



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
318 First Street  
Monday, November 16, 2020 6:00 pm  
**MINUTES – Meeting via Zoom**

*Present were:*

Committee members: Kurt Balasek, Dennis Kilkenny(late), Kate Laddish, Eric Larsen,  
Liaison members: Bill Biasi (Council) Kenny Liner (PC), Chris Rose (RCD/PC), Rich Marovich  
(SCWA) Kristine DeGuerre and Carol Scianna

Others: Jeff TenPas, Kathleen Tropa (City Mgr) and Jesse Loren (Council)

Absent: Denise Colombano, Eric Jepsen and Amaya Jimenez

Meeting via Zoom called to order at 6:00 pm

*Motion to approve Agenda by Kate seconded Eric L- Approved*

*Motion to approve Sept 2020 Minutes by Eric L seconded Kate. –Approved*

*Note Quorum achieved with later arrival of Dennis(7:10) both Agenda/Minutes approval confirmed with his acceptance*

Public Comments

*Eric L.* raised issue with recent observation by resident regarding downtown business staff sweeping trash debris into storm inlet. The business owner stated their new staff hadn't been trained yet and this situation would not happen again. There was further discussion on the need to stencil curbs regarding debris flowing to the creek. Perhaps a job for volunteers.

*Kathleen Tropa* the new city manager presented a brief introduction to the group.

*Carol* will contact Denise regarding future interest in staying on WPCC

Discussion Items

1. City Council Feedback- Kurt/Bill

The topic of next steps for WPCC was on recent Council agenda. It was decided that an Ad Hoc committee of two council members and two WPCC members would meet to discuss. Members of Ad Hoc group are Pierre and Bill from Council and Kate and Eric L. There is consensus with both groups to change WPCC to Natural Resource Commission.

2. Restoration Project Updates- Rich

Continuing to control invasives and planting between bridges

3. Nature Park Extension Project Update- Kenny

Two interpretive signs to be installed soon at bench overlooking creek and near pollinator garden.



4. Putah Creek Council Update – Kenny  
Internships are going well they have had 40-50 applicants and have been able to hire groups of ten for year round seasonal projects. They are working with PCC Board on strategic planning, there are several more new board members. A shout out to Rich, for facilitated the very complicated process of organizing the salmon run.

5. Solano RCD Update- Chris  
Continuing calls to landowners regarding Arrundo eradication work. Arrundo on Pleasants Valley Rd. from Lake Solano going south about 5 miles has been sprayed. They have also met with over 50 landowners during fire aftermath doing assessments and coordinating with other resource agencies. We are working with SCWA in providing straw for erosion control.

6. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update – Carol  
City has not received annual reports from BSK and Sacramento Valley Conservancy from their monitoring visits earlier this summer.

7. PG&E Gas Line Project-Carol  
PG&E is finalizing their plans to relocate their 1inch gas line that is currently attached to trestle bridge gas. They are proposing to bore under the creek channel at a depth of 10ft and install the gas line underground. Several concerns were raised by group, ongoing maintenance and monitoring, long range detrimental effects of creek habitat and esthetics. It was recommended that PG&E bring their proposal to Council or WPCC with more information, including why other options were not pursued. City Manager will reach out to City Engineer.

8. Goals Short and Long Term- All

- Considerations to broaden the scope of WPCC to include Dry Creek and possible name change to Natural Resource Committee
- Other areas that committee may want be involved in are groundwater, surface water availability and storm water quality
- A more holistic approach would be much better for all of the resources in the community

### **Action Items**

None

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:26 pm.

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Kurt Balasek, Chairman

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Carol Scianna, Community Volunteer

**Next meeting January 11, 2021 6pm**