needs funding and perhaps a smaller group should gather to work on this objective.

Note: if you believe you possess any disability that would require special accommodations in order to attend this meeting, please call the Carmel Area Wastewater District at 831-624-1248, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Barbara Buikema asked if the District should go back and ask the board and authorize another \$85K for the future budget. The preliminary budget will occur in March 2025. Greg D'Ambrosio asked about authorizing \$20K to move the logs after the wood chips are removed.

Bob Siegfried requested that the Community Service District be contacted. Barbara Buikema will reach out to CSA 50 regarding a presentation. Leslie Baek is the administrative secretary and would be the contact person.

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The next Bridge To Everywhere meeting is typically scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. The next Bridge To Everywhere meeting will occur on December 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 21 and December 19, 2024, in person and via teleconference webinar. The teleconference webinar is hosted through Zoom and you may receive access by visiting our website homepage, www.cawd.org, calling the District office at 831-624-1248 or via email at downstream@cawd.org.

AS REPORTED TO:

B. Buikema
Barbara Buikema, General Manager

APPROVED:

Ken White
Ken White, President

Note: if you believe you possess any disability that would require special accommodations in order to attend this meeting, please call the Carmel Area Wastewater District at 831-624-1248, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.