



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021 6:00 pm
MINUTES – Meeting via Zoom-Revised

Meeting Called to Order 6:05

Present were:

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

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: Rich Marovich- SCWA-(Solano County Water Agency), Alli Permann (PCC)

Absent: Amaya Jimenez

Motion to approve Agenda by Dennis seconded Carol- Approved.

Motion to approve April Minutes as amended by Kate. seconded Carol - Approved

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. Restoration Project Updates- Rich

There have been 56 trees planted in Phase 2 area. Irrigation is ongoing as needed and eucalyptus sprouts have been removed.

2. Nature Park Extension Project Update- Kenny Liner

The contract for this project is completed and this item can be removed from future agendas. A site tour will be planned when weather is cooler.

3. Putah Creek Council Update- Kenny Liner

Nursery is off to a great start. Intern programs have started with Covid protocols implemented. A new volunteer coordinator was hired recently. Eric L. expressed concerns regarding two campfire sites located in park on south bank near Hwy. 505. Kenny offered to go and talk to people making campfires if called. He suggested we talk with Fire Safe Council people for more information. Eric J. would like to see more aggressive weed management efforts earlier in the season. Alli reported PCC will be joining Coastal Cleanup efforts on September 18, locations TBD.

4. Solano RCD Update- Chris Rose

Resprouting arrundo continues to be retreated. Almost all landowners have signed on to the ongoing eradication efforts in Pleasants and Putah Creeks. Several Fire Safe Councils are being formed in both Solano and Yolo County areas surrounding Winters. Chris was interested in finding funds for Tree of Heaven eradication and asked if the City still has funds to help with these efforts, as were provided previously. Rich stated that LPCCC funds may be available to help with these efforts.

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



No updates on maintenance. The Salmon Committee partners are discussing options for locations to host the festival. Carol will keep the group informed as planning moves forward.

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

Rich was able to inform committee that PG&E will be required to obtain several permits and his estimate is that it could take 3 years for them to secure these permits.

7. Goals Short and Long Term- All

On July 20th Kate and Eric L presented proposal to Council to expand the WPCC to the Winters Natural Resource Committee (WNRC). Council supported this change and supported the acceptance of committee members living outside of the city limits. The Council also agreed that the Climate Action Committee being created should be a separate committee and not combined with WNRC. A new resolution is being drafted by staff and may be going back to Council on September 7th meeting. It was noted that list of categories that were part of the proposal is not a definitive list and should not limit discussion of other topics.

Action Items

None

Chair adjourned meeting at 6:42 pm.

Next Meeting is September 20th

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Member