



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, September 21, 2020 6:00 pm
MINUTES

Present were:

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

Others: Jeff TenPass

Absent: Denise Colombano, Amaya Jimenez and Bill Biasi

Meeting via Zoom called to order at 6:04 pm

Motion to approve Agenda by Kate seconded Eric J- Approved

Motion to approve May 18, 2020 Minutes by Dennis seconded Eric L. –Approved

Public Comments

Jeff voiced concerns regarding status of re-vegetation and survival of mature trees in all phases of restoration projects, taken under advisement as a future agenda item by chair.

Discussion Items

1. City Council Feedback- Kurt/No update at this time
No update at this time.
2. Restoration Project Updates- Rich
SCWA staff finished planting in the NAWQA project area (east of 505) unfortunately the beavers destroyed the plantings before they were able to get cages around them, they will need to area east of Phase 2 will be planted for the first time. They will be using a bark blower to dress area when completed
3. Nature Park Extension Project Update- Kenny
Ongoing maintenance done by PCC interns and Yolo RCD and continued planning for interpretive signage hope to be installed early next year
4. Putah Creek Council Update – Kenny
SCWA has purchased Sackett Ranch and PCC will be leasing some of the property for their restoration plant nursery and possible educational opportunities. Stewardship activities have



started up again following Covid 19 protocol. They have had 10 interns working on project and they will stay on awhile longer.

5. Solano RCD Update- Chris

Work on the Arrundo eradication work in cooperation with Yolo RCD is ongoing. The Arrundo is one of the few plants that survived in the areas that were damaged during the recent fires. The RCD's are reaching out to residents who's properties were impacted by fires, they have hosted a couple of workshops on discussing issues related to fires such as erosion control, replanting, plant assessment. Site visits and volunteer days are part of these efforts, working SCWA and OES are also assisting in these efforts.

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. Carol worked with PCC interns and Stewardship volunteers to add mulch and water the elderberry plants we are optimistic that the added mulch will increase the survivability of the plants.

7. Goals Short and Long Term- All

- It was agreed that we need to wait for update from Council regarding new direction for WPCC
- Considerations to broaden the scope of WPCC to include Dry Creek and possible name change to Natural Resource Committee
- Informative presentations would be nice to include at our meetings
- Issues regarding homeless camps in the Nature Park and private property along the creek were discussed, concerns about trash, open fires, uncontrolled dogs.
- Perhaps we need to communicate with Solano Sheriff Resource Officer whose previous assistance was very helpful to help us manage the homeless living near creek

Action Items

None

Chair adjourned meeting at 6:50 pm.

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Community Volunteer

Next meeting November 16, 2020 6pm