

Laguna Creek Watershed Council Board Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2013, 6:30 pm
Nancy's house – Sheldon Rd., Elk Grove

Attending: Nancy Myers, Sheri Noblett, Amanda Platt, Alta Tura, Barbara Washburn

Meeting was called to order by Barbara at 6:50

Minutes Minutes from December 11, 2012 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer, Mindy Cecchettini submitted a letter of resignation to President, Barbara Washburn on 12-28-2012. Barbara reports that Mindy sent a thank-you for the Certificate of Appreciation that was presented to her at the February 3 LCWC board & member recognition lunch. Barbara reports the bank balance is \$655.

501c3 IRS report: Our status is restored. Greg Suba has received another form and will send on to Barbara. We should prepare a calendar of non-profit tasks such as tax filings and renewal fees.

Election of new Treasurer – Sheri Noblett nominated (Alta 1, Barbara 2) Motion passed 5-0. Sheri, Barbara & Mindy will take care of changing the bank account information and mailing address.

Planning for Cruise the Creek – Sheri is the lead. Sunday, June 2 from 10 until noon. We will cover the same stretch as the October tour and meet at Del Meyer Park again. Fewer stops to keep the length to two hours.

- Sheri will get contact information on a beaver expert Solei mentioned for the Island stop. Turtles would also be a good topic for this stop.
- Alta will contact Bonnie Ross for the Wetland stop.
- Nancy & Barbara will take care of the Camden Lake weir stop, Nancy for vernal pools and the new vp interpretive sign, Barbara for the eutrophication issue.
- Sheri will research doing a stop at the new paved segment west of the RR trestle that would cover the creek and connections to the neighborhood. Sheri will contact Mark Doty, neighbor who serves on the trails committee, to see if he would be available to do a presentation here. markjdoty@yahoo.com
- Publicity will be more robust this time. Facebook, Eventbrite, and other social media announcements. Flyers for the CSD, Greener Gardens/Creek Week, Walk on the WildSide.

Discussion of Work Plan Update

The group discussed Barbara's draft. Some additions and changes were suggested.

- Barbara will send a new draft for us all to review and comment further. Highlights of the discussion are below.

Beaver Position for LCWC – We discussed the need for LCWC to develop a position. Over the last year, the LCWC has been contacted by residents reporting sightings of beaver carcasses around Camden Lake. The City of Elk Grove has a Beaver Management Policy, but it lacks many details and clearly defined criteria for removal/culling of beaver. Nancy has sent us the Elk Grove beaver policy. Barbara has found some progressive policies from other areas of the country. The group decided this should be included in our Work Plan, recognizing it is an emotional issue that should be addressed with caution.

Identifying a Funding Source for a Part-Time Watershed Coordinator – The group agrees this should be pursued. Carmel will research the possibility of finding some funds through RWA. Amanda suggests we look for funding for specific projects since "Watershed Coordinator" funding is a thing of the past. Gregg Bates can also advise us.

Community Outreach – Add Development of Invasive Plant Program, Adopt-A-Creek, upgrading our exhibit.

Discussion of Judy Waegell Memorial Garden – The group decided to hold off on this topic for now. Discussion of two possible sites follows.

Donna Dean Memorial Garden is slated to be re-named. The group decides this may not be the most appropriate spot for a variety of reasons.

Upper Laguna Creek – There are opportunities for new protected open space/preserves closer to Judy's home, such as near Triangle Rock. This could be in collaboration with SVC.

Update on Creek Week Activities in Sac & EG – The clean-up is Saturday, April 13.

Update on Greener Gardens Event – The GG event will be in collaboration with the CSD at Miwok Park on April 13. This will save money and human resources. Refreshments will also be made available to GG participants. The GG event will continue after the Creek Week Celebration ends. 15 confirmed gardens for the tour. They will be concentrated in a different area of Elk Grove this year. The tour sphere will change each year. A docent will be at the demonstration rain garden from 11 until 3. Plant id labels will be installed in EG Community Park. The website will be up and running soon. Wait until it is live to hand out event flyers.

Website & Blog Barbara and Amanda will meet with Betsy soon to work out the bugs. Amanda is still unable to post our minutes on the website. We should let Amanda know when we would like to be scheduled for a blog post. Call to action postings are most effective. They can be short.

Eutrophication of Camden Lake - Barbara and Nancy met with the CSD and EG. They agreed to put together a monitoring plan to determine where the nutrients are entering the system. Volunteers could be used for collecting samples, but professional analysis is needed because the data will be used to set policy.

- Amanda will share information from the Lodi Storm Drain Detective program which uses volunteers effectively.

New Board Member

This will be on our next agenda. One or two new members are needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted by Alta Tura, Secretary

Next meeting Tuesday, April 16, 6:30. Alta's house.

Tasks

See minutes above.

Ongoing responsibilities assigned at the June 2012 meeting are listed next page as a reminder:

Job	What is involved	Responsible Person
Monitoring email	Checking email twice a week. Following up on requests for information (finding the right person to do the follow up if needed)	Mindy
Responding to Report a Concern	Checking for reports and following up on them	Mindy
Monitoring EG Planning Commission and City Council agendas	Getting on the distribution list for these meetings. If items come up pertinent to our work, sending a note out to others and seeing if someone can attend the meeting	Nancy
General Membership meeting or Community events	Planning the agenda for these meetings.	Paul
Development activities	Receiving info on new development plans and responding to them as appropriate	Barbara
Website	Staying on top of website, adding new events, coordinating weekly blog entries	Amanda
Blog	Writing up a paragraph or two about every six weeks on a topic of interest to you	Amanda
EG Signage Committee (short term)	Work with EG and CCSD to develop a strategy for signs. Point person for contact re: new opportunities.	Sheri