

Land Stewardship Committee
Meeting May 10, 2019
Minutes

Attendees: Ken Masterton, Jody Angel, Meg Simonds, Janine Aroyan. Genie McNaughton; Vic Amoroso and Tish Brown on the phone

Path

Proposal to approach BCPUD, Mesa Park and School to share monthly maintenance of path from school, path on BCPUD land and miscellaneous maintenance at Mesa Park. At \$25/hour + 12%overhead for 8 hours, the cost to each agency would might \$200-300/month. Perhaps Michael Cavette (Mesa Park) would agree to take the oversight role.

ACTION: Genie spoke with Jennifer about the idea, will talk to Michael Cavette again and approach the school principal and report out at the next meeting.

Knoll

After the very successful CalFire project, the BCPUD is looking to plan maintenance activities. Some thought has been given to continuing to bring goats again from time to time. There is a concern, not for the goats that are fenced, but for the staging and support that they need, which was located on the knoll. Some of the plants that had been staked couldn't be found after the work, for example. The LSC would like to ensure that the emerging natives are protected whatever the decision for a maintenance plan.

The LSC removed cotoneaster saplings and covered stumps on Sunday, April 28. The objective is to see if covering the stumps makes removal manually easier. The other option is to hire Don Murch to remove a number of the stumps by machine. We'll be proposing to set another date to look at the knoll, what's growing and to remove invasive plants as possible.

ACTION: Set another work day: Sunday, June 9th (does not conflict with the sun festival)

At the same time, we propose to put together a report about the work the LSC has done on the knoll since the BCPUD approved our report with recommendations in 2016. The new report will be presented to the Board in July and will include summaries of the work days and hours, the interaction with USF and a list of the native plants we have identified on the site. It will include a request for support from the Board and may be useful for seeking funding from County and other environmental funding agencies.

Finances

The LSC \$1300 fund remains in the BCPUD system. To continue the work to remove invasive plants, we need some supplies, such as felt cloth, staples, stakes and signs. We would like to ask that our funds be matched by the BCPUD, which will be one of the recommendations in the report mentioned in the paragraph above.

Soil Test

No update

Other

Janine spoke with Melinda Stone about the LSC-USF event (3/29/2019). The students enjoyed removing invasive broom plants as they could see the results of their activity immediately. While there is broom to be removed around the knoll area, another place where broom is proliferating is on the land closer to the Olema-Bolinas Road. Perhaps they could work there as well. In any case, no event will occur until school starts again in the fall. Walter Hoffman would like to work with the group.

ACTION: Janine will send an email to Melinda to discuss plans.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, June 14, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the BCPUD