

CC MINUTES MAY 22, 2018

Present: Bourne, , Heiple, Magill, Murphy, Plunder, Walz

Absent: Chiariello, DeStaebler, Eckstrom

Also present: John Richards, Council liaison, residents Ken Lavine, Virginia Bacon, Claude Leglise, John Zussman and Patti Zussman. CalWater staff Dawn Smithson, Marty Roberts and John Gomez.

1. Call to Order: 7:34
2. Oral Communications –
3. Approval of Minutes - unanimous
4. Current Site Visits
  - a. CalWater Station on Golden Oak. Neighboring residents requested of Cal Water that old tall Monterey Pines be removed to unblock views, and screening of water tank from driveway opening be added. CalWater and neighbors designed a simple plan to remove the undesirable trees and plant large shrubs from Town approved list; work to be done at neighbors' expense. *Committee approves the plan.*
  - b. 425 Cervantes – plans and plant lists reviewed. Bourne will write report.
  - c. 848/850 Portola Road Waltz wrote report, no discussion required.
  - d. 160 Fawn Chiariello wrote report, no discussion needed.
  - e. 199 Mapache had preliminary hearings at ASCC and Planning – putting the now trenched seasonal creek into a culvert remains controversial.
5. Tree Permits
  - a. Frog Pond Open Space oak tree. Valley oak that has grown up to impair the view of Windy Hill from the Zussman's home was discussed again after a presentation by Mr Zussman. We had agreed at our March meeting that it was not appropriate to remove a significant tree from Open Space simply to enhance the view of one homeowner. *We reaffirm that decision.*
    - i. This application illuminates that there is no vision statement for Frog Pond to use as a basis for making such decisions. *An Ad-Hoc committee of 2 members from Conservation (Murphy and Heiple) and 2 members from Open Space will draft this document. Input from PVR will be solicited.*
6. Old Business
  - a. Oversight of Significant Town Owned Open Space properties - update all for Council presentation
    - i. Comprehensive Plan – to council 4/11/18
    - ii. Springdown Preserve
      1. Comprehensive care calendar
      2. Management Plan/Request for Funds
        - a. To Council 4/11/18
      3. Monarch butterfly habitat. Heiple reports Acterra will grow plants for us.
      4. Naming Pond – list of 52 names suggested by town residents was culled to 10 at Town staff request. Council will choose the winner from this list. In our order of preference:
        - a. SpringDown Pond
        - b. El Mirador Pond
        - c. Blue Heron Pond
        - d. Willow Pond
        - e. Ohlone Pond
        - f. Magical Pond
        - g. Weeping Willow Pond
        - h. San Andreas Pond
        - i. Valley Pond
        - j. Serenity Pond

- iii. Frog Pond – last report April ‘18
    - 1. Presented to council 5/10/18
  - iv. Ford Field –Draft report incorporating suggestions from Parks and Rec and Trails was discussed. Edited report to be presented next meeting.
  - v. Town Center – last report April ‘18
    - 1. Presented to council 5/10/18
  - vi. Rossotti’s Field and ROW – Draft report incorporating suggestions from Parks and Rec and Trails was discussed. Edited report to be presented next meeting.
- b. Tip of Month – Magill mow weeds before they seed.
  - c. What’s blooming now – Plunder
  - d. Kudos of the Month – Murphy – not this month.
  - e. BYH Heiple presented Maxwell property which despite being a new garden meets all requirements and is an admirable habitat. *Unanimously approved.*
  - f. Committee/Town cooperation
    - i. Public Works Go Native has been at work on Town Center last week.
    - ii. Sustainability and Environmental Resources Committee – has not met since our last meeting.
    - iii. Trails – Bourne – nothing to report
    - iv. Open space – Murphy attended their last meeting.
      - 1. They suggest that all our reports begin with an overview/history as SpringDown report does.
      - 2. They will consider contributing dollars to support projects at Open Spaces that are for Protection or Enhancement, but not for clean-up or maintenance.
      - 3. As in 5.i a new Ad Hoc committee with members from Open Space and Conservation will draft Guiding Principles statement for Frog Pond and other Town owned Open Spaces that do not have one.
  - g. Weed seedling info sheet photos labeled – Plunder/Magill – completed, needs to be submitted to Town staff for posting on web site.
  - h. Earth Fair Saturday, April 28 debrief. Attendance was poor. Members question the work/benefit ratio of creating our booth for this event.
  - i. Rodenticide
    - i. Turn in Day October (sooner?)
    - ii. Public Works and Town Manager presented to Council 5/10/18. Council supportive of moving ahead with decreased Town use in a timely fashion.
- 7. New Business
  - 8. Adjournment 10:10 (whew!)
  - 9. Next Meeting 6/26/2018, 7:30 pm Old Schoolhouse.

Submitted by Judith Murphy