



WINTERS PUTAH CREEK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES MARCH 16, 2009

*Present were:*

Committee Members: Bill Biasi, Kurt Balasek and David Springer  
Liaison members: Anderson, Rose, Neu and Scianna

Others: Jeff TenPas

Absent: Joe Castro, Raven Castro, Eric Larsen and John Vickrey

Meeting called to order by Biasi at 7:05 PM

*Agenda* approved

*Minutes*- February Meeting canceled- January minor corrections noted, no quorum to approve minutes

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

*1. Private Ownership Easement Update-* Carol Scianna

The Griffin easement will be going to Council on March 17 for approval, Evilsizer agreement is still being processed .

*2. Plantings and Trail Improvements* –Chris Rose

There are six hedgerow planting days scheduled for Putah Creek Rd and Dry Creek from Hwy 128 to confluence. Volunteer groups have been averaging between 6- 40 at each event planting trees and shrubs, creating a hedgerow. The hedgerow is meant to be a deterrent to dumping as well as habitat enhancement. Drip irrigation will be installed shortly. This is a CalFed grant with Solano Co. Water Agency (SCWA) providing funding in the interim, until the State solves their bonding/funding issues.

*3. Community Garden Update-* Carol

Three options for Community Garden sites will be going back to Council: 1)existing plan @ redwood grove (removing redwood trees) 2) smaller footprint @ same site leaving redwoods 3) skate park @ Valley Oak Dr. –not sure when this will be brought to Council. Biasi, suggests that the do 2 smaller gardens at each site

*4. Grant Projects Update-* Kurt Balasek

LPCCC was recently awarded \$1,987,000 from the CalFed Watershed Program. The project will allow restoration from Dry Creek to Winters Car Bridge, creating floodplains and removal of invasives.

Perc Dam Removal- Permits are completed, bid packet is going to SCWA (they are the lead agency) in April. Work is scheduled to begin July/August 2009.

Bridge Improvement Project- This is a \$2 Million Federal Grant, the primary focus is creating an ADA accessible pathway from the Car Bridge through the Nature Park and if funds are available building a second pedestrian bridge at the East end of the Park. Callender Associates has been hired to do the design on this project.

*Jeff TenPas* voiced his concerns regarding the Initial Study- Mitigated Neg. Dec. Masterplan process related to the Perc Dam Removal project. He stated that traffic, noise, air quality issues were not properly addressed.

*Committee members* disagreed and felt that these issues were mitigated in the Neg. Dec documents.

TenPas was also concerned about the large volume of soil to be brought into the Creek area for channel narrowing. Committee members were not sure what this Parkway project status is currently. Biasi will follow up on this project's status.

Anderson reminded the committee that we had discussed cutting and applying Round-up on Eucalyptus sapling stumps, there are many more of them now. He felt this would be a good project for a volunteer work party. Biasi also wondered if the City has any plans to remove the large Eucalyptus trees near the Wastewater Plant, these are a hazard with breaking branches etc.

**The next meeting of WPCC will April 20, 2009  
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.**

Agenda Items for the next meeting:

Easement update

Plantings - Work Party

Community Garden

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Bill Biasi, Chairman

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Carol Scianna, Secretary