



WINTERS PUTAH CREEK COMMITTEE
MINUTES APRIL 20, 2009

Present were:

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

Others: Jeff TenPas and Rich Marovich

Absent: Joe Castro, Raven Castro, John Vickery and Chris Rose

Meeting called to order by Biasi at 7:12 PM

Agenda approved, motion by Balasek, seconded by Springer

Minutes for January and March- several corrections noted, motion to approve with corrections by Balasek, seconded by Springer

Public Comments

J. TenPas asked:

1) What is the quantity of fill soil for the entire Masterplan(MP) Area?

R. Marovich stated, that it is estimated at 70,000 cubic yards

2) How much money has Wallace-Kuhl been paid for Nature Park Projects?

K. Balasek estimated that, Wallace-Kuhl had been paid \$17,000 for work done on the MP Initial Study-Neg- Dec documents and \$20,000 for Perc Dam liaison work with LPCCC, Solano County Water Agency (SCWA), Cunningham Engineering and the City of Winters. Balasek stressed that this was only an estimate.

TenPas reiterated two concerns: (see attached comment page dated 4/20/2009)

- There was not sufficient detail in the Initial Study Neg-Dec that addresses the 70,000 cubic yards that is proposed to be used as fill material.

- What will be put in place to replace the swimming hole? There should be a design in place before demolition begins.

K. Balasek stated that the CEQA issues have been addressed in the document.

Following the comment period, WPCC made the recommendation to City Council that the IS/MND be adopted. The City Council adopted the IS/MND If concerns remain, they should be brought before City Council as it is now outside the purview of this committee

Discussion Items

1. *Private Ownership Easement Update*- Carol Scianna

The Griffin easement has been completed and ready to be recorded. Evilsizor agreement is still being finalized and expected to go to Council in May

2. *Eucalyptus Tree Sapling Removal*- Carol Scianna

The committee discussed methods to remove saplings and treatment of stumps, anytime would be good to do this project, Scianna will talk to Wendy Rash, Libby Earthman (PCC) and coordinate a work party, hopefully in May.

3. *Community Garden Update*- Carol

The three proposals options have not gone back to Council, the WPCC members suggest the smaller footprint at the Redwood grove and if there is further interest adding a second location at the Skate Park site. Scianna to keep WPCC informed about this project

4. *North Bank Improvement Project*- Kurt Balasek

City staff, Wallace-Kuhl staff and Callander Associates walked the project site recently. One of the ideas proposed is having a 12 ft wide paved trail (possibly asphalt) from the car bridge going east in the Nature Park. Also idea is creating an large area under the two bridges for people to access and view the creek. The upper trail is planned to drop down to middle terrace away from homes.

Balasek would like the WPCC involved early on in the design process and suggested Callander Associates and John Donlevy meet with the WPCC in May.

Springer would like the path to be ADA Accessible but stated that the MP calls for an 8 or 10 feet width, he suggested we not use asphalt but another material that will create a narrow stable pathway wide enough for ADA access and use DG along the edges to give us the required final width for maintenance vehicles.

Biasi would prefer not to use DG on the path; it doesn't pack well enough and requires a lot of ongoing maintenance

Marovich has had good results using $\frac{3}{4}$ inch road base topped with rock dust- the end result looks like weathered concrete it has a more natural look

Springer asked what the recent blue markings on Oaks and Toyons signified. Scianna to get more information on the markings done, it was assumed it was part of the survey work Psomas has been contracted to do as part of the project

Larsen clarified that the consensus of the committee is that the trail be 8 ft wide, not asphalt, and that they want input regarding design early on with the project

Marovich thought there maybe possibilities to collaborate with property owners just to the west of car bridge to gain more access to creek trails, we should leave options open.

5.) *Update on Grant Projects*- Rich Marovich

The bid package for the Dam Removal Project is being finalized to go the SCWA Board. One idea proposed for this project is to leave the dam section on the south bank and its abutment intact - as a part of Winter's history. The job site is to be accessed from the Putah Creek Rd at the Putah Flats area. It is estimated that work will begin the third week in July, bird nesting season must be over before work begins. Possible swimming areas could be where weirs spill over into a pool area.

- On the Parkway Grant Phase III , this project has been awarded but has not been funded yet, due to the state budget situation
- Round 5 last cycle of Parkway Grant will be due Fall 2009, Marovich would like WPCC's input on possible projects- If we have project ideas we need to formalize soon- May Agenda?

Anderson stated, that approval was given to remove the entire dam, leaving the south section and abutment could still be considered a hazard

Marovich said the geomorphic goals would still be achieved leaving the south section but removing it may be more aesthetically pleasing. Bids maybe high and leaving the section could be an option to reduce cost.

Balasek will verify how the project description went out but indicated his understanding that the bid documents indicated complete removal of visible portions of the dam with the possibility that portions well below the low-flow channel may remain but would be buried. *Balasek* did indicate that an option to leave the tower and portions of the south slab had been discussed to keep the project moving in the event the bids came in too high to allow complete removal

The next meeting of WPCC will May 18, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Agenda Items for the next meeting:

North Bank Project discussion with Callander Associates

Round 5 –Parkway Grant

Evilsizor Easement Update

Community Garden

Bill Biasi, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Secretary