

Minutes CC [March 28, 2017](#) MEETING

Present: Chiariello, DeStaebler, Heiple, Murphy, Plunder, Walz

Absent: Bourne, Eckstrom

Also Present: John Richards, Council Liaison; Mickie Anderson, resident; Marilyn Walter, resident.

1. Call to Order 7:32
2. Oral Communications
 - a. Murphy reports George Salah resigned to join the newly formed Sustainability Committee.
 - b. Murphy introduced Mickie Anderson a resident living on Wyndam who is interested in serving on Conservation Committee.
 - c. Resident Marilyn Walter reports increasing number of bicycles and dogs on Coal Mine Trail. A request will be made to Town Council to intervene. PV Ranch has new chair of Trails committee, Nick Cabell.
 - d. deStaebler alerts us to Wildflower Walks at Edgewood Saturdays and Sundays 10am-1pm through June 4.
 - e. Heiple reports Town approval of our request to sponsor State of CA Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) weeding training here at Town Center July 15. About 50 people will attend. *Committee suggests that a member of Public Works staff attend.*
 - f. Murphy alerts us to this year's SOD Blitz with Professor Garbellata Saturday 4/29 10 am at PV Town Community Hall.
3. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2017 with minor spelling correction unanimously.
4. Current Site Permits - subcommittees to report

- a. deStaebler reports on revised Alpine Hills plan. We will more strongly urge removal of invasive trees.
- b. Heiple leads discussion of 9 Blue Oaks. Large areas left native and undisturbed need attention to eradicating invasives. We have concerns about how much the story poles extend into the canopy of a beautiful old oak #21. There is no discussion in the plans of limbing back this oak. Our main concern is that an easement for the Blue Oaks trail along the front of the property has been entirely ignored by the landscape plan. We are surprised that the Blue Oaks HOA allowed this. It is a Town trail designated “equestrian and pedestrian only with dogs on leash”
- c. CalWater pumping station at Westridge/Portola completed. Some shrubs along fence planted but the site looking bare. Chiariello will look back at plan to see if any more were to be put in. If not, we might plant some small shrubs in ROW in the fall.

5. Old Business

- a. Wells - Bourne - nothing new
- b. Ban on Poison bait - Chiarriello gave excellent and well received report to Town Council. Council unanimously moved to develop an action plan to disseminate this information. Staff will draft a plan and present it to us at one of our next meetings. It has been suggested we might do a pilot on a single field and Town Center first.
- c. BYH - deStaebler
 - i. Application Rheinart property reviewed.

- Owners have been diligently removing invasives and encouraging natives on their large open hillside. Unanimously approved.
- ii. We will have a table promoting BYH at Garden Tour 4/2.
- d. Tip of Month - Plunder will do on currently blooming wildflowers with pictures.
- i. We discussed doing a What's Blooming This Week posting with a picture on the Forum every week or so.
 - ii. Murphy and deStaebler brought a living example of hound's tongue in bloom in a jar for Town Center desk. They were happy to have this. It turns out to be impractical to do this with live specimens. We will explore having a rotating picture display that changes monthly to highlight what is blooming that month. Salah was to look for hardware.
- e. Kudos of the Month - nothing this month
- f. Broom Pull debriefed. Walz suggested we scout for locations now while it is blooming and easiest to see. Plunder suggests we not work on ROW where adjacent property owners leave broom flourishing.
- g. Monarch milkweed project - Heiple will get seeds from Gibson Anderson to grow us some to plant in the fall.
- h. Local Native seed collection - Plunder approved to spend \$100 on seeds of natives to give out at Earth Fair.*
- i. Committee/Town cooperation
- i. Public Works
 - 1. Native plant garden and Town Center plantings have been weeded to look their best for April 2 PV Garden Tour.

2. Springdown pond restoration should be completed this October.
 3. Meeting with Enea from Fire District to guide fire clearance will be scheduled soon.
- ii. Chiariello had revised version of Brochure for Town Center Plantings printed.
 - iii. Town Center Master Planning Committee - Murphy will be representative and Plunder back-up.
 - iv. Town Water Conservation Demo Project on hold because of other more urgent concerns of Town. Rain barrels, greywater possibilities.
 - v. Water Conservation Committee has been reconstituted as Sustainability and Environmental Resources.
 1. EcoFriendly Garden tour Sunday 4/2
 - a. Conservation will have a table at Schoolhouse
 - b. Murphy and Nancy Lund have worked together to provide a small exhibit of newly acquired Dengler wildflower paintings. Dieter, Plunder and deStaebler will provide living examples to accompany the paintings.
 - vi. Earth Fair Runnymede 4/22 Conservation table. We need to register for admittance.
 - vii. Town Picnic Saturday 6/3. We will reserve 2 tables and provide our usual display.
 - j. Weed seedling info sheet - Murphy sent OK to Carol who said she had no idea what M. was talking about. Will try again with Susan Cope who is now lead on Town web site.

- k. Town evening on “Care of Trees” with Fire District Plunder has been in conversation with Enea.
Unanimous approval of presenting an evening lecture in Town on Thursday 5/25.
- l. Early notification of contractors/architects about town expectations. Murphy to follow up with Pedro on our suggestion that a sign off be required stating that they have received and read guidelines as permitting starts. Richards will get us the latest version of this list and we will review and suggest check off language.
- m. Relationships with HOA. Put on Back Burner, no bandwidth to accomplish this now.

6. New Business

- a. Budget - Murphy will prepare draft for next meeting.
- b. Salah resignation makes room for a new member. Opening is being posted. Anderson will apply.

7. Adjournment 9:20

8. Next Meeting 4/25/2017, 7:30 pm

Submitted by Judith Murphy

Back Burner items:

- 1. Relationships with HOAs. Connect with HOAs and offer to be a resource for them for planting and stewardship

2. Update discouraged
plant list to match
Cal-IPC
3. Riparian plant list