

Land Stewardship Committee

August 17, 2018

Attendees: Jody Angel, Janine Aroyan, Meg Simonds, Genie McNaughton (if Mickey is to become an “honorary member”, this would constitute a quorum. If not, these minutes are for discussion only.)

Path

Tree thinning going on from August 20 – September 28

No one should be planning activities at the knoll while work is going on

Melinda Stone wrote to Genie about USF plans to have a school activity on the BCPUD land on September 14. We spoke and I suggested that she come to our meeting to discuss the plan. She wasn't at this meeting.

(Later this month, she wrote again indicating that her plan was going forward. Genie wrote back to say that none of us would be there and that she should check in with Jennifer before going ahead with her plans. Genie sent that message to the committee, Don Smith and Jennifer.)

We discussed some ideas we had about what would be appropriate for such a group to do in a one or two hour session on the land such as learning about local efforts to educate people about native plants and their relationship with insects and birds (Judith Larner's work) , having a student or students from USF agree to help with path maintenance, learn about invasive vs. non-invasive plants vs. native plants. We talked about asking Jeff Creque to come back and talk to us about how to incorporate carbon sequestration into our activities.

Finally, we agreed that the Path needed a maintenance program with a person committed to doing a list of tasks on a regular basis.

We also mentioned that the acacia growing around the curve needs to be cut back again – ask Jennifer if that can be done.

Cal Fire project – we see great progress. The goats cleared a lot of debris, there are piles of wood chips where trees have been cut and chipped, including some big trees. The work will end on September 28th. It was scheduled for six weeks (after the goats) of work, thinning by the CA Conservation Corps, some tree limbing, and some removal.

A good patch of cotoneaster was removed. It would be a good idea to remove more of it. We still have \$1300 in the “bank” – the LSC could contribute some of that toward Don Murch's time to do that.

To do:

Contact Mickey, ask about change in status to “honorary”

Ask Don how much it would cost to remove more cotoneaster (OK with Jennifer and Billy)

Maintenance plan for the path – list tasks and ask that it be on the agenda at the next BCPUD meeting

Ask Jennifer about clearing of vegetation around the curve

NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 AT 3:00 AT THE KNOLL, 3:30 AT THE BCPUD