



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, July 16, 2012 7:00 pm
MINUTES

Present were:

Committee members: Balasek, Brown, Kilkenny and Larsen

Liaison members: Anderson, Neu, Rose and Scianna

Others: Rich Marovich Libby Earthman

Absent: Biasi, and Castro

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm- No quorum initially

Agenda : Quorum was met at 7:30 - Motion to approve agenda and minutes by Kilkenny, seconded by Larson –agenda and minutes approved.

Minutes for May : See above

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update – Carol

Work behind the Community Center has been going well, no other construction due to the Swainson’s Hawk buffer zone. Buffer zone expected to be lifted soon, since the nest appears to be inactive. Adult birds are in the area but no hatchlings in the nest. Community garden access off East St. has been working well also, no problems noted with residents.

2. Latest Parkway Grant and Restoration Project Update – Rich Marovich

Round III project is a finalist with a site visit and walk through expected in August, award expected in September. Brown had concerns regarding over watering in the planting area and plans for keeping the invasives under control. There are plans to target the invasives during their dormant phases and it is expected that the native grasses will help to crowd out other weeds in their. They will be lengthening time between watering. There have been a few instances of vandalism to the irrigation equipment,

Parkway/Realignment Projects Update- Libby spoke for Rich Marovich

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3. Fishing Pond Project- Dennis Kilkenny

Final engineering is being done by SCWA staff/interns. The current design is to use the oxbow area at the north bank, creating an off channel lineal pond where existing channel flows. The new flow channel will be through the elderberry mountain area. The pond would be allowed to flood every 3 years and stocked with perch fish. It could be dewatered and restocked as needed. This new design will also help reduce cost for fill on the remainder of the channel work to be done.

4. Student Representative Replacement-

Anderson Bouwens reported that Samantha (Sam) Nickelson is interested in being his replacement, she is very active in several service /leadership groups and we expect her to be a great addition to the WPCC. Both Anderson and Sam will be attending July meeting

Action Items

1. Nominations for next term

Tabled until July meeting due to uncertainty of Council elections and the possibility of new WPCC members being appointed

Other discussions:

Chris stated that the efforts by PCC to recruit volunteers has been amazing

Sally asked about ongoing maintenance of invasives and if the Delta Crew is able to help?

There is interest in acknowledging the volunteer efforts by Don Sanders, Libby and Carol to discuss a good way to do this.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm

Next meeting July 16

Agenda items:

Parkway projects grant/restoration updates

Northbank Trail Improvements /update

Fishing Pond Update

Action item:

Nominations of officers

New meeting time @ 6pm

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Env. Services Mgr.