

MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE JUNE 28, 2016

Present: Chiariello, DeStaebler, Eastman, Heiple, Murphy, Plunder, Walz
Absent: Bourne, Eckstrom
Also present: Town Council Liaison, Richards; guest Nancy Reyering
Woodside resident and conservationist

1. Call Meeting to Order 7:36

2. Oral Communications

- a. Murphy will be gone for next 3 weeks. Chiariello vice chair will fill in as needed.
- b. Eastman reports a few Clarkia came up where she sowed wildflower seeds.

3. May 24, 2016 minutes approved with addition of BYH award voted for Hufty/Allegría property.

4. Current Site Permits:

- _1260 Westridge – nothing new
- _109 Santa Maria – ASCC preliminary hearing last night. Many neighbors had concerns about size and placement.

Tree Permits – 4 Grove Court removal of leaning Douglas Fir approved.

5. Old Business

A. Budget – approved as requested. Also Council heeded our request to increase Public Works budget for increased weeding/mowing of Town Center and scenic corridor right of way.

B. BYH – DeStaebler

i. Field/Barth property. Lovely lot with many invasives. Extended discussion with homeowners at site visit on removing invasives and providing natives for habitat. They were encouraged to re-apply after remediation.

ii. 149 Corte Madera. This was a request for advice and education rather than a formal application. Options discussed with homeowners at visit; they were referred to their neighbor Nuttall, a native plant enthusiast.

iii. Discussion about whether requests for advice/education should most properly be directed to BYH committee and whether our workload allows taking on this function. We decided we do want to be available to people the town refers to us with the clear caveat that we are not landscape planners. Advice Subcommittee to be headed by Plunder.

C. Tip of the month – Eastman. Milkweed now blooming.

D. Kudos of the Month – Murphy Not this month

E. Monarch milkweed project. Still surviving at Springdown? Heiple will look before next meeting. They are blooming prolifically this year all over town.

F. Local Native seed collection - Plunder purchased CA poppy seeds, and CA Wildflower mix seeds. Will repackage into smaller packets to distribute at our next event – perhaps at last town concert in August?

G. Committee/Town cooperation

a) Public Works

1. Native plant garden – Walz spent considerable time consulting with Young about proper timing and zoning of irrigation for Native Plant Garden and new Schoolhouse Garden.

2. Schoolhouse front yard Construction underway – looks good. No planting until fall.

b) Long range Planning Committee next meeting Tuesday 7/12 at 4pm

c) Picnic Day review – attendance poor. Too close to Earth Day.

Because so many of us away, it overworked those remaining. Walz spends so much time carefully collecting specimens, it was decided he should not be expected to man the table when we do these events. We will decide next spring whether we will do this again for Picnic Day – depending on how many of us will be available to help, and how close it is to Earth Day. Earth day in Woodside next year.

d) Water Conservation Committee

i. Water-wise Garden tour spring '17. Project committee met and chose date of Sunday 4/2. Tentative garden list compiled.

H. Weed seedling info sheet – Heiple working with Eckstrom to connect this to calendar. When completed will post on web site and highlight as tip of the month.

I. Ban on Poison bait – DeStaebler/Chiariello/Eastman/Heiple. deStaebler reports Subcommittee has accumulated valuable resources and connected with groups working on this elsewhere – especially Marin. They are drafting a resource report and proposed resolution to present to the Council on 10/26.

J. Revised PV Ranch planting list – many hours have been spent by several of our members editing this list in a way that was much more than what was wanted by Ranch committee. The referral to us was not clear. We approved the PVR revised planting list as written noting that it includes many plants native to CA but not native to our Peninsula. We have appended a list of those plants we believe should be marked not locally native. Walz will complete this and deliver to Town planning staff.

K. Wells - Bourne nothing new.

6. New Business

7. Adjournment 9:14 pm

8. Next meeting July 26, 7:30 pm

Submitted by Judith Murphy, Chair