



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, March 18, 2018 6:00 pm
MINUTES

Present were:

Committee members: Kurt Balasek, Kate Laddish, Eric Larsen, Dennis Kilkenny, Stephanie Myers , and Jacob Berry

Liaison members: Bill Biasi, Rose, Kent Anderson and Carol Scianna

Others: Jeff Tenpas, Matt Lechmaier, Amy Williams, Valerie Whitworth, and Karin Young

Absent: Denise Colombano, Andrea Valadez and Pat Riley

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Motion to approve Agenda by Kilkenny, seconded Myers- Approved -Item 8 was moved up to item 2

Motion to approve January Minutes by Kilkenny, seconded Myers Approved

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. Nature Park Extension Project- Amy

Amy gave presentation detailing plans for the Nature Park Extension Project, which includes oak, riparian and pollinators areas. There is an education component, partners on the project are Yolo Resource Conservation District(YRCD) and Center for Land Based Learning SLEWS program. See attached report.

Committee members were supportive of project, staff will obtain clarification on feasibility to plant within top third of the channel. Staff will bring plan to Council with WPCC recommendation for approval.

2. Native Weavers Garden Update- Valerie

Valerie shared the Feasibility Report to Solano County Water Agency for the Winters Putah Creek Nature Park CA. Native American Garden Project. This project is 30 years in the making and is coming together with many opportunities to combine efforts with the Nature Park Extension project and other restoration efforts in the Park. Cache Creek Conservancy and Yoche Dehe are both partners in developing this project, which will include education and demonstration components and gathering garden areas throughout the Park. Committee members were very supportive of these efforts and look forward to ways of collaborating.

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3. Restoration Project Update –

Marovich had another commitment but emailed that efforts to secure Army Corps 408 permit continue, he is hopeful that it will be obtained in the next few weeks. Central Valley Flood Control Board is awaiting 408 permit issuance. Fall construction is planned if permits are obtained as expected

4. Putah Creek Council Update – Kent

PCC is working on coordinating several projects including Nature Park Extension and CA Native Weavers Garden, many opportunities for collaboration

5. Solano RCD Update- Chris

Working on Tree of Heaven control and plantings along Pleasants Valley

6. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update – Carol

No response from CA. Fish and Wildlife regarding 2016 and 2017 Annual Reports

7. Feral Cat Catch/ Release Program-

Scianna met with Nissa and Kristin to discuss recent emails from residents in Davis and elsewhere concerning the release of feral cats back into public areas, because of threats to wildlife and toxoplasmosis issues, which cats can carry and how it might impact humans with immune suppression vulnerabilities. The alternative of euthanizing feral cats or only releasing to an area that will confine the cats are some preferred options to address their concerns. There was some discussion, staff will check with UCD Veterinary on the health issues.

Action Items

A) Recommendation of Nature Park Extension Project-

Larsen moved that committee support the project and recommend approval to city council seconded by Laddish, approved unanimously

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:17 pm
Next Meeting May 21, 2018

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Env. Services Mgr.