

DRAFT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 23, 2019

Present: Bourne, Chiariello, DeStaebler, Eckstrom, Heiple, Magill, Murphy, Plunder, Walz
Absent: Eckstrom, Stromeyer

Also Present: John Richards, Council representative
Kari Chinn, Town's new Communications and Community Engagement Analyst

1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications – none
3. Minutes *approved as corrected*
4. Current Site Visits
 - a. None for review this month
 - b. Subcommittee on Guidelines revision has not met.
5. Tree Permits – 137 Solana submitted
6. Old Business
 - a. Oversight of Significant Town Owned Open Space properties – updates.
 - i. Springdown Preserve - Chiariello, Plunder, Murphy
 1. Comprehensive care calendar
 - a. Photo documentation Plunder
 2. Management Plan – Subcommittee walked SpringDown with Public Works staff to review what has been done and what remains to be done of the itemized list budgeted for 2018-9. Young will provide information on how much of the \$\$ has been spent so far.
 3. Monarch butterfly habitat. Milkweed will need flagging before next weed whacking.
 4. Pond – dogs have been seen digging in the edges of the pond and disturbing the restoration. Consider placing discreet signage “Restoration Area – please keep dogs on trail”
 5. Report revision *Approved with revision of weed eradication worksheet and map.*
 - ii. Frog Pond – Eckstrom, Heiple, Murphy
 1. Nothing new
 - iii. Ford Field – deStaebler, Magill, Walz
 1. Nothing new
 - iv. Town Center – Chiariello, Magill, Murphy
 1. ASCC for screening tennis courts
 2. Report revision *Approved*
 - v. Rossotti's Field and ROW - deStaebler, Magill, Walz
 1. Nothing new
 - vi. Triangle Park – Eckstrom, Heiple, Murphy
 1. Nothing new
 - b. Intermediate Properties analysis and recommendations.
 - i. #26 Blue Oaks/Los Trancos Neighborhood pond. Murphy, Walz
Nothing new
 - ii. #32Dengler. Heiple, Magill *Approved*
 - iii. #33 Shady Trail parklet. Chiariello, Plunder
Approved
 - c. Tip of the Month - Magill - San Mateo County Firescaping with Native Plants plant list
 - d. What's blooming now – Magill - Redbud
 - e. Kudos of the Month – Plunder – none this month
 - f. BYH deStaebler – no new applications
 - g. Vegetation management
 - i. Plunder spoke with Craig Beckman of MROSD –they are taking a look at their fire prevention efforts. San Mateo County has taken an active role in evaluating fire risks. The Office of Sustainability Wildfire Risk Collaborative information. Climate Ready San Mateo County Preparing for Wildfire Collaborative March 2019 access to summary information.
 - ii. Document on Town Fire Safety - Chiariello, Magill and Sustainability and Emergency Prep Now that Ad Hoc committee on Fire Safety has been formed by the Town

- iii. List of high risk and lower risk plants Magill
 - h. Committee/Town cooperation
 - i. Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Safety – Plunder will be the CC representative.
 - ii. Public Works – Murphy. Nothing new
 - iii. Sustainability and Environmental Resources Committee – Murphy continues to serve on REACH code subcommittee.
 - iv. Trails – nothing new
 - v. Open space – Chiariello reports they continue to work on divestment of trivial parcels.
 - 7. Budget finalized and *Approved* – appendix A
 - 8. Paseo del Arroyo plans and planting list. Plunder and Walz visited site and are drafting a plan and plant list.
 - 9. New Business
 - a. Introduce Keri Chin, new communications director. We learned about her background and role with Town and discussed with her how she could be helpful to us in improving our page on the town web site. The issue of the Town sending out lots of social media information that has few recipients was highlighted. We suggested the old fashioned newsletter with an option to get it electronically.
 - b. Appointment of member to serve on newly created Ad Hoc committee on Wildfire Preparedness: Plunder will be our representative.
 - c. We discussed changing tree removal criteria for Bay trees on Heritage Tree list since they are no longer protected outside of riparian areas.
 - d. Annual Report Murphy will present to Council tomorrow night along with Report on Town Owned Properties.
 - 10. Adjournment at 9:37
 - 11. Next Meeting **5/28/2019, 9:00am with Howard Young**
- June - Denise Enea will join us

Appendix A

Committee/Commission: Conservation Committee

Submitted

ITEM #	BUDGET REQUEST OR ITEM DESCRIPTION/ACTIVITY: Please describe your budget request as clearly as possible.	ADOPTED 2018-2019 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET
	Fall Lecture event (probably Mountain Lion)	\$	800
	Broom pull refreshemtns		150
	Table handouts Earth Day, Town Picnic, etc		400
	Monarch butterfly project		100
	Co-sponsor Water Wise Garden tour spring 2020		500
	Native plants, seeds, and seedlings		800
	Weed wrenches 4 small		600
	Return Rodenticides event		500
	Town Center Native Planting Brochure		400
	TOTAL		4,250