



ON BRYTE AND BRODERICK

GET INVOLVED

Community Action Group

Tuesday, October 21, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group general meeting, Civic Center, City Hall.
info@bryteandbroderick.org

Neighbors Fair

River Walk Park
Saturday, October 4,
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Free admission!

Ethnic food booths, handmade crafts, Kidzone, beer and wine garden, entertainment and mural painting
info: (916) 617-4618

Trees, Glorious Trees

Saturday, January 24, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bryte and Broderick
Tree Planting Day

Monday February 9, through
Thursday February 12, 2009

Walk Broderick neighborhood one-on-one with an arbor professional for morning or afternoon

Saturday February 14, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tree Care Day. Meet at Elkhorn Park on Cummins Way.

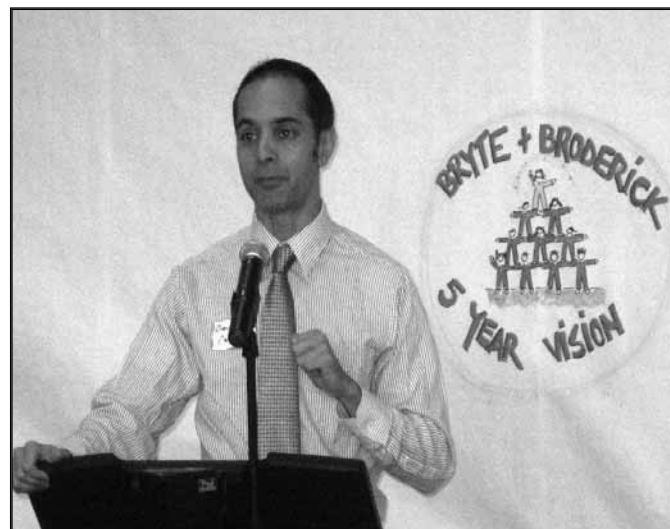
For tree information call Alan Hirsch at 916-717-9682

RESIDENTS ENVISION VITAL NEIGHBORHOODS

On August 9, Mayor Christopher Cabaldon welcomed over 100 residents to a community visioning, challenging them to “harness their passion to create a vision for their historical neighborhoods.”

Bryte and Broderick neighbors enthusiastically set to work, brainstorming their shared vision, while City Council members were on hand to listen. The vision will serve as a blueprint for residents, city staff and officials to develop strategies to transform Bryte and Broderick over the next five years.

The August meeting was the culmination of a six-month community engagement process that began with a kick-off event in March and was followed by a series of community group interviews, the formation of the Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group (see separate story), a graphic record-



Mayor Christopher Cabaldon to West Sacramento residents: “Bryte and Broderick residents have always been active in their communities.”

er training for youth and the community visioning event.

The warm welcome from the Mayor was followed by a recap of community issues and past activism by Michael Lokteff, Four Waters and Manuel Valencia, of the newly formed Community Action Group. Bonnie Ratner, of Highpoints Consulting Services, a consultant engaged by the City to coordinate the project, gave a short

presentation of the last six month’s activities

Once the visioning process began, residents worked in groups to imagine Bryte and Broderick five years from now.

As Ms. Ratner guided the visioning process, graphic facilitator, Gabriela Melano, drew images and bright words, creating visual notes to transform into a shared community vision (see pictures and identified priorities inside).

PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY RESIDENTS

- Youth engagement
- Use of the river
- Pride in schools
- The “Village of Bryte and Broderick”
- Historic preservation
- Servant—community relationship (bridge building) between government and community
- Neighborhood beautification and clean-up
- Community and economic development and opportunity
- Multicultural outreach
- Community pride celebrations
- Honoring our elders
- Community ownership of parks

THE YEAR 2013: BRYTE AND BRODERICK - WHAT DO YOU SEE?



Michael Lokteff and Four Waters of the Community Action Group speak about resident issues in Bryte and Broderick.



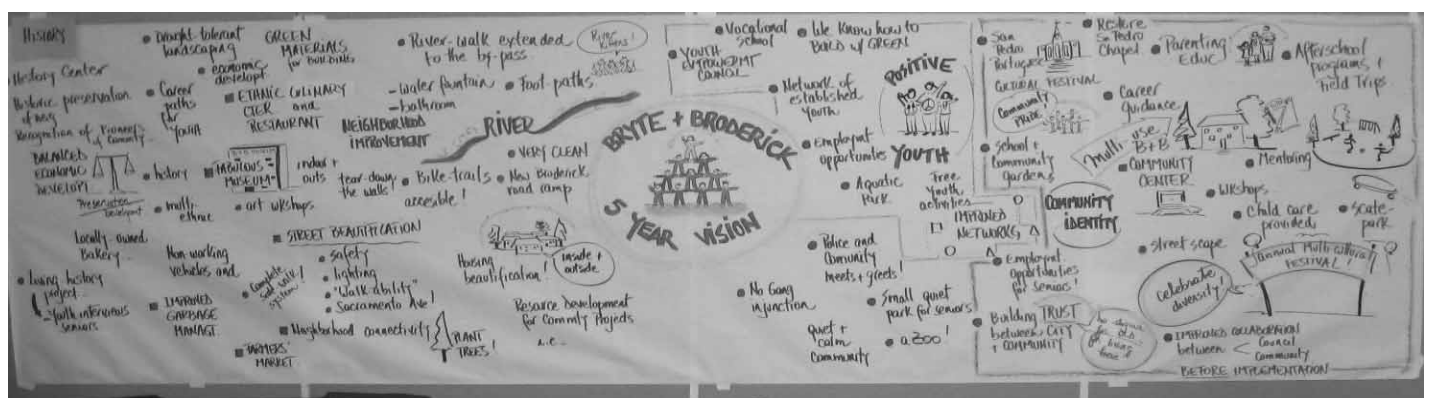
Gabriela Melano draws while Bonnie Ratner guides the group visioning.



