



WINTERS PUTAH CREEK COMMITTEE
MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2009

Present were:

Committee Members: Bill Biasi, Joe Castro, Kurt Balasek, Eric Larsen , David Springer (@ 7:20) and John Vickrey

Liaison members: Rose, Neu and Scianna

Others: Rich Marovich

Absent: Raven Castro and Anderson

Meeting called to order by Biasi at 7:05 PM

Agenda approved

Minutes- motion to approve by Balasek, seconded by Larsen, minutes approved with minor corrections

Public Comments

None

Joe Castro asked if the PG &E grant funds awarded to the City of \$250 were received. Scianna will follow up on this with finance department.

Discussion Items

1. Kiosk/ Sign- Elliot Landes

Landes not present at meeting. Scianna stated that the recent State budget situation has frozen funds for projects which includes the Kiosk funding. Committee members would like staff to continue getting the Kiosk “shovel ready” if and when funding does become available.

2. Private Ownership Easement Update

Staff is moving forward with having the three parcels surveyed as part of finalizing the purchases. WPCC will be notified when the sale goes to Council for approval.

3. City Website Update- Carol

Website was pulled up on screen and members reviewed the changes to the website that have been made recently. Further suggestions are: 1) Vegetation and Master Plans be listed as bullet points, 2) links to recent grants, 3) have recent events on home page.

4. Plantings and Trail Improvements

Discussion on needed plantings included planting more Santa Barbara Sedge along the Creekside Lane areas. Rose would contact Wendy Rash and see about getting a work/planting event planned. The DG that was purchased needs to be used on the existing trail ASAP. Scianna will talk to her staff on getting this project done soon.

The proposed Community Garden Project was discussed; Scianna stated that the Garden site that was selected by the Council is the area between the East St. sewer lift station and the cottages on Elliot St, also known as the "Redwood Grove". Committee members were disappointed to be out of the loop on this decision process. Although many members support the idea of a Community Garden the consensus was that the WPCC should have been included in the discussion prior to a final decision being made on a site within the Nature Park Masterplan area.

Another concern was that this area was being considered as a staging area for the upcoming Perc Dam removal project. Balasek and Scianna will follow-up on the logistics issue at this site.

Marovich and Balasek are moving the project along and a bid packet should be going out in a few weeks for the Perc Dam Removal project. The freeze on State funds should not be a factor with moving forward on this project.

**The next meeting of WPCC will February 9, 2009
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

Agenda Items for the next meeting:
Easement update
Plantings - Work Party
Community Garden

Bill Biasi, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Secretary