

BCPUD Land Stewardship Committee

Meeting minutes August 23, 2019

Attendees: Vic Amoroso, Jody Angel, Janine Aroyan, Tish Brown, Ken Masterton, Med Simonds, Genie McNaughton (note taker)

1. Path

- a. Genie brought up the idea of asking the school and Mesa Park if they would be interested in joining with BCPUD to hire someone to do specific tasks such as clearing the bicycle path once a month. She will contact the principal and Michael Gavette (Mesa Park).
- b. Ken Masterton will contact Kevin Lunny about a pilot path hardening project. When they last spoke, Kevin expressed continued interest in the project. He will be working in Bolinas next week – Ken will talk with him then.
- c. Janine and Genie spoke with Jennifer after the meeting. There may be a grant program that supports enhancing public projects with considerable funding. We mentioned the information we received from the company that built the path down to Agate Beach. We'll look for the information in our files and send it to Jennifer.

2. Knoll

- a. Ken walked the area and put yellow marker ribbons on native plants he identified there: oaks, toyon, coffeeberry, coyote bush, fern, juncus. What other plants have we seen there? Douglas iris, wild cucumber, others? Let's continue to develop the list as we visit the site, especially in the spring.
- b. It is time to contact Don Murch about removing cotoneaster stumps around the periphery of the knoll. Ken will contact Don and perhaps make an appointment to mark the stumps that we would like to see removed. We do have money in our budget to pay for some of the work (see Finances below). Motion to spend \$400 for cotoneaster stump removal. Ken made the motion, Janine seconded it, all in favor.
- c. Janine pointed out that at the same time Don could severely cut down the vegetation at the hairpin turn at the goat farm. This should be a BCPUD cost.
- d. Janine talked with Bill about obtaining heavy weed cloth to cover more stumps so we can keep going with the effort to remove cotoneaster from and around the knoll.
- e. The eucalyptus are sprouting along the steep sides of the canyon below the knoll. BCPUD can't do the work. Resource Recovery has removed saplings from the south side of the canyon.
- f. We did decide to write up a report for the Board about the work we've done at the knoll so far and ask for matching funding for stakes and fabric. Genie will work on this and send a draft to all. First step is to talk to Don M., then Billy.
- g. Scheduling another work day after Don mows to cover up the stumps and mark plants. September 15, Sunday, 10-1.
- h. Tish sent out information about a foundation possibly offering a grant to support native plant enhancement. Applications are accepted four times a year. Genie looked at the

foundation's non-profit requirements and it looks as if we do qualify in all but name. Vic pointed out that the BCPUD is a non-profit organization, and we should be able to apply under it. We will check in with Jennifer to verify this and we will bring the idea/application to the Board for approval.

- i. Another related idea was to identify undeveloped areas on the big mesa that are examples of coastal scrub habitat, starting with the parcels that the BCPUD owns. Doing that survey might be a fundable project.

3. Ian Rich lease proposal

- a. Janine went over the proposal with Bill. Here is the list of proposed areas and our recommendation, based on that discussion:
  - i. A, B and C: steep eucalyptus grove, pond below for monitoring
  - ii. G: the knoll, which is the LSC project and includes eucalyptus grove in steep canyon below
  - iii. D, E, F: in spray fields and sensitive drainage area
  - iv. H, I, J, K: in spray fields
  - v. M, L: sensitive drainage
- b. Motion to recommend to the Board that the lease not be awarded. Genie will draft and send out for comments. Genie made the motion, Janine seconded it, ayes were unanimous.

4. Finances

\$1300 being held by BCPUD

5. Soil test

No update

6. Other

Discussion of Goat Farm lease. Please read the final version. Two items we recommended, no toxics on site and the submission of an annual report, were not accepted. Toxic chemicals to treat goat hooves may be needed and as the lessee must inform the Board of any changes during the year, an annual report would be duplicative.