

Land Stewardship Committee meeting

February 24 2017

Attendees: Jody Angel, Janine Aroyan, Tish Brown, Ken Masterton, Genie McNaughton, Mickey Murch

Absent: Jack Siedman, Vic Amoroso

Bike Path

Walk with Don Smith (2/12)

Damage from rain, lots of eroded soil over the path

Not possible to keep up dirt paths under winter rain conditions

Research on possible hardening path solutions indicates cost of about \$70K

We are looking at 4700 ft of path

Any grants possible (Tish might look up)?

More information about trail surfacing, what types of materials are available

The maintenance plan is not working as it needs someone who is able to work alone.

Some suggested Rob Lenhoff might be able to do it.

Janine heard of a soil morphologist (name) who has some ideas about preventing erosion

**ACTION:** Invite Don Smith to a meeting to talk about what to do, look up the soil morphologist (Janine), invite friend of Genie's who works on paths on the Peninsula to talk about his work (Genie)

Broom pulling event

Removed much small broom from knoll and large broom from fence across the path

Broom was left on the side of the path – ask Billy about final resting place

We should log in our hours (Genie has the sign in sheets, etc.) – adds up to approximately 30 hours of on the ground work plus 5 hours preparation

Thank you letters? To Juliana Mann, Walter Hoffman, Don Smith

Need flags to mark specific plants or areas that should be protected – did put white flags where we found oaks and other plants growing

Mickey noticed the Ribes we planted – yes, we put them in the right place, near the fence, so that they don't interfere with farm activities

To protect new and emerging plants – Mickey suggested surrounding them with large rings of compost and chips

**ACTION:** Next event, Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – need to deploy as before – advertisements, get tools from Judith, etc. Make a plan to be followed for these kinds of events.

CalFire Grant to lower fuel load in the steep area behind the knoll

BCPUD got the grant, have to have a plan by the end of the year, work to start in 2018

Genie sent Jennifer a copy of the knoll invasives removal proposal

Jennifer thinks the removal of the cotoneaster stand at the edge of the knoll might fit in to the CalFire work.

ACTION: Genie will call Jennifer to get an idea of whether this is feasible and what next steps would be (LSC should be involved in the planning as appropriate)..

If CalFire work is a go, what work Don M. do?

Take out the stand of broom and cotoneaster on the knoll

Build a compost pile with the material or take to Resource Recovery

ACTION: Ask Mike Aitken whether RR can take the debris from LSC removal efforts (Genie)

Status of Judith's plan

Ken is donating \$500 to the BCC to pay Judith for her work

Once donation is received, can it go to the BCPUD and then a check written to Judith?

Need an invoice and a plant list from Judith (Meg)

ACTION: Clarify money transfer process with Jennifer and ask Judith for above items (Meg)

Soil testing

Concern remains about possible contamination (metals and organic chemicals) of soil from surface or ground water moving from the treatment pond areas.

ACTION: Jody will review the information about soil testing (LEAGN?) and Genie will contact UC Extension to ask about soil contamination testing protocols.

Other

Janine mentioned that during the storms, water entered the pump station downtown. The source hasn't been identified, but as a result, the BCPUD has had to turn on the sprinklers more often in the sprayfields.

Next meetings; Friday, March 24 at 3:00 pm.