



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

REGULAR MEETING

May 16, 2012

David Gebhard Meeting Room, 630 Garden St.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Betsy Weber called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Betsy Weber, LeeAnne French, Lee Moldaver, Danielle DeSmeth, Annie Marroquin

Committee members absent: Paul Bullock, Natasha Lohmus, Stephen Macintosh,

Liaison members present: Planning Commissioner Michael Jordan

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Staff present: Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Administrative Specialist Jen Hollywood, Water Resources Specialist Autumn Malanca, Education & Outreach Coordinator Liz Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

Committee Members Moldaver/DeSmeth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2012.

Vote:

Voice vote 3/0 Mr. Moldaver abstained

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Storm Water Management Program Update Report

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a status report on the City's Storm Water Management Program.

Speakers:

Autumn Malanca, Water Resources Specialist

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak.

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding the ramifications of the expired Statewide General Permit, collaboration with the county, if the rewriting of the permit was affected by the sewer system repairs involved in the Channelkeeper lawsuit, how commercial buildings are chosen for inspection; and, the steps involved in being certified as a Clean Water Business.

Ms. Malanca reported that the current Statewide General Permit remains in effect until the new General Permit is approved, intergovernmental meetings are led by the county every few months to share information and ideas, the City's sewer system is a completely different system of pipes and is not included in the SWMP, size requirements within the SWMP were used to compile commercial parcels that fit within the requirements and those with the most potential for stormwater issues were selected for inspection, Businesses can call if they are interested in the certification program and meet with a Creeks employee to go over the checklist and do a walkthrough to find potential for water quality improvements.

Mr. Benson reported that it can be helpful for a large regulated organization to come in during this time to receive training and outreach, the City owns 8 commercial parcels which are 100,000 sq ft or larger and now all 8 are inspected yearly; and, that the goal is to inspect all facilities within the city both public and private to try and develop the best water pollution prevention programs possible.

b. Creeks Division Education & Outreach Program Update

Recommendation:

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

Speakers:

Liz Smith, Creeks Restoration and Water Quality Manager

Public Comment:

No one wished to speak

Committee Questions/Discussion:

Committee members asked questions regarding the biggest success in the current year and potential challenges for the future year, how the community

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can get involved in the clean up day in June; and, how surveys are conducted.

Ms. Smith reported that educational outreach to the youth is very successful in that kids will relay what they have learned to their parents, the Looking Good SB website contains information on the Community Clean Up Day on Sat June 2nd at 9 am; and, that surveys are conducted in both English and Spanish via phone in the South County.

Mr. Benson reported that the company that conducts the survey will present to the committee about how the process will be handled and results calculated.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/French to adjourn.

Ms. Weber adjourned the meeting at 6:27 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