

BCPUD Land Stewardship Committee
Meeting minutes
September 22, 2017

Attendees: Janine Aroyan, Tish Brown, Ken Masterton, Genie McNaughton, Meg Simonds
Absent: Vic Amoroso, Jody Angel, Mickey Murch

1. Bicycle path (Ken)

Ken and Janine walked the path with Kevin Lunney to investigate the possibility of hardening the surface.

Kevin has a good deal of experience building paths, taking into account rainwater flow on sloping landscapes. He is working with Marin Landscape in Novato and they are looking for a place to try out a new composite (small stones with an organic binder). Kevin proposed doing a stretch of the bike path as a pilot, at no cost to the BCPUD.

The pros: this is an opportunity to test a material other than asphalt for hardening the path.

If it works, we will have a plan with specifics to bring to the community with a known price tag.

If appropriate, we could split out the cost of the work between materials and labor. Costs then could be split between BCPUD, community donations, volunteer labor. This combination might allow us to go with a sole source contract. (Check with Jennifer, Don and the Board)

The cons: We don't know the cost of this material or if it can be applied without using big machinery that would have trouble getting to some areas.

Ken made a motion to pursue Lunny proposal of a pilot project to be located at the sharp turn using his source material and volunteer labor. Janine seconded the motion, all were in favor.

ACTION ITEM: Ken will call Kevin to express our interest, will inquire as to the origin of the "organic material" in the composite. Ken will measure the pilot area.

Genie (?) will talk send the minutes to Jennifer and Don Smith and follow up with Jennifer as to process requirements.

2. The Knoll

CalFire project: Jennifer says the cotoneaster growing on the canyon edge of the knoll is to be part of the project. The project is being reviewed by the Coastal Commission. It should start between August and October 2018.

Don Murch has delivered the compost to the area at no cost. He will be available to dig up cotoneaster roots when the CalFire project is over.

The evidence of our previous work days is still visible. No regrowth of broom along the Murch fence, perhaps a Ribes (or two) survived inside the fence, the flags where native species were identified are still in place, and the plants are growing.

3. Next work day (formerly broom pull day, should we keep that name or change to a more task-inclusive one? See item below)

- Buy new flags (Tish)

- Clear around the existing and new (if any) flags

- Put compost around each plant

- Buy fencing – 1.5 ft high (what material, who will do this?)

- Call the event “Party on the Wild Side”? wild native plants, that is.

- Wed and Fri Hearsay – Meg will put in the notice

- Genie will make a poster and pay for one advert in the Hearsay

- BUT Genie has a conflict on 11/5 – what’s the next best closest date (before or after)?

4. Finances

- We’re steady at \$1300.

- Keep fund raising in mind (path, other?)

- Keep exploring volunteer efforts (work days), grants (info that Tish has provided) and donations (through the Community Center).

- Keep the interest up – write up work day afterward with a pitch for donations

5. Soil Testing

- Nothing to report

NEXT MEETING: Friday October 20th at 3:00 (at the BCPUD)