



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
318 First Street  
Monday, June 15, 2009, 7:00 pm  
**MINUTES**

*Present were:*

Committee Members: Kurt Balasek, Bill Biasi, Joe Castro, Eric Larsen and, and John Vickrey

Liaison members: Harold Anderson , Pierre Neu and Chris Rose

Late: Raven Castro and David Springer

Others: Jeff TenPas, Libby Earthman

Absent: Carol Scianna

Meeting called to order by Biasi at 7:00 PM

Agenda approved

*Minutes for May* - motion to approve Balasek, seconded by Vickrey

Public Comments

No comments.

Pierre Neu introduced the new Executive Director of the Putah Creek Council, Libby Earthman.

Discussion Items

1. Committee Meeting Conduct

- We would like to get our meeting started promptly at 7:00.
- Public comments on non-agenda items at the beginning of the meeting: committee would like to limit these to 5 minutes per person, and they will be directed to the chair. These comments are not for discussion, but will be received by the committee and taken under advisement.
- For public comments on agenda items, the committee would like to limit time to 5 minutes per agenda item, with additional time at the discretion of the chair.
- We will deliver our guidelines to city staff for review and approval. If approved by city staff, committee will vote on them in the July meeting.
- Guidelines will be reviewed annually.

J. TenPas commented that the Brown Act and the U.S. Constitutional Amendment #1 may provide guidelines for comments during a public meeting. Biasi suggested that committee members review information on the Brown Act prior to the July meeting. This will help to clarify some of Tenpas comments.

## 2. North Bank Improvement Project

Update provided by Carol Scianna (via email) to Biasi as follows:

- The summary notes from May presentation on north bank trail to WPCC by Callander are included in June 09 WPCC meeting packets. Carol communicated with Ben and Joy @ Callander on their project updates. Their comments were as follows:
  - Their next steps are to bring the revised design back to the WPCC then go to Council.(These have not been scheduled yet)
  - They have been researching locations for a pavement field trip. They are still doing research on the resin pavement and have found that the cost per square foot is comparable to asphalt costs which has affected the estimate.

We had a brief discussion related to the review given by Callander Associates on the Bridge Replacement.

Dave Springer suggested considering a trail that had a “soft strip” down the center. We suggested forwarding this suggestion to Callander for their opinion. Biasi recommends against a center strip because it would require 2 four foot wide paved strips with a two foot wide “soft” center strip making it difficult for persons with disabilities to use.

This committee would like to see the revised proposal presented to the committee as soon as possible and prior to going to the City Council. Springer reiterated his concerns that older native trees be spared where ever possible when the trail is designed and constructed.

The committee was in general agreement with the summary comments from the May meeting provided by Callander.

## 3. Private Ownership Easement Update

Ownership Easement provided by Carol Scianna (via email) to Biasi as follows:

- City is waiting on the title company for Griffin property purchase to be completed.
- Evilsizer has the revised agreement - City is awaiting his signature to bring the final agreement to Council and the escrow process can be completed.

## 4. Work Day Event Update

The plan was to hold a work day for removal of eucalyptus shoots. There were timing issues as well as other issues related to herbicide application timing, so it has been postponed. Libby Earthman reported that there would be a volunteer workday this

coming weekend (June 20<sup>th</sup>) at the Audubon native plant greenhouse outside of Winters. Volunteers will have a chance to transplant native plants that will be used in future restoration projects.

#### 5. Committee Terms

The chair reported that there were a number of committee members whose terms will expire in August 2009. Those members are:

John Vickrey- LPCCC rep. Council Designee

Raven Castro Student rep. Council Designee

Chris Rose- PCC liaison

Pierre Neu- Planning Comm. Liaison

Biasi distributed letters from City to determine if the members whose terms are expiring are willing to continue. The letters are to be signed and returned to Carol. Discussion will be continued at the July meeting.

Raven Castro stated that she will be leaving for college and will not be able to continue on the committee after August. She volunteered to help recruit a new high school representative. She recommended Justin Hyer. She will contact him to see if he is interested and report back at the next meeting.

The committee nominated Kurt Balasek as chair and Biasi as Vice chair for the 2009/2010 year. A vote will be taken at the July meeting.

**The next meeting of WPCC will be July 20th, 2009**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.**

Agenda Items for the next meeting:

North Bank Improvement project revisions with Callander

Evilsizor Easement Update

Vote on meeting conduct guidelines

Vote on officers

Work day event updates

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Bill Biasi, Chairman

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Eric Larsen, Committee Member, for Carol Scianna, Secretary