



Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Monday, May 15, 2023 6:00_pm

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Meeting Called to Order 6:07

Present were:

Commission Members: Kurt Balasek, Melanie Ellison, Eric Jepsen, and Kate Laddish and Liaison members: Kristine DeGuerre (City), Phil Stevens (PCC-Putah Creek Council), Max Stevenson (StreamKeeper) and Carol Scianna (City Council)

Others: Alan Hirsch

Absent: Rich Marovich and Dennis Kilkenny and Chris Rose (Solano RCD- Resource Conservation District & Planning Commission),

Motion to approve Agenda by Melanie seconded Kate with changes to include light pollution and brown act as future topics– Unanimously Approved.

Motion to approve April minutes Kate seconded Eric – Unanimously Approved

Public Comments

Alan Hirsch shared a presentation detailing concerns about the Yolo County portion of the Interstate 80 widening project.

Discussion Items

1. Nature Park Management-Clarify Maintenance Roles- Kristine
A recap of Max's meeting notes from our partners meeting on 2/27/23 was shared. Historically areas of responsibility have been: The City managing areas behind homes to top of bank and lower areas are tended by volunteer Don Sanders and SCWA staff with Duc Jones taking the lead. There was consensus to review the Vegetation Management Plan annually each July and coming up with a 5-year plan would be ideal. An ad hoc committee to be formed at June meeting. Homeless camps are a current concern.
2. Master Tree List - No new comments. Melanie will bring the updated version to the June meeting for final review by NRC. Next steps are sending the list to the Planning Commission for review and ultimately to Council. Once approved by Council, the updated list will be incorporated into the City's Standards for Construction.
3. Review Workplan Tracking Tool- Update-Kate
Recently awarded Oak Tree Planting Grant (see below) to be added to the plan.
4. LPCCC -Stream Keeper Update - The Putah Creek Water Management Plan is a big project that the LPCCC has been working on. Max also shared a groundwater presentation with members.



5. Sacramento Westside IRWM Grant Update- Kristine
The City was awarded \$5000 from the Westside IRWMP. The project will plant trees on the south side of the paved trail with deep mulch. The area is 3,000 ft long and the trees will be planted 60 ft apart in the spring of 2024.
6. Putah Creek Updates-Phil
The Creek Cleanup Event on 4/22 was successful. There were 90 volunteers from Davis and 17 from Winters. The Putah Creek Club has been resurrected thanks to Melanie and a grant from the School District. Sixth graders are participating on Thursdays for 6 weeks. They are working on the pollinator garden by PG&E facility.
7. Solano RCD Update- No Report
It was suggested that Chris could provide updates to NRC using his packet of information given to RCD Board
8. City Update- Kristine (motorized vehicles & plank bridges)
We need better signage for enforcement to keep vehicles out of Nature Park. Both plank bridges have been installed.
9. Climate Action Commission – Carol
The WCAC will be awarded a grant from YSAQMD to purchase and install bike racks downtown and promote existing bike routes throughout town.
10. Future Meeting Topics-All
 - Groundwater conditions presentation by Grant Davids
 - Alan Hirsch information
 - Light pollution
 - Brown Act

Chair adjourned meeting at 8:01pm

Next Meeting will be a Special Meeting on June 26th in person at City Hall Conference Room as the regularly scheduled meeting time of June 19th falls on a City Holiday.

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Member