

Land Stewardship Committee meeting

May 20, 2016

Attendees: Jack Siedman, Jody Angel, Tish Brown, Ken Masterton, Genie McNaughton

Absent: Vic Amoroso, Janine Aroyan, Mickey Murch

1. Path improvements

Culvert has been put in place and road improved in that area. No longer see run off and erosion. (see pictures sent in message)

What about the other area - the curve on the path above Mesa Road-Bolinas-Olema Road intersection? Ask Don Smith

What about path clearing? Has the BCPUD hired Meadow Mowing to do the job? Ken and Tish

2. Pampas grass removal

Board approved the proposal to hire Don Murch to remove pampas grass on the land and on the treatment ponds spray area. Janine

3. Display at the Wildflower Art and Garden Show

Table was in an out of the way area, which had to do with the need for an electrical outlet
3 signups, better than expected for a table with no one to explain the information

Next opportunity – make sure someone is available to be at the display

Genie thought Meg's display was very relevant to what we are doing. Is there any way to incorporate it – perhaps in a smaller format – into our materials?

Should we purchase a digital display machine to have as we need it for exhibits, etc.?

Discussion following up on this item – see "Other"

4. Working with the Community Center to accept donations to begin the oak habitat enhancement project

Genie sent everyone two paragraphs requesting the BCC to accept our request to become the vehicle through which people can donate to LSC projects

Genie will write the formal letter – who should sign? Please review again and send any comments. Address to BCC board? To Randy? Meg provide this information, please.

5. Other

Propose a volunteer day to remove invasives/exotics from the knoll in preparation for enhancement program

Can we ask Judith to give us a list of which plants to remove – don't we know this already? But how to remove them is the question for us. For example, there are tools to remove French and Scotch broom – Judith has one, perhaps conservation agencies can lend/rent some to us. If we need funding to start, Ken offered to provide \$500. Hopefully, people will want to contribute. (Some of us did pledge \$300/piece to start the fund)

Volunteer release form - we have one, but BCPUD also has liability insurance. Genie will send around for review.

Volunteer day – in July or Aug?

Removing the exotics – cotoneaster, for example

Preparing the land

Get a list from Judith of most important plants to remove, and how to remove them

Get broom pulls – does the hardware store have one? Would they be willing to donate one? We will need to use this tool more than once.

Make up a page describing the effort – send to the committee (Genie)

Jody asked about planting redwoods in place of or along with oaks. Question about where redwoods like to grow. Some people, like Tom Chestnut, have planted redwoods in Bolinas and they seem to be doing well. Concern about planting oaks that will succumb to sudden oak death. Possibly younger oaks can outgrow disease. Both items could use some research on our part.

NEXT MEETING – JULY 22nd 3:00