



Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022 6:00 pm
MINUTES – Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order 6:00

Present were:

Commission Members: Kurt Balasek, Dennis, Kilkenny, Kate Laddish, Eric Larsen, Eric Jepsen (6:05).and Carol Scianna

Liaison members: Bill Biasi (City Council), Kristine DeGuerre (City) and Alli Permann (PCC- Putah Creek Council)

Others: Kathleen Trepa (City Manager), Rick von Geldern (Winters Express)

Absent: Chris Rose (RCD- Resource Conservation District) & Planning Commission)

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

Motion to approve November 2021 Minutes by Dennis seconded Kate. - Approved

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. Work Plan Development Goal Setting- All-

There is consensus to work on City Tree Policy as our first project. Kurt and Carol will form an Ad Hoc committee to work on finalizing work plan/Tree Policy Project and bring back to the group at the February meeting. Any comments/additions to work plan should go to Kristine, who will pass on to the Ad Hoc committee. Eric L will compile a list of topics of interest to share. Items from November minutes will be added to work plan as well as the following: Sustainable Groundwater Management Updates, Vegetation Management Plan and Storm Water Permit Updates.

- NRC members to be notified regarding upcoming development and planning projects, public meetings, EIR etc.
- There was also interest in having an NRC member be a liaison on the newly forming Climate Action Commission (CAC). Carol was recommended by Kate to be this liaison. Recruitment for CAC formation is ongoing.
- Kate asked about street lighting and its impact on birds, insects and night sky issues, and wondered if this is something we should look at. City Manager stated that typically City's engineering and public works staff oversees lighting specifications, including form and functionality of lighting options.
- Rich proposed working with Dry Creek residents to develop native planting opportunities to help with erosion issues. These efforts could include resident education, outreach and enlisting neighborhood volunteers.



- Kate suggested we work on education and outreach regarding community resilience to wildfires, targeting residents within the City. Yolo RCD would be a good resource to help with these efforts.
2. Restoration Project Updates- Max Stevenson
No updates
 3. Putah Creek Updates- Phil/ Alli
Upcoming event planned for the Nature Park, planting acorns, buckeye, and forbs on Saturday 1/15. There will be one event per month scheduled at the Nature Park, suggestion regarding projects are welcome. Also ongoing nursery scheduled. The One Creek group activities begins in February and again suggestions are welcome for projects. Spring Clean up event will be in March or April.
 4. Solano RCD Update- Kurt
RCD is working with Solano and Yolo Fire Safe Councils and arundo removal efforts are ongoing.

It was noted that members who would like to add items to the agenda should contact Kristine by the Tuesday 5pm prior to meeting

Action Items

None

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:04 pm.

Next Meeting is February 28th due to Presidents Day Holiday

Future Meeting Topics will be added as a standing item to Agendas

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Member