



CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

BRIDGE TO EVERYWHERE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2024, Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

Via teleconference and in-person

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 1:59 p.m.

Present: President Ken White
Director Mike Rachel

**Signifies Virtual Attendance*

Other Attendees:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager
Patrick Treanor, District Engineer
Mayor Dave Potter, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Brandon Swanson, Assistant City Manager, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Katherine Wallace, Associate Planner, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Greg D'Ambrosio-Friends of Mission Nature Preserve Trail
Laura Bowling, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve
Doug Schmitz, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve

Absent: Paul Bartow, Citizen Representative, Sam Farr, Retired Representative

Appearances/Public Comments: Alan Shipnuck and Richard Warren, Stefan Karapetkov
(Resident at 3009 Lausen Drive)

* Brett Bell, Terracon-Restoration Ecologist, Local Biologist/Botanist

Mr. Bell requested if the project would incorporate any native plant restoration?

Mr. Bell also commented that the dusky footed woodrat is a protected species and those nest are protected by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Agenda Changes:

AGENDA ITEMS:

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.*

Comments were made by Mr. Shipnuck and Mr. Warren regarding a request to include golf links in conjunction with the Bridge To Everywhere Project.

2. **Agenda Changes: Any requests to move an item on the agenda will be considered at this time.**

The Chair made the following agenda changes made to items number 5 regarding the easement and item number 10 are to be continued. Item number 7 regarding the lease negotiations was removed from the agenda.

3. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Presentation & Discussion:

Barbara's Buikema, General Manager Progress Report Update :

- Therese Phillips, Principal, Carmel River Elementary School

The District will be reaching out to Therese Phillips at a later date with an invite to future BTE meetings.

- BTE Presentation Carmel Residents Association

A presentation was given to the Carmel Residents Association by the District Engineer, Patrick Treanor, and Laura Bowling, Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve.

- Rafael Payan, Ph.D., General Manager -Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) Presentation

The General Manager reported out that contact with MPRPD will occur in July.

Barbara Buikema stated that Mayor Potter and Chip Rerig have requested a meeting regarding permitting and a date has not been determined.

General Discussion Items:

4. **Initial Report On Rio Park- Protected Species Survey Results:**

- Storage Site or Alternate Options
- Discuss survey of entire property

Greg D'Ambrosio stated that an initial survey for the entire property for wood rats and endangered species was performed.

The City still has some concerns about a storage issues and the build up of the vegetation in the area will require the City to address these concerns.

5. **(To be continued) Topics of discussion:**

Patrick Treanor and Doug Schmitz will provide an update:

- Where are we on the easement? Do we have a definitive answer? Or
- Do we need to solicit a professional to make a final determination?

6. **Requesting Status Update on the Logo Trademark:**

Laura Bowling will provide a progress update:

- What is the time line to securing the trademark?

Barbara Buikema stated that the trademark has been resubmitted.

- Are there any additional requirements?

Laura Bowling stated that the resubmission of the trademark is completed and is hopeful it will be approved soon from the US Trademark Office.

7. **(Pulled from the agenda) Lease Negotiations:**

- Progress report on lease agreement

8. **Schedule BTE Presentation to the City Council.**

President White and Mayor Potter will provide a progress update

This presentation is preliminarily scheduled for August, per Mayor Potter. Brandon Swanson suggested that the District have more interaction with the City prior to the August meeting so the public can become more aware of the project.

9. **Future identifiable Project Expenditures:**

Sam Farr will provide an update on clean up quote:

- Clean up stock piles
- Complete a protected species field survey report and map
- Trimming, Mowing and general clean up
- Logs and spoils
- Grading to make a safe site
- Property Survey
- Water
- Initial trail layout

Sam Farr was not available for this meeting so these items will be delayed and will be at a later time.

Greg D'Ambrosio requested the expense for the expansion of the survey.

10. **(To be continued)BTE Outreach:**


Paul Bartow will provide an update local outreach:

- Update on local neighborhood outreach
- Who are the next priority presentation for the BTE project?

Barbara Buikema provided an update on Paul's Bartow outreach. Greg D'Ambrosio stated that there is a need to develop a document with information to share in the outreach to the residents and public.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The committee adjourned the meeting at 3:20. The next Bridge to Everywhere committee meeting will occur on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 2 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 25, 2024, in person or with a teleconference webinar link. 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:



Barbara Buikema, General Manager

APPROVED:



Ken White, President of the Board