



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

SPECIAL MEETING

February 20, 2013

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Paul Bullock, Lee Moldaver, Betsy Weber, Natasha Lohmus, Danielle De Smeth

Committee members absent: LeeAnne French, Stephen Macintosh

Liaison members present: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Megan Alley

Liaison members absent: Planning Commissioner Michael Jordan, Council Member Frank Hotchkiss

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Creeks Supervisor George Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Weber/DeSmeth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2012.

Vote:

Voice vote 4/0

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

Lee Moldaver arrived 5:37

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Frickman provided information on a fish passage barrier removal project in Rattlesnake Creek by the Urban Creeks Council.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Weber to nominate Ms. DeSmeth as Vice Chair.

Vote:

Voice vote 4/0 DeSmeth abstain

8. BUSINESS ITEM

a. City of Santa Barbara Street Sweeping Program

Recommendation: That the Committee receive a presentation and discuss the City of Santa Barbara Street Sweeping Program.

Documents:

Power Point Presentation – February 2013

Speakers:

Browning Allen, Transportation, Streets and Parking Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding the revenue shown for parking citations, if street sweeping reserve funds transferred to the general fund will be given back at a later date, how many street sweepers are used, if the street sweeping after parades, etc. comes out of the same contract, if the Parks and Recreation portion comes from Measure B, why the Measure B contribution continues to increase and the Streets contribution does not, what the reserve funds transferred to the general fund were used for, if some neighborhoods could be changed to have street sweeping decreased to once a month instead of twice a month based on data of debris collected, whether citations are given in non-signed areas, if the contractor handles the disposal, if it is necessary for the City to have its own sweeper; and, why the amount being paid to the Police continues to increase significantly while revenue from citations does not.

Mr. Allen reported that out of every citation, \$32 is given to the Street Sweeping Program, the remaining amount is split between the police the courts, that it would be up to the mayor and city council to decide what is done with the money transferred to the general fund, that the contractor has a fleet of half a dozen sweepers and the City owns one, that post parade cleanup is done by the contractor and the City and is included in the contract, that the Parks & Recreation contribution is made from Measure B funds, that a decision was made to continue to increase the Measure B contribution and the Streets Department's contribution does not increase due to the fact that the Department does not have more funds to contribute, that the amount transferred to the general fund was used to balance the budget, that Measure B money funds the residential areas and the Streets money funds the commercial areas, that debris collected has not decreased significantly in any area since the program was started, that citations are not given in non-signed areas, that the trade off is the enforcement costs goes down, that the majority of debris is collected in the residential area, however an analysis has not been done to measure the water quality effectiveness in those areas, that the contractor

collects debris and it is brought to the city yard where Marborg then disposes of it, that the sweeper is nearing replacement time and it is being evaluated at this time whether or not it will be replaced; and, that the amount charged by Police is issued by Finance and is an allocated cost.

b. Mission Creek Steelhead Passage Projects - Update

Recommendation: That the Committee receive a presentation on the Steelhead Passage Projects on Mission Creek, and provide a recommendation to appropriate up to \$84,542 from the Creeks Reserve Fund to the Mission Creek Fish Passage Project – Phase 2 Lower Caltrans Channel and proceed with Phase 2 construction.

Documents:

Power Point Presentation – February 2013
Staff Report – February 2013

Speakers:

George Johnson, Creeks Supervisor

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding if the same contractor would be working on Phase 2 as did the work on Phase 1, if Steelhead return to the same stream as they were born in; and, will Steelhead be placed in the creek after the project is complete.

Mr. Johnson reported that the contractor who worked on Phase 1 did not submit a bid for Phase 2, that it is his understanding that Steelhead do go up the same or different streams to spawn than where they were born; and, that it is not his anticipation that it will be lawful or necessary to plant Steelhead in Mission Creek.

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Lohmus to recommend appropriation of up to \$84,542 from the Creeks Reserve Fund to the Mission Creek Fish Passage Project – Phase 2 Lower Caltrans Channel and proceed with Phase 2 Construction.

Vote:

Voice vote 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/Bullock to adjourn.

Vote:

Voice vote: 5/0

Ms. Weber adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Benson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "B".

Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager