



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
318 First Street  
Monday, September 16, 2013 6:00 pm  
**MINUTES**

*Present were:*

Committee members: Balasek, Biasi, Brown and Kilkenny

Liaison members: Anderson, Rose and Scianna

Others: Libby Earthman, Rich Marovich, Bjourn Kjellsson and Joann Larkey

Absent: Castro, Larsen, Neu and Nickelson

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

*Agenda correction regarding several months of minutes needing to be approved*

*Motion to approve Minutes for Jan, March and May 2013 made by Kilkenny, seconded by Biasi- approved (done after presentation once quorum achieved)*

Public Comments

None

Presentation

Joann Larkey a member of Winters History Project made a presentation about the history of Old Indian Trail/ Wolskill Ford. She shared maps from the mid 1800's that showed where the original crossing (Ford) on Putah Creek in this area, which is located on Putah Creek Rd about where the maintenance ramp is located. Joann suggested that we install an interpretive sign that could include a map as part of the next phase of River Parkway project. Committee members were supportive of this idea.

Discussion Items

1. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update – Carol

Weeding continues to be challenging. Dogs off leash seem less of an issue. Sacramento Valley Conservancy did their annual inspection they noted that a few residents that back up

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to Easement area need to remove non-native plantings. Staff has distributed letters discussing the matter. Dog waste bag dispensers need to be lowered for ADA access. There was some discussion on finding funds for signage project to move forward. Cracks were noticed in some of the asphalt, questions on if this is considered a warranty issue? Scianna will check on this. Trail is still very well used by diverse groups in community.

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

Ken Davis has some underwater video downstream of weir showing lots of fish near rocks and stumps, many different species in high numbers also seen downstream of borrow site. Marovich is working on establishing a Safe Harbor agreement regarding the elderberry shrubs to be moved. The agreement will allow more flexibility, we must maintain a baseline number of shrubs.

Central Valley Flood Protection Board has recently been enforcing new permits, which has made some projects more problematic. Still on track to begin phase 3 in August 2014.

3. Off Channel Water Body Update - Dennis Kilkenny – No update until phase 3 begins.

4. Putah Creek Council Update – Libby Earthman

Coastal Cleanup Event is scheduled for September 21, Libby is expecting many volunteers. PCC is doing planting projects in Davis and upstream of Nature park area

5. Solano RCD Update – Chris Rose

Tree of Heaven control on Dry Creek work to be done over the next few weeks, new agreements have been completed that extend through Dec. 2015

Some discussion on getting a management plan going which will work with City crews and volunteers to deal with weed control efficiently.

6. Member Terms- for Kilkenny, Rose and Neu

Kilkenny was reappointed by LPCCC, Rose will continue for PCC. Planning Commission will discuss their appointee at their October meeting.

Action Items

1. None

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Meeting Adjourned at 7:03

**Next meeting: November 18**

**Agenda items:**

**Action item -New officers**

Parkway projects grant/restoration updates

Northbank Trail Improvements /update

Off Channel Water Body Update

PCC Update

Solano RCD Update

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Kurt Balasek, Chairman

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