



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, May 21, 2018 6:00 pm
MINUTES

Present were:

Committee members: Kurt Balasek, Kate Laddish, Eric Larsen, Stephanie Myers , and Andrea Valadez

Liaison members: Bill Biasi, Kent Anderson and Carol Scianna

Others: Jeff Tenpas, Amy Williams, Valerie Whitworth, Michael Barbour and Maggie Burns (press)

Absent: Denise Colombano, Dennis Kilkenny, Chris Rose and Pat Riley

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Motion to approve Agenda by Larsen, seconded Myers- Approved

Motion to approve May Minutes by Larsen, seconded Laddish Approved

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. Nature Park Extension Project- Amy

Contract for Project is being executed. A public meeting is scheduled to discuss interpretive signage at one of the September 20th Creek Speak meeting. There was some discussion on the possible development on a project that may be built on McClish property. Suggestions regarding 6-10ft space being available to plant along perimeter walls/fences to shield the paved trail along channel and in nature park area. Staff will pass on these suggestions if the proposed project moves forward.

2. Restoration Project Update – Carol

Encroachment permit from Central Valley Flood Agency was approved unanimously at their regular Board meeting on May 18th.

Jeff Ten Pass brought up 3 points regarding the project that he stated needed further evaluation:

- A) Impact to viewing area by moving trail 100' away from paved trail
- B) Swimming hole at Perc Dam was removed as part of Phase 1 and 2. A new swimming area was promised as part of projects
- C) Groundwater impacts as shown by cottonwood trees dying

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Responses to these concerns by committee members:

Amy stated that cottonwoods were impacted by beaver browsing and now that trees are caged they are doing well.

Eric has confidence in SCWA's work and felt that they have learned from earlier mistakes and improved practices will be implemented with Phase 3. Although the view may change the project does not require re-evaluation.

Kurt stated that many more people have access to the creek including swimming by a variety of age groups, no longer limited to teenagers.

Eric also noted that one of the Central Valley Board Agency members spoke to the group about how our efforts have been a great example of a successful restoration projects.

3. Putah Creek Council Update – Amy

PCC is moving their office across the street to 107 Main St, June 1st. Karin has been working with 2nd graders with field trips to the creek that included plantings.

4. Solano RCD Update- Chris

In Chris' absence it was reported that Solano RCD received a small grant from Yolo RCD for arrundo control on Pleasants Creek

5. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update – Carol

Weeding and mowing was completed by Public Works crews.

6. Feral Cat Catch/ Release Program- Carol

No update

7. Native Weavers Garden Update- Valerie

No word from SCWA on their proposal. They have been looking at different types of signage including interactive signs. Valerie will be getting a list of consultants to SCWA

Action Items- None

Chair adjourned meeting at 6:50 pm

Next Meeting July 16, 2018

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Env. Services Mgr.