

Kentfield Planning Advisory Board

P.O. Box 304, Kentfield, California 94914

Minutes of April 27, 2016

Anne Petersen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the COM Student Union's Deedy Lounge, with board member Neil Park attending via Skype from British Columbia. Other board members present: Bitsa Freeman, Neil Park (via Skype). Guests: Cindy Winter; CDA Planner Bridgit Van Belleghem.

Minutes of March 23, 2016. Deferred.

Presentation: Marin Bayside Sea Level Rise Planning

Bridgit spoke and showed a Powerpoint regarding the County study of potential impacts of sea level rise in Marin County, particularly along the eastern bayshore. The County is leading a team, including elected officials and personnel from the town and city governments and service districts, to identify areas and assets at risk from rising waters and intensified storms over coming decades. Participants, aside from the county and city governments, include school, water, and sanitation districts, law enforcement, utilities, Caltrans, and major property owners.

The County completed a comparable study for the county's coastal area, titled CSMART, and the information from that study is published in a booklet. The eastern bayshore study, known as BayWave, is funded by the County and the Coastal Conservancy, and involves three major working committees: 1) a technical group including decision-makers and staff level planners with a representative from each of the 11 cities and towns, along with reps from major resource agencies, utilities, and large landowners.; 2) an executive steering committee, including County Supervisors Sears and Kinsey; 3) a policy committee.

The project is in its initial phase, which is solely to collect data and provide information on what is at risk and possible adaptation strategies, but does not involve decisions on actions. Much of the data gathering in this phase is based on a GIS exercise using a NOAA model (Our Coast Our Future mapping available online), and interviews with affected jurisdictions and agencies. The study is examining parcels and buildings, transportation links, utilities, working land, natural resources, recreation, emergency services, and historical and archaeological resources.

The County hopes to complete the initial vulnerability assessment by summer 2016 and have a summary report by year-end. Initial analysis indicates that multiple areas of Kentfield could be impacted by ocean flooding under the scenarios used for the study (10 inches, 20 inches, 60 inches, and each also in conjunction with a 100-year storm). Board members suggested to Bridgit some of the areas of most concern in the planning area.

Other Business.

- 1) Anne will staff a KPAB table at the May 7 Kentfield-Greenbrae Historical Society Day.
- 2) Election of officers will be agendized at the next KPAB meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes: Ann Thomas