



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, March 21, 2011 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Present were:

Committee members: Balasek, Biasi, Bouwens, Castro, Korcyl, Larsen (7:10) and Vickrey

Liaison members: Anderson, Neu, Rose and Scianna

Others: Jeff TenPas, Rich Marovich, Sue Stackhouse, Libby Earthman, and Rick Poore

Absent: none

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Agenda: Motion to approve by Korcyl, seconded by Castro- agenda approved.

Minutes for January 2011: Motion to approve by Korcyl, seconded by Bouwens, with revisions Discussion Item 1 additional information regarding property title needing to be recorded completely and Action item was discussion only- minutes approved

Minutes for September 2010: Revisions submitted to clarify Action Items 1. Motion to approve revised as proposed by Biasi, seconded by - minutes approved

Public Comments

Jeff TenPas voiced his concern regarding the creation of swimming areas in the project area. He feels they need to be designed with specifics

Sue Stackhouse would like to make sure there is fishing access opportunities included in designs.

Discussion Items

1. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update- Carol Scianna

We are still waiting for approval regarding the Conservation Easement from US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). We have proposed a phased construction plan to allow us to begin work avoiding the Elderberry bushes that need to be relocated, we waiting for approval of this plan from both USFWS and CalTrans. July – February would be the construction time frame assuming we receive necessary approvals. Expected construction duration is three months.

Elderberries could then be removed between November 2012 - February 2013. The Endowment Fund logistics have been worked out with City finance department.

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2. Parkway/Realignment Projects Update- Rich Marovich

The Upstream Parkway III project which begins at car bridge and extends east to old WW ponds is slated for Fall construction (August- December) Plans includes narrowing the channel, meanders the faster, cooler will create better fish habitat. Trails on both sides will also create better public access. As part of the pre-qualifying process there will be an option to bid on phase IV which may get us better bids for the bigger project. Pools, riffles and runs will take on a natural form; the 100 yr flood plane will not be altered. The grading will require that vegetation will be removed, they will salvage and replant as much as possible. Revegetation will be done in house and not part of the bid package. Marovich stated that we get more for our money when done in house.

Korcyl voiced concerns that the revegetation budget will be adequate, there is \$100,000 specified for that purpose in the grant.

Castro asked about the process for removing Eucalyptus, Marovich stated that the stumps will be treated to prevent resprouts, this has been successful at El Rio Villa.

Rose, said they've been collecting cuttings from the creek for replanting latter.

Ten Pas, asked who was doing the channel design work and what their qualifications were? They are consulting geomorphologists were Rick Poore, Eric Larson and Chris Viberburg.

Biasi also wanted to make sure monies are held in reserve to ensure funding for revegetation and thought we should not rely too heavily on volunteers, perhaps we could get help from CCC or CDF crews

Marovich assured members that this project will be a showpiece and has to be successful and look good ASAP, once flood plains are at final grade replanting can begin.

3. Sacramento Tree Foundation Nursery Project – Libby Earthman

Putah Creek Council community action received \$15,000 grant to provide supplies for revegetation project in urban area. They have nursery rows planted with seedlings on the south bank at the staging area. Sacramento Tree Foundation is helping to recruit volunteers there has been a good response

4. Draft Notification Plan Discussion – Mitch Korcyl

Mitch will use the existing Communication Plan (per Vegetation Management Plan) as a starting point he will develop a template to include key points:

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| project duration and hours of operation | funding source |
| project intent | project coordinator |
| permits issued (links provided) | contact person |
| adverse impacts | |

Action Items

1. PG & E Donation Acknowledgement Letter-

There was 4500 tons of rock donated by PG&E to PCC for Nature Park projects, they have written a letter acknowledging the donation and it was suggested that perhaps the City could do the same, WPCC will draft a letter and assuming it is alright with the Council the mayor will sign it. Motion to do so made by Kurt, seconded by Biasi, motion approved.

***Reminder that the LPCCC is having their 10 year anniversary celebration on May 15th, all are invited.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm

Next meeting May 16

Agenda items:

Public Noticing Plan –Draft plan to be done by Korcyl

Parkway Grant projects update

Northbank Trail Improvements update

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Env. Services Mgr.