

Kentfield Planning Advisory Board

P.O. Box 304, Kentfield, California 94914

Minutes of October 14, 2015

Anne Petersen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the COM Student Union Deedy Lounge. Other Board members present were Dale Hansen and Neil Park.

Minutes of August 12, 2015: Dale approved, Neil seconded.

Guests: Chris Bramhan, Felix Meneau, Darren Graves, Alfred DeWitt, Sandy Guldman, Steve Petterle, Jim Wilson, Christie Tyreus, Jenny Marcus, Cindy Winter.

Creekside Marsh Culvert

Sandy Guldman gave some information about the project's history and finance as well as the importance to wetland habitat and wildlife. The project has three parts: replacing a culvert that mutes tidal flow in the panhandle of the marsh; restoring some bare areas in the marsh, and completing abandonment of old paths in upland areas. The culvert scheduled for replacement is the single, 5-foot diameter culvert not far upstream of Bon Air Road (not the 4-bore culvert near the upstream edge of the park that connects McAllister Creek to Corte Madera Creek). The culvert is part of the Corte Madera Creek Flood Control Project. The restoration is within the park in areas with no vegetation; soil in these areas has high pH, high salinity, almost no pore space, and too much gravel. This is probably an artifact of the spoils dumped in the area during dredging of the USACE trapezoidal channel in the late 1960s. A concrete box culvert 12 feet wide and 5 feet high will replace the current undersized culvert; it will not limit tidal flow in and out of the marsh.

The initial contribution of CSA 17 was to have been \$80,000; however, Sandy said, costs have risen substantially and additional funding has not been obtained. The work is expensive because it is in sensitive wetland habitat and will involve digging underneath the Kentfield Force Main, infrastructure that must be protected. The current project cost is estimated to exceed \$800,000 and Sandy is requesting \$600,000 from CSA 17. CSA 17 does have the money necessary, but there should be community agreement that this project is an appropriate use of CSA 17 funds. Other projects proposed for CSA 17 funding including replacing the wooden footbridge within the park (\$300,000) and replacing the Stadium Way Bridge (\$400,000 project.) There is adequate money for all three projects. Neil Park, who was involved in the initial creation of CSA 17, felt money from CSA 17 should be spent on projects directly related to Creekside Park.

Steve Petterle suggested that instead of a public meeting, there be a gathering at Hal Brown Park with a ranger present. Neil Park added that the area proposed for restoration was not properly restored in the '70's for lack of funds. At this point it will be more than the original purchase price.

Marcus Variance

This project is a request for a variance from the front yard setback from 25 feet to 13 feet to allow for the conversion of an existing garage to floor space and a garage addition. No trees are being removed.

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It was moved (Neil) and seconded (Dale) and recommended for approved as noted.

Marin General Hospital

Darren Graves summarized the current work proposed, including landscaping, crosswalks, medians, parking, and the use of permeