

MINUTES
City of Fremont/EBRPD Liaison Committee Meeting
Teleconference via Zoom Webinar

June 9, 2022

Committee Members Present

City of Fremont: Rick Jones, Councilmember; Larry Thompson, Recreation

Commissioner EBRPD: Ayn Wieskamp, Director; Dennis Waespi, Director

Staff Present

City of Fremont: Suzanne Wolf, Community Services Director; Kim Beranek, Community Services Deputy Director; Juan Barajas, Park Superintendent; Tracey Leung, Executive Assistant

EBRPD: Jim O'Connor, Assistant General Manager of Operations; Giorgio Chavez, Acting Patrol Captain, Public Safety; Ira Bletz, I & R Services Regional Services Manager; Steve Castile, Chief of Park Operations; Tiffany Margulici, Business Services Manager, Denise Valentine, Sr. Executive Assistant

Guests: Hilary Bass, ACSO Sr. Program Specialist; Lawrence Gurganious, ACSO Project Manager; Sasha Shankar, Dig Deep Farms Co-Director; Troy Horton, Dig Deep Farms Co-Director

Committee Member Rick Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Introduction

The meeting commenced with the introduction of those present.

2. Approval of Minutes

By motion of Committee Member Wieskamp and seconded by Committee Member Waespi, the minutes of October 14, 2021, was approved.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Committee members Jones, Thompson, Waespi, and Wieskamp

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

3. Recreation Programs at the Ardenwood Historic Farm

Kim Beranek provided an update of recreation programs at the Patterson House at the Ardenwood Historic Farm which included house tours, school events, youth camps, and various community events.

4. Ardenwood Historic Farm Update

Ira Bletz provided a brief overview of the Ardenwood Historic Farm history and the new partnership with Dig Deep Farms. He presented the proposed improvements to the Dig Deep Farms farm corporation yard, which includes the construction of a steel barn and related infrastructure to facilitate the safe handling of organic produce grown at Ardenwood Historic Farm by Dig Deep Farms. The barn will include a cold storage facility, the workspace necessary for safe, clean, and healthy food production, and a storage unit. It will be located within the Farming Service Yard. The project complies with Ardenwood's Land Use Plan.

Item opened for public comment

Kelly Abreu and William Yragui shared a variety of comments and concerns.

Item closed for public comment

On a motion by Committee Member Thompson, seconded by Committee Member Waespi, the City of Fremont/EBRPD Liaison Committee:

Recommend approval of the improvements to the farm corporation yard, which include construction of a steel barn and related infrastructure to facilitate the safe handling of organic produce grown at Ardenwood Historic Farm by Dig Deep Farms.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes: Committee members Jones, Thompson, Waespi, and Wieskamp

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion approved and so ordered.

5. Public Comments

Item opened for public comment

Kelly Abreu shared a variety of comments and concerns.

Item closed for public comment

6. Staff Comments

Rick Jones clarified that he is the primary member of the liaison committee and Teresa Cox is the alternate who attends the meeting when he is not able to attend.

Larry Thompson stated that he is the primary member representing the Recreation Commission and alternate is vacant.

Dennis Waespi mentioned he is looking forward to seeing the Mission Peak lease agreement taken place. He is excited about the partnership with Dig Deep Farms and will provide Coyote Hill project update at the next meeting.

Ayn Wieskamp expressed she enjoyed the meeting agenda and was glad to hear recreation programs are coming back.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.