



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

REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2011

DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 Garden St.

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Committee members absent: LeeAnne French

Liaison members present: Planning Commissioner Michael Jordan , Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Casebeer

Liaison members absent: Council Member Michael Self

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Public Works Principal Engineer John Ewasiuk, Creeks Planner George Thomson, Water Quality Research Coordinator Jill Murray

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Macintosh to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 26, 2011.

Vote:

Voice vote 6/0

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

City Council reappointed Mr. Bullock, Mr. Moldaver, Mr. Macintosh and Ms. Weber to the Committee at their meeting on December 13, 2011.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. 2012 Regular Meeting Schedule

Recommendation:

That the Committee review and approve the 2012 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Documents:

2012 Regular Meeting Schedule

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/Lohmus to approve the 2012 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Vote:

Voice Vote 6/0

b. Mason Street Bridge Replacement Project Liason Report

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a report and discuss the Mason Street Bridge Replacement Project.

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/ Clean Water Manager, Lee Moldaver, Committee Liason

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee Members asked questions regarding the slope of the creek bank in the habitat expansion zone of the project, whether any restoration will occur on the West side of the creek, how the existing Sycamore tree can be saved, how the project will affect adjacent homeowners, whether sidewalks will be installed on the west side of Kimberly St, whether the bridge rail will be solid or contain open spaces, relocating the existing abandoned storm drain pipe to increase sloped bank on the east side of the creek, upstream of the bridge, whether the rocks in the habitat expansion zone will be submerged or exposed, preserving the feel of the neighborhood, whether Kimberly Street can be made one-way; and, eliminating parking on the bridge to minimize the width.

Mr. Macintosh left at 6:40

Mr Ewasiuk reported that research is being done on options for preserving the Sycamore tree, that talks are taking place with private property owners on the west side of the creek to have trees planted, that Kimberly street will need to have a fixed width whether it is one-way or two-ways, that the current plans include a sidewalk on the west side of Kimberly; and, that options for railings will be presented to the HLC in January.

Mr Benson reported that the proposed Habitat Expansion Zone design provides for two different habitat areas, and also discourages public from using it as an entry/exit to the creek; and, that the current structure on the west side of the upstream side of the bridge will be protected in place.

Motion:

Committee member Moldaver/Lohmus to summarize recommendations and forward to the Historic Landmarks Commission for their January 18th meeting.

Vote:

Voice vote 5/0

c. Water Quality Research Program Update and Modifications

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive an update on the Water Quality Research and Monitoring Program and concur with the staff recommendation to modify the research plan for Fiscal Year 2012.

Speakers:

Jill Murray, Water Quality Research Coordinator

Motion:

Committee members De Smeth/Weber to approve the modifications to the FY12 Water Quality Research and Monitoring Plan.

Vote:

Voice Vote 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Committee members Bullock/Moldaver to adjourn.

Mr. Bullock adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager