



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, May 21, 2012 7:00 pm
MINUTES

Present were:

Committee members: Balasek, Biasi, Bouwens, Castro, and Kilkenny

Liaison members: Anderson, Neu, Rose and Scianna

Others: Libby Earthman and Sally Brown

Absent: Larsen and Korcyl

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Agenda : Motion to approve agenda and minutes by Biasi, seconded by Kilkenny –agenda and minutes approved.

Minutes for May : See above

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update – Carol

Pre-Construction meeting will be held on 5/23. Items to be discussed will include community garden access/parking and notification to residents and Park users regarding construction and limited access to Nature Park. Some questions regarding how the \$100,000 excess funds will be spent, there was discussion regarding the add alternatives now able to be included in project.

2. Nature Park Planting Plans – Libby Earthman

April planting went well, 250 individuals helped to get 5,000 plants in the ground. Irrigation is staged and ready to begin pumping. Trees are doing great, pole plantings have had a 75% success rate and 2000 plants have been caged as protection from beavers.

3. Parkway/Realignment Projects Update- Libby spoke for Rich Marovich

Reviewing grant applications has been delayed and expected to begin in one month.

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4. Fishing Pond Project- Dennis Kilkenny

There has been much discussion with agencies and fish experts. The project would be part of the next phase of Parkway project. The most likely location would be the oxbow in this section, there are some limitations on what fish species would be acceptable and an off-channel site would be the preferred option at this time. The group will continue to pursue the project.

5. Student Representative Replacement-

Anderson Bouwens reported that Samantha (Sam) Nickelson is interested in being his replacement, she is very active in several service /leadership groups and we expect her to be a great addition to the WPCC. Both Anderson and Sam will be attending July meeting

Action Items

1. Nominations for next term

Tabled until July meeting due to uncertainty of Council elections and the possibility of new WPCC members being appointed

Other discussions:

Chris stated that the efforts by PCC to recruit volunteers has been amazing

Sally asked about ongoing maintenance of invasives and if the Delta Crew is able to help?

There is interest in acknowledging the volunteer efforts by Don Sanders, Libby and Carol to discuss a good way to do this.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm

Next meeting July 16

Agenda items:

Parkway projects grant/restoration updates

Northbank Trail Improvements /update

Fishing Pond Update

Action item:

Nominations of officers

New meeting time @ 6pm

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Env. Services Mgr.