



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2021 6:00 pm

MINUTES – Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order 6:05

Present were:

Committee members: Kurt Balasek, Eric Jepsen, Dennis Kilkenny, Kate Laddish, Eric Larsen and Carol Scianna

Liaison members: Kenny Liner (PCC-Putah Creek Council), Chris Rose- (RCD-Resource Conservation District/Planning Commission) and Kristine DeGuerre (City)

Others: Kathleen Trepa (City Mgr), Valerie Whitworth, and Jeff Tenpas

Absent: Amaya Jimenez, Bill Biasi (City Council) Rich Marovich- SCWA- (Solano County Water Agency)

Motion to approve Agenda by Eric I. seconded Carol- Approved.

Motion to approve April Minutes by Kate seconded Carol - Approved

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

Restoration Project Updates- None

Nature Park Extension Project Update- Kenny Liner

Interpretive signs have been shipped, two signs will be installed in main Nature Park and two installed in Park Extension area. Once installed PCC will host a tour with City staff and WPCC members. PCC will also be passing on a maintenance plan to City staff.

Putah Creek Council Update- Kenny Liner

Interns are coming back, and regular programs will be starting up soon per CDC guidelines.

Solano RCD Update- Chris Rose

Yolo RCD, PCC continue to work on arrundo eradication project. There are 20 or more landowner agreements that have not been secured yet, but eradication efforts have begun on properties where agreements have been completed. Both Yolo and Solano

RCD's are working with stakeholders is also working on creating Fire Safe Council to help with wildfire prevention efforts.

Nature Park Maintenance and Activities- Carol Scianna

There was discussion on WPCC possibly hosting a public workshop to discuss projects, acceptable activity parameters and volunteer opportunities as part of the transition to the Winters Natural Resource Commission/Committee (WNRC). Improvement for better access down to creek was two areas of concern were the ramp behind community center and the railroad tie stairs at the east end of park. It was noted that if there is a public forum clear parameters and goals need to be outlined to ensure a productive and meaningful discussion.

PG & E Gas Line Project Update- Kathleen Trepka

PG & E is working on a dual track, the original boring proposal and the possibility of hanging the gas line off the car bridge. They did determine that abandoning the line and requiring customers to secure other gas options is not feasible. They are continuing their efforts to pursue necessary permits from resource agencies; however, the City won't grant an encroachment permit unless there is approval by WPCC and ultimately the Council would decide.

Goals Short and Long Term- All

The transition of WPCC to WNRC is expected to go to Council for approval on July 6th. Staff will be compiling staff report and Kate and Eric L. will be presenting our proposal. If approved next steps will require a new resolution and updates to by-laws, responsibilities, membership, meeting schedules and other items as needed. The July 2020 election of Chair and Vice Chair was determined to be invalid since the assumption that we had a quorum was incorrect, next steps on how to remedy this situation will be discussed at next meeting.

Action Items

1. None

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:15pm

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Member

Next meeting June 21, 2021 @6pm – Cancelled
Next meeting July 19, 2021