



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, January 10, 2011 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Present were:

Committee members: Balasek, Biasi, Bouwens, Castro and Larsen

Liaison members: Martin (for Anderson), Neu, and Scianna

Others: Jeff TenPas, Rich Marovich, George and Sandy Duncan

Absent: Korcyl, Vickrey and Rose

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Agenda: Motion to approve by Castro, seconded by Biasi agenda approved. (with flexibility to move items as need based on presenter attendance)

Minutes for September 2010: Motion to approve with minor correction Biasi, seconded by Bouwens- 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 scientific research/hydrology because the weirs may not be sufficient. He requested this item be put on the next Agenda.

Action Items

1. Field Nursery Project Proposal- Rich

Rich discussed starting some plants in a field nursery at the staging on the south bank. We could then transplant them later in the parkway projects areas. This would give us the advantage of starting off with larger trees and shrubs and the new trees will have already acclimated to the area increase their success rate. By growing the trees ourselves there would be a substantial cost savings as well. This would also be a good volunteer opportunity. Rich would like to start 150 each valley oaks, white alders and mulefat, spending about \$500 out of the revegetation budget. Planting could start in the in the next 4-6 weeks weather allowing. Committee members were all in support of the field nursery project proposal.

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Discussion Items

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

Fish and Wildlife and Cal Trans have reviewed necessary reports and the Categorical Exemption has been completed. Consultants and staff are completing the Conservation Easement. There are 3 Elderberry bushes that need to be moved in February. We expect the Authorization to Proceed from Caltrans very soon, once received we can go out to bid in March, with construction expected to begin May 2011

2. Parkway/Realignment Projects Update- Rich Marovich

Marovich reported that the grass is coming in well. SCWA recently purchased and auger truck which will allow them to plant 8-10 ft tree pole cuttings along the channel which have shown dramatic growth. No watering will be necessary and the tree cuttings will be available at no cost, both cottonwoods and willows are good candidates for this project. Bid package process will take two months to complete with construction to begin August 2011.

3. River Trails & Conservation Assistance Grant Application (RTCA)

We were not awarded the RTCA Grant which would have provided technical assistance to construct a trail to extend to El Rio Villa Housing, construction funds were not included.

Rich has had some preliminary discussion on another option, which would involve building a trail from El Rio Villa that crosses the creek onto private property. We would need to negotiate with property owner to grant an easement or purchase the area needed. The trail could continue through Solano County and City property and connect up with the Nature Park Northbank trail, providing connectivity and a safe pathway for El Rio residents to get into town. At this time it is just a concept with many details to be worked out. The WPCC members were supportive of the concept but financial concerns were raised.

Other items discussed:

We have been offered assistance regarding design features from the National Parks for the City's Nature Park, Rich would also like the WPCC to be involved with these discussions.

Pierre asked about the best time to address arrundo control – August and until the first freeze offer best results.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm

Next meeting March 21

Agenda items:

Public Noticing Plan –Draft plan to be done by Korcyl

Parkway Grant projects update

Northbank Trail Improvements update

Notify WPCC when Creek items are going to Council

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna,

Environmental Services Manager