Residents worked in groups, sharing their ideas for Bryte and Broderick's future.



City officials were present to listen to neighbors' ideas.



These visual notes will be transformed into a graphic vision for Bryte and Broderick, 2013.

THE BRYTE AND BRODERICK COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

August 19 — The Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group (B&BCAG) held a general meeting attended by over 40 people at City Hall.

On the agenda were the following items: Finalizing a name for the group, electing executive committee members, looking at structural options, and establishing committees.

The group also discussed the gang injunction in Broderick and the

composition of committees as it relates to the group's mission.

Excellent attendance and lively participation at the meeting demonstrated the amount of community support, dedication, and energy ready for transformation of Bryte and Broderick.

The group name was finalized as the Bryte and Broderick Community Action Group, while the official structure was tabled to explore options and choose the

one most beneficial for the group's goals and plans. The B&BCAG moved forward with the formation of committees and election of Executive Committee members as listed below. Charlotte Dorsey donated a B&BCAG website, and The Rivers offered their community building for smaller committee meetings.

General meetings will be held bi-monthly. Next meeting: October 21, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

NEXT STEPS FOR BRYTE AND BRODERICK

October 2008

Graphic vision and priority areas presented to City Council and community

2008 - 2009

City and residents develop Bryte and Broderick strategy

Community Action Group solidifies structure, works on issues and projects

COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP COMMITTEES

CAG COMMITTEES

1. Mission Statement
2. Immediate Issues
3. Immediate Action
4. Neighborhood Fair
5. Injunction and Police Relations

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- CHAIR: Michael Lokteff
 VICE CHAIR: Four Waters
 TREASURER: Norma Ranslow
 SECRETARY: Buffy Crosby

At Large Members:

Jim Brewer, Carol Klesow, Mary Lasell

City of West Sacramento

Housing Rehabilitation Program For Bryte and Broderick Residents

The City of West Sacramento provides assistance to low-income homeowners needing repair or replacement of items such as: roof, siding, windows, doors, heating and air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing. Energy efficiency upgrades and accessibility improvements for persons with disabilities are also eligible for assistance. For more information or to be placed on the waiting list for assistance, please contact Mercy Housing at (916) 414-4412.

La Ciudad de West Sacramento proporciona ayuda a dueños de casa de ingreso bajo para la reparación o el reemplazo de artículos como: tejado, exterior de la vivienda, ventanas, puertas, calefacción y aire acondicionado, eléctrico, y plomería. Mejoras de eficiencia energética y mejoras de accesibilidad para personas con incapacidad física también son elegibles para la ayuda. Para más información o para ser colocado en la lista de espera para la ayuda, por favor comuníquese con Mercy Housing al teléfono (916) 414-4412.

YOUTH PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN COMMUNITY'S FUTURE

Residents want these positive activities for youth by the year 2013:

- Multi-use community center with aquatic facility
- Skate park
- Annual summer Olympics
- Active network of youth groups
- Youth working for/helping seniors
- Youth Empowerment Council
- Vocational school
- Youth involvement in multi-cultural festival
- Free activities with parent involvement
- Fundraising activities including annual "Levee Walks"

YOUTH GAIN TOOLS FOR CHANGE

August 6 — Armed with colored markers, pastel chalks, masking tape and butcher paper, West Sacramento youth learned how to apply basic drawing techniques to capture complex ideas.

At the "Graphics for All" training sponsored

by the City of West Sacramento and the Youth Resource Coalition, a dozen youth from the Hometown Heroes and YRC programs learned a skill they can use in school, in the community, and with their friends.

Workshop participants

used both drawing and thinking skills as they shared summer stories and turned ideas into poster-sized, mind maps.

Gabriela Melano led the workshop, sharing the tools she used to create the Bryte and Broderick vision.



Workshop leader, Gabriela Melano, explains tricks of the trade.



Youth draw to capture summer experiences.



All participate in team-building games.



Skills practice: Basic shapes to complex ideas!

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