



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

REGULAR MEETING

April 26, 2017

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Moldaver called the meeting to order at 5:39pm.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Chair Penny Owens, Lee Moldaver, Betsy Weber, Natasha Lohmus, Danielle De Smeth, Kristie Klose

Committee members absent:

Liaison members present:

Liaison members absent: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jim Heaton, Planning Commissioner June Pujo, Council Member Gregg Hart

Staff present: Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Division Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Creeks Supervisor George Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Lohmus to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2016.

Vote:

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

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – For Action

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/Lohmus to elect Lee Moldaver as Vice Chair.

Vote:

Voice vote 4/0. (Moldaver abstain)

2017 SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – For Action

Motion:

For 2017, it is recommended that the Committee appoint Danielle Desmeth, Penny Owens, and Lee Moldaver to the Budget Subcommittee and Penny Owens, Betsy Weber, Natasha Lohmus to the “ad hoc” Education and Outreach Subcommittee.

Vote:

Voice vote 6/0.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. CREEKS DIVISION 2017 REPORT

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a presentation on the Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Improvement Division's 2017 Report.

Documents:

Staff Report – April 2017

Power Point – April 2017

Speakers:

George Johnson, Creeks Supervisor

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding water quality and the presence of fish in the Bird Refuge.

Mr. Johnson responded that the water quality in the Bird Refuge is poor and weekly samples are taken to monitor status, that various fish have been reported however during the drought, oxygen levels were low enough that it is not believed that any fish survived; and, that a consultant is currently working on a design to improve circulation in order to improve water quality and wildlife habitat conditions.

b. FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET

Recommendation:

That the committee recommend approval of the proposed Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Documents:

Staff Report – April 2017

Power Point – April 2017

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Manager

Committee Questions/Discussion:

None

Motion:

Weber/Moldaver to recommend approval of the proposed Creeks Division Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council.

Voice vote: 6/0

ADJOURNMENT

Weber/Lohmus to adjourn.

Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Benson', written over a horizontal line.

Cameron Benson
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager