

Land Stewardship Committee

Meeting minutes

March 29, 2019

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

Path

Although it is BCPUD policy that “unauthorized motorized vehicles” are prohibited from riding on the BCPUD land, apparently, children are still riding their ATVs there.

They’ve been seen on the knoll and near Parcel C. In fact, they go anywhere they like. The policy needs to be enforced. More signs are needed, especially up and down the bike path.

ACTION: Genie and Janine follow up with Jennifer

Maintenance: Problem with getting someone steady to commit to the few hours/month doesn’t bring many applicants. Mesa Park has the same problem. GM talked to Mike Gavetter (MP) and Jennie Pheiffer (School Board) and proposed that the three agencies get together to offer a steady two-three days a month , perhaps up to a week, to perform the specific tasks that each entity needs done.

Another item: the vegetation around the sharp bike path curve needs to be seriously cut back. This should be included in the action item.

ACTION: Genie (or anyone else?) will follow up with Jennifer

Knoll

At the broom pull, we discovered lots (!) of sprouting cotoneaster stumps in the area next to the knoll where the CalFire grant work was done. Don Murch will take them out at a cost of \$100/stump, but not until August, when he goes in to mow the land. We have weed cloth and can cover the stumps in the meantime to discourage new growth and make a recommendation to the BCPUD that stump removal be included in Don’s work as necessary.

ACTION: Have another workday on Sunday, 4/28 to cover the stumps. We need cloth (Genie will check on her supply) and stakes.

Review Judith Larner’s plan for the knoll: do a ground-truthing. Do we see the plants on her list coming into the knoll? We will continue our effort to pull invasives at regular intervals and protect the natives we see coming up.

ACTION: Take the plan to the site on the 28th, make a map of what we see. Make a recommendation to the BCPUD based on the information we gather.

Invasive removal with Melinda Stone, USF and BSUSD students. Meg and Genie worked with the group to remove scotch broom from areas surrounding the knoll.

Finances

We have \$1300, which is in the BCPUD books.

Is it time to develop a project for which we might apply for a small grant for supplies? Let's talk about this at our next meeting.

Soil test

No update

Other

BCPUD "unimproved lots" what is their status? Meg and Genie surveyed them several years ago, based on a list of sites from the BCPUD records. Genie provided the committee of some of them taken that day. Please advise if this should be put on next meeting agenda.

NEXT MEETING: Proposed for Friday May 3 at 3:00