



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

SPECIAL MEETING

December 14, 2016

Parks & Recreation Conference Room, 620 Laguna Street

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Moldaver called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Lee Moldaver, Vice Chair Penny Owens, Kristi Klose, Natasha Lohmus

Committee members absent: Betsy Weber, Danielle De Smeth

Liaison members present: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Andria Martinez-Cohen

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

Staff present: Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Division Supervisor George Johnson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Creeks Outreach Coordinator Liz Smith, Creeks Planner Erin Markey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Owens/Moldaver to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 16, 2016.

Vote:

Voice vote 3/0. (Lohmus abstain, Weber absent, DeSmeth absent)

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – FOR ACTION

Committee members requested this item be moved to the following meeting due to the number of member's not in attendance.

2017 SUBCOMMITTEE APOINTMENTS – FOR ACTION

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BUSINESS ITEMS

a. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive an update on the Creeks Division's Education and Outreach Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – December 2016

Speakers:

Liz Smith, Creeks Outreach Coordinator

b. INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL UPDATE

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive an update on the Creeks Division's Invasive Plant Removal Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – December 2016

Speakers:

Erin Markey, Creeks Planner

Committee members asked questions regarding whether chipping arundo would make it no longer viable; if work was done from the top of the creek towards the beach; and, if arundo was used ornamentally in landscaping.

Ms. Markey responded that once chipped, arundo does not contain enough biomes to regenerate roots and dries out faster; that mostly work is done from the top down but can be dependent on access on private property; and, that some property owners choose to use arundo for privacy, sound barriers, and ornamental reasons.

c. 2017 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Recommendation:

That the Committee review and approve the 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Documents:

Staff Report – December 2016
Draft Meeting Schedule

Speakers:

George Johnson, Creeks Supervisor

Motion:

Lohmus/Owens to recommend that the Committee adopt the 2017 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented.

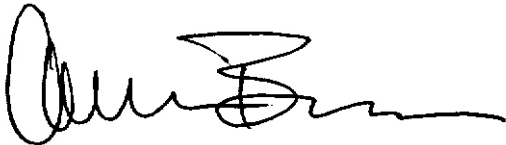
Voice vote: 4/0 (Weber absent, DeSmeth absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Weber/Owens to adjourn.

Chair Moldaver adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Benson', written in a cursive style.

Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager