



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

REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 2016

Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Moldaver called the meeting to order at 5:41pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Lee Moldaver, Betsy Weber, Natasha Lohmus, Penny Owens

Committee members absent: Paul Bullock, James Hawkins, Danielle De Smeth

Liaison members present: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jim Heaton

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

Staff present: Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Division Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration Planner Erin Markey, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Owens/Lohmus to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2016.

Vote:

Voice vote 3/0. (Lohmus abstain, Hawkins, Bullock, and DeSmeth absent)

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. UPPER ARROYO BURRO RESTORATION AT BARGER CANYON PROJECT

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation on the Upper Arroyo Burro Restoration at Barger Canyon Project.

Documents:

Staff Report – April 2016

Power Point – April 2016

Speakers:

Erin Markey, Creeks Restoration Planner

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding whether bird nesting surveys would be done before removing willows, if the plantings were designed not only for cover but also for food, what steps would be taken to ensure plants and trees will survive; and, whether recycled water could be used from the Cater Water Treatment Center for irrigation.

Ms. Markey reported that there will be bird surveys two weeks prior to tree removal, that both Elderberry and Blackberry will be included to provide food to habitants, the project includes a plan to help survival; and, that the project lies within the Goleta Water District.

b. FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET

Recommendation:

That the committee recommend approval of the proposed Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2017 Budget to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Documents:

Staff Report – April 2016
Power Point – April 2016

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked whether City Council had any questions regarding the budget as submitted on April 19, 2016.

Mr. Benson reported that no specific questions regarding the Creeks Division budget were asked by Council.

Motion:

Weber/Lohmus to recommend approval of the proposed Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2017 Budget to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Voice vote: 4/0 (Hawkins, Bullock, and DeSmeth absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Lohmus/Owens to adjourn.

Chair Moldaver adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager