



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

SPECIAL MEETING

October 17, 2012

Casa Las Palmas Meeting Room, 323 E Cabrillo Blvd.

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Bullock called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Paul Bullock, LeeAnne French, Lee Moldaver, Betsy Weber, Stephen Macintosh, Natasha Lohmus

Committee members absent: Danielle De Smeth

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

Liaison members absent: Council Member Frank Hotchkiss

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

Others Present:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Macintosh to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of May 16, 2012 and June 20, 2012, and site visit of August 14, 2012.

Vote:

June 15: Voice vote 4/0 (Lohmus abstain)

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Lee Anne French arrived 5:37

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. 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 2014 – 2019, and recommend that City Council approve the proposed program.

Documents:

Staff Report – October 2012

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/ Clean Water Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding how projects are prioritized, which of the projects listed are currently active or would be implemented during Fiscal Year 2013, whether a partnership could be arranged with the owner of undeveloped property adjacent to Arroyo Burro Creek; and, what restoration efforts are currently planned for Rattlesnake Creek.

Mr. Benson reported that projects timeline are determined by effectiveness, outreach capability, fundability, levels of complexity, as well as biological necessity, that projects in Las Positas Valley, Lower Arroyo Burro Creek, Mission Creek, Sycamore Creek, Mission Lagoon/ Laguna Creek, the Andree Clark Bird Refuge, Lower Mission Creek, and Storm Water Infiltration projects throughout the city are either scheduled for Fiscal Year 2013 planning or implementation, that the Creeks Division is unsure of the property owner's plans for the Arroyo Burro area; and that although the Rattlesnake Creek area is a priority, a large Steelhead passage project was just completed in Mission Creek and the Division needs to diversify the focus of projects.

A comment letter from Hillary Hauser and James O. Hawkins of Heal the Ocean was received in support of the recommendation. Copies of the letter were inadvertently not passed out to committee members during the meeting. A copy of the letter is included as an attachment to these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/Weber to adjourn.

Mr. Bullock adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager