



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, July 19, 2010 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Present were:

Committee members: Balasek, Biasi, Bouwens, Korcyl,

(Castro, Larsen and Vickrey arrived late)

Liaison members: Anderson, and Scianna

Others: Jeff TenPas, Sally Brown, Rich Marovich and Sue Stackhouse

Absent: Neu and Rose

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Agenda: motion to approve Mitch Korcyl, Bill Biasi seconded

Minutes for May 2010 Minutes: motion to approve with minor changes by Korcyl, seconded by Biasi

Korcyl asked what the process was for getting items on the agenda either by committee members or from the community, member consensus that this would be a good item for discussion for next meeting

Public Comments

Jeff TenPas stated that he had not received any the agenda / minutes and suggested they be put on City website like Council agenda info.

Discussion Items/Action

1. Elections for officers and Introduction of Student Representative

Elected Chair Kurt Balasek and Vice Chair Bill Biasi approved unanimously.
Anderson Bouwens the new student representative was introduced.

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Nanci Mills
TREASURER
Michael Sebastian

CITY MANAGER
John W. Donlevy, Jr.

2. North Bank Improvement Update- Kurt

Callendar Associates are working with USFW and Caltrans, to get final approvals regarding conservation easement, this process has taken much longer than anticipated. City will not be going to construction this season, but probably next spring. Korcyl asked how the delay will affect the bidding climate? Scianna will check with Callendar on their expectations regarding delay and bids.

3. Parkway Projects Update- Rich Marovich

See attachment presented dated July 19, 2010. There was a request for a copy of the River Parkway IV application, Rich will forward to Scianna. City will have information regarding CEQA compliance issues for the soil importing phase.

Sally ,stated that the Notice provided to creek neighbors didn't have enough specific details, she felt the project will have a huge impact on residents and requested a public information meeting to discuss the project.

Biasi ,said there have been articles in the Express, but more could be done

Castro ,stated that the discussion regarding importing dirt has been ongoing for over a year as part of the re-alignment projects.

Korcyl ,stated that the Masterplan has been discussed for a long time but once the bulldozers show up people are alarmed. He suggested more details in notices, time frames, contact person- putting information on the City website and newsletter, and the new Kiosk by community center, with the basic who, what, when and where.

TenPas , reiterated his concerns regarding lack of details on the number of trucks as required by EIR

Vickrey ,stated that an EIR is not required. The trucks are hauling legal loads and construction projects generally don't give many specific details other than start and end dates. He felt we had already completed our responsibilities regarding notification.

Balasek , doesn't recommend extra meetings but instead would encourage concerned residents to attend our regular WPCC meetings

Public Noticing Plan should be another agenda topic for future discussion

OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) Grant -project will include gates, continuation of post and cable fencing and vegetation barriers along Putah Creek Rd. These improvements are working in other areas keeping folks from dumping debris into the creek.

4. ADA Stage Access- WPCC recommends the City Staff make needed improvements ASAP, Bill and Kurt will draft a letter, we should tie in North Bank improvements.

5. Creek Design (recreational possibilities)

Joe, stated that a swimming hole cannot be identified specifically due to liability issues but there will be plenty of access areas and pooling areas.

Kurt, said the Masterplan description encourages recreational opportunities and activities

Joe, wants to ensure that recreation is not lost in the process of restoring the creek to its original form, we need to make the area becomes more wildlife and human friendly.

Bill, felt the designs will include wider and deeper naturally forming pools.

Sally, stated that the area is more overgrown than before and access is limited currently.

John, said ongoing maintenance will be challenging.

Jeff, is not confident that the new design will create swimming holes, he thinks we need to have hydraulics design done, in order to ensure we get the desired end result and not leave it to chance.

Next meeting is September 20th.

Next agenda items:

Process for adding agenda items

Public Noticing Plan

Grant projects update

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Joe Castro, seconded by Eric at 8:29 pm

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna,
Environmental Services Manager