

BCPUD Land Stewardship Committee Meeting

March 18, 2016

Attendees: Jack, Jody, Janine, Tish, Ken, Meg, Genie

Absent: Vic (at Bolinas Lagoon meeting), Mickey

Agenda

1. Report – file (with corrections) sent to Belle to send to Pt Reyes Light. When reporters call, do we tell them that we speak as a committee or as individuals? Depends on the situation. For example, we might be at a meeting where a reporter asks a question about the report, the recommendations or the implementation of the recommendations. At a formal meeting, “the committee” speaks. When it’s one-on-one – phone, or in person – then we are speaking as individuals. No matter what, the press will write the story to appeal to readers, we should be aware of that. (The article in the Light was even and neutral in tone, no edges there).
2. Bike path – proposed budget is \$3200, was approved at the BCPUD meeting, sent to the finance committee. Some board members thought it might not be enough. This is just the path clearing task; board assumes that BCPUD will clear culverts, other tasks related to path maintenance. The staff, however, may not have the time to do that. Charlie and Rob Lenhoff, who work at Mesa Park, might be interested in doing the work manually. Rovon has a machine and insurance. Could the task be divided? The first effort should be considered a pilot. Someone on the LSC should be the point of contact, overseeing the project, setting up a protocol. **Tish will work with Don Smith and Ken to set up the project. Meg and Janine will be able to participate in the summer.**

Removing pampas grass (*Cortaderia* sp.) – **Janine will ask Don Murch for an estimate and timeframe – removal before the next BCPUD meeting.** What was the cost last year? \$600? Jennifer believes it was under \$500. **(Janine met with Don later in the week, he can remove pampas grass from both the sewer pond edge on Overlook and from the land for \$300 – 400.)**

3. Restoration – starting on the knoll. Ken spoke to Judith Lowry, who has agreed to come up with a plan. She asked for an outline of the area – we have Steve’s map taken from Google maps. Genie wrote to Judith suggesting that she try zeroing in on the area from Google maps. She advised that any native plant or planning be mulched with chips, for the obvious reason, keeping in moisture over the dry season, but also to keep them visible and thereby avoided by any machine moving effort.

Judith’s budget, which she sent by email, is \$5150. Those of us who met last weekend (3/19) at the site agreed that we could pledge to raise or donate \$300 each (x 5?) = \$1500. Would the BCPUD match the funds? And can Mickey help, donating in kind by using his machinery to remove cotoneaster and bring chips? **Who will get in touch with Mickey?** Asking for donations from the community, where will the money be kept? Could we open a bank account specifically

to accept money for the project? Could it be sent to the BCPUD and set up as a separate account? How to start? Phase 1: remove cotoneaster (machine), dig out roots (manual, volunteer labor) shouldn't cost anything.

4. Other BCPUD property – Meg and Genie surveilled the BCPUD-owned property on the Big Mesa. Meg got maps from the County, and Genie took pictures as they walked to the sites. ***They will put together a short report on what they found, with pictures and maps.*** Essentially, they found no encroachment on the parcels they visited and one site had a large stand of what they thought was Pacific reed grass growing on it. Another project would be to identify the plants growing on one or some of the parcels.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 22nd at 3:00 pm