



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

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**October 26, 2011**

**Casa Las Palmas Meeting Room, 323 E Cabrillo Blvd.**

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**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, LeeAnne French, Lee Moldaver, Betsy Weber, Stephen Macintosh

Committee members absent: Natasha Lohmus

Liaison members present:

Liaison members absent: Planning Commissioner Michael Jordan , Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Casebeer, Council Member Michael Self

Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Creeks Planner George Thomson, City Engineer/ Assistant Public Works Director Pat Kelly, Public Works Principal Engineer John Ewasiuk

Others Present: Tom Conti, Bengal Engineering, David Black, David R Black & Assoc Landscape Architect

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/De Smeth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 2011, and the site visits of July 20, and September 21, 2011.

Vote:

June 15: Voice vote 5/0 (Macintosh abstain) July 20: Voice vote 5/0 (French abstain)  
September 21: Voice vote 4/0 (Bullock/Weber abstain)

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Mason Street Bridge Replacement Project**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation, discuss the Mason Street Bridge Replacement Project, provide comments regarding the proposed project design, and appoint a liaison from the Committee to serve as a liaison for the project as it moves through the design review and approval process.

Documents:

Staff Report – October 2011

Speakers:

John Ewasiuk, Principal Civil Engineer

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions and made comments regarding the width of the bridge including sidewalks and the amount of creek and banks being covered, whether the potential Children's Museum had an effect on the Kimberly Road width and bridge, the projected traffic increases in the area and whether these projections conflicted with the Plan Santa Barbara goals of decreasing car traffic and encouraging alternative transportation, whether it is necessary to have an additional bus drop off location in this area, whether the Sycamore tree at Mason street could be saved, how the level of slope will affect the ability of wildlife to enter and leave the creek, the feasibility of moving Kimberly to the east to be further away from the top of the creek bank, the possibility of turning Kimberly into a one way street; and, whether the openings in the railings can be decreased in width to discourage bottles and cans to be pushed through into the creek below.

Mr. Ewasiuk reported that the bridge will be 36 feet wide continuing with the road width plus 12 feet of sidewalk on either side which is consistent with future sidewalk plans, that the new bridge design eliminates the "wedge" design by moving Kimberly street onto the adjacent parcel increasing area open to the creek below, that the traffic design is dictated by the City's Transportation Department and based on traffic flow in the area and the needs/wants of the property owners in the area, as well as keeping consistent with the requirements of the future Entrada project near Mason; and, that Kimberly Street will be moved toward the east onto a portion of the parcel in which it encroaches which, along with additional property purchases, will increase habitat restoration areas along the creek.

Mr. Conti reported that the minimum height required for railings is 48 inches; and, that it would significantly impact the engineering of the project to attempt to build around the Sycamore tree.

Mr. Thomson reported that mitigation requirements within the plans specify that if in five years growth has not happened on the sloped and restored areas of the creek that steps will be taken to ensure that it will in the future.

**APPOINTMENT OF LIASON – For Action**

Motion:

Committee members De Smeth/Bullock to appoint Ms. French as Liason and Mr. Moldaver as alternate.

Vote:

Voice Vote 5/0

**b. Fiscal Years 2013 – 2018 Proposed Capital Improvement Program**

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation and discuss the proposed Creeks Division Capital improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2013 - 2018.

Documents:

Staff Report – October 2011

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/ Clean Water Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding whether we have obtained the grant funds shown, if all the grants for 2012 have been secured; and, what restoration efforts are planned for Honda Valley.

Mr. Benson reported that grant funds are speculative and based on known programs and grants we anticipate receiving, that all 2012 grants except those for the Cal Trans Channel have been awarded; and that the Honda Valley project will focus mostly on non-native plant removal and creek restoration.

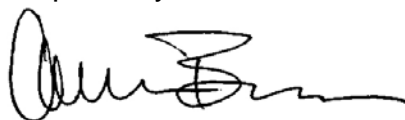
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion:

Committee members Weber/MacIntosh to adjourn.

Mr. Bullock adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager