



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
Monday, July 19, 2021 6:00 pm
MINUTES – Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order 6:00

Present were:

Committee members: Kurt Balasek, Kate Laddish, Eric Larsen and Carol Scianna (6:18)

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

Others: Mark Grismer (UCD), Rich Marovich- SCWA-(Solano County Water Agency), Rick VanGeldern (Express)

Absent: Eric Jepsen and Amaya Jimenez,

Note-Agenda and Minutes approved after Discussion Item One completed when quorum was achieved

Motion to approve Agenda by Carol seconded Kate- Approved.

Motion to approve April Minutes by Eric L. seconded Kate - Approved

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. Restoration Project Updates- Mark Grismer shared a power point (attached) detailing groundwater monitoring in the Nature Park and other areas along the creek. Discussion included recharge issues due to draught and clay soil layers that were odd.

2. Nature Park Extension Project Update- Kenny Liner

The contract with PCC and the City is completed and a walkthrough was conducted recently with Kenny, Amy Williams (Yolo RCD), and City Staff. Information was shared with Public Works staff regarding needed ongoing maintenance and best practices moving forward. Kenny would like to plan a walkthrough with the WPCC, one option discussed was meeting at the WPNE site before or after our August meeting. Interpretative signs have been installed in two locations at the site.

3. Putah Creek Council Update- Kenny Liner

PCC has requested additional funds from SCWA to support more volunteer events in the Nature Park. The additional funds were budgeted, which will enable PCC to host one event per month in the Nature Park or the Nature Park Extension.

4. Solano RCD Update- Chris Rose

Yolo RCD, PCC continue to work on arrundo eradication project in Pleasants and Putah Creeks. These efforts are going strong this first year with follow up efforts ongoing for the next 3 years

5. Nature Park Maintenance/ Activities & Salmon Festival- Carol Scianna



No updates on maintenance. The Salmon Committee partners have met and have begun planning for this year's Salmon Festival on November 6th. Carol suggested that the WPCC take a more active role in this year's event by co-sponsoring and/or perhaps having an information booth. There was support from the group to be more involved with the event this year. Kurt hopes to be available to attend next Festival meeting to learn more about needed tasks that WPCC can help with. Carol will keep the group informed as planning moves forward.

6. PG & E Gas Line Project Update- Kristine DeGuerre

No update

7. Goals Short and Long Term- All

The transition of WPCC to Winters Natural Resource Committee (WNRC) will be on the July 20th agenda. There will also be a Council agenda item to discuss the Climate Action Plan Committee (CAPC) formation and the possibility of combining the WNRC and CAPC into one committee. Council is aware that neither WPCC or CAP Board support the one committee idea. If WPCC transition is approved next steps will require a new resolution, updates to by-laws, responsibilities, membership, meeting schedules and other items as needed.

Action Items

1. Commission Reorganization- Chair and Vice Chair

There were nominations made in January 2020 for Kurt as Chair and Dennis as Vice Chair, however no official vote has taken place. These nominations were reaffirmed and the vote was called and approved. It was noted that terms would be 2 years from today's meeting.

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:33 pm.

Next Meeting is August 16th

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Member