



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
318 First Street  
Monday, January 13, 2020 6:00 pm  
**MINUTES**

*Present were:*

Committee members: Kurt Balasek, Denise Colombano, Eric Jepsen, Dennis Kilkenny, Kate Laddish, Eric Larsen, and Amaya Jimenez

Liaison members: Bill Biasi, Pat Riley, Brian Keeley(PCC) , Chris Rose and Carol Scianna

Others: Christopher Flores (City Civic Spark Fellow)

Absent: NONE

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

*Motion to approve Agenda by Dennis seconded Kate- Approved*

*Motion to approve March 2019 Minutes by Dennis seconded Denise –Approved*

Public Comments

Christopher Flores presented information about the City’s formation of a Climate Action Plan Development Board (Board). The Board will work to develop a Climate Action Plan for the City. The City would like one of the liaison positions on the Board to be a representative from the WPCC. Members were also encouraged to apply as an appointed member if interested.

Discussion Items

1. Nature Park Extension Project (WPNE)- Brian

There has been 95% tree survival, replacements have been planted. Signage will be coming in the future. Project has had good results with dense mulch to retain moisture and suppress weeds. Many opportunities for students in the project area. Idea proposed to talk with PG&E regarding a mural on their wall as a possible fundraiser and improvement to the area.

2. Restoration Project Update –

No update available, question about City hydrant flushing and erosion issues at outflows, could use better coordination with Public Works staff to maximize water benefit and minimize disruption to the planted areas.

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3. Putah Creek Council Update – Brian  
Kent Anderson has left PCC and Carrie Shaw is the interim director.

4. Solano RCD Update- Chris  
Several local groups are coordinating efforts for arrundo eradication with a 6 year planning grant. Working with landowners in both Dry Creek and Putah Creek for access and ongoing maintenance issues.

5. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update – Carol  
Some discussion on using mulch vs walnut shells in the Nature Park similarly to what was done in WPNE.

6. Goals Short and Long Term- All  
Many topics were discussed highlights include:
- More PW staff time dedicated to Park and better coordination between PW and other groups doing projects- especially weed management
  - Ongoing funding LPCCC/SCWA projects are done – what’s next?
  - Informative presentations would be nice to include at our meetings
  - What is our purpose?
  - Ongoing monitoring plan for creek flows, wildlife etc
  - Direction from Council needed- Bill and Kurt to draft request to Council

**Action Items**

1. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair  
Chair- Kurt Balasek  
Vice Chair- Dennis Kilkenny

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:25 pm

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Kurt Balasek, Chairman

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Carol Scianna, Env. Services Mgr.

**Next meeting March 16. 2020- 6pm**

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