



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
REGIONAL URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES (RUDG)
TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2016, FORA Conference Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the whole was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Houlemard as a quorum was not reached. Mr. Metz said Ms. Beach anticipated arriving late due to traffic. The meeting reached a quorum at 10:15 a.m.

Committee Members:

Victoria Beach, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea (AR)
Elizabeth Caraker, City of Monterey
Craig Malin, City of Seaside
Anya Spear, California State University
Monterey Bay
Carl Holm, Monterey County

Other Attendees:

Kathy Biala, Marina Planning Commission
Steve Matarazzo, University of California Monterey Bay
Education, Science and Technology Center (UCMBEST)
Ariana Green, Transportation Agency Monterey County
(TAMC)
Bob Guidi, Presidio of Monterey (POM)
Levonne Stone, Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network
(FOEJN)

FORA Staff:

Michael A. Houlemard, Jr. (Chair)
Steve Endsley
Josh Metz
Jonathan Brinkmann
Maria Buell

Public:

Brian Boudreau
Wendy Elliott, Dunes Monterey Bay
Bob Schaffer
Beth Palmer

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by Anya Spear.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

An announcement of an ESCA meeting at Carpenters Hall this evening at 6:30 p.m. and US Army-led tour.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. February 25, 2016

MOTION: Moved by Anya Spear and seconded by Elizabeth Caraker to approve the February 25, 2016 minutes as presented.

MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

Mr. Metz provided a Draft Regional Urban Design Guidelines (RUDG) status report. Key areas of staff work leading up to the meeting include: reviewing final Monterey County Bicycle & Pedestrian Wayfinding Signage Design (MCBPWSD) standards; securing a contract with Bellinger Foster Landscape Architects (BFSLA) to complete outstanding landscape palette recommendations; and advancing the development of a RUDG BRP consistency evaluation checklist. Mr. Metz also noted resolution of outstanding issues regarding gateway signage and road cross-sections remain.

Mr. Metz presented the final MCBPWSD package and recommended the Task Force consider a motion to include these as a RUDG Measure. Task Force members asked questions and commented – in particular a question was raised about possible in-ground wayfinding signage alternatives for heavily signed areas (i.e. urbanized areas). Task Force members recommended including a RUDG Wayfinding Measure that included “consistency with MCBPWSD”.

MOTION: Moved by Carl Holm and seconded by Craig Malin to recommend including a RUDG Wayfinding Measure that provides for “consistency with MCBPWSD”.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Houlemard introduced Michael Bellinger of BFSLA, who presented images of local and regional streetscape plantings. Drawing from his extensive local experience, he highlighted key landscape design and maintenance opportunities and challenges and asked for Task Force feedback. He noted the abundance of Monterey Cypress trees throughout the region and advocated for their use in landscape plans for areas on the former Fort Ord, west of General Jim Moore Blvd. Mr. Bellinger noted utilities are frequently located in landscape rights-of-way and affect practicalities of planting along roadways and in medians. He noted an on-going tension in landscape design is to balance engineered cross-sections with idealized design outcomes. He suggested utilities agencies such as Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) and Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) become part of the RUDG landscape planning discussions.

Mr. Metz described how the RUDG Checklist will be used to inform staff recommendations and Board consistency determinations. The checklist is an evaluation tool that includes a specific set of measures built off the objectives and drawn from the Base Reuse Plan (BRP). A completed checklist will be one part of the broad set of consistency determination evaluation criteria. He also explained the difference between objectives and measures and how the process has been refined for operational use.

Mr. Houlemard asked that any discussion on Gateways and Cross-sections be deferred because quorum was lost at 11:30 a.m. He reminded Task Force of importance of next RUDG meeting on April 14th as this review work may possibly be finished then.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.