



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

SPECIAL MEETING

May 21, 2014

Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street

CALL TO ORDER

Danielle De Smeth called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Committee members absent: LeeAnne French

Liaison members present: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jim Heaton

Liaison members absent: Council Member Gregg Hart, Planning Commissioner June Pujo

Staff present: Creeks Supervisor George Johnson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Water Quality Research Coordinator Jill Murray, Water Resources Specialist Jim Rumbley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Lohmus to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23, 2014.

Vote:

Voice vote 5/0. (Moldaver abstained, French absent)

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Johnson introduced Jim Heaton as the new interim Parks & Recreation Commission Liaison and reminded committee members of the Advisory Groups Workshop taking place on May 28th at the Faulker Gallery of the Santa Barbara Public Library.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. **UCSB Research on Microbial Source Tracking in the Arroyo Burro Watershed**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation by Dr. Jared Ervin from the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) on Microbial Source Tracking in the Arroyo Burro Watershed.

Documents:

Staff Report – May 2014
Power Point Presentation –May 2014

Speakers:

Jill Murray, Water Quality Research Coordinator, Dr. Jared Ervin, UCSB.

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding what kind of animals were found to be common sources of markers, if horse marker was included because of proximity to Earl Warren Showgrounds, suggestions for dog owners, the low levels of human marker in the surf zone, dog waste bag placement; and, plans to reduce sources to improve Arroyo Burro's grades on the Heal The Bay Report Card.

Mr. Ervin reported that there are different markers for cows and horses and that only marker for horses were found during the study, that the horse marker was specifically chosen due to proximity to the Showgrounds, and, that no human marker was found in the groundwater, however human markers were detected in low levels in the surf zone.

Ms. Murray reported that the best thing dog owners can do is to dispose of their dog waste immediately, that humans are not catching diseases from dogs, that there is potential to put in additional dog waste bag dispensers; and, that continued research is still needed to find the sources of the marker in order to reduce the fecal indicator bacteria in the lagoon.

b. Creeks Division Clean Water Business Program and Business Assistance Program – Status Report

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation and discuss the Creeks Division Clean Water Business Program and Business Assistance Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – May 2014
Power Point Presentation – May 2014

Speakers:

Jim Rumbley, Water Resources Specialist

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding the cost/benefit analysis of the program, where a list of the businesses is located; and, how social media and the web are being utilized to increase awareness of Creeks Division programs.

Mr. Rumbley reported that he is not aware of how much of a monetary savings the program provides to the city, that a list of participating businesses can be found on the City website; and that the Creeks Division Facebook page is monitored daily, and water quality violations can now be reported by phone as well as online.

ADJOURNMENT

Moldaver/Weber to adjourn.

Ms. DeSmeth adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Benson", written over a horizontal line.

Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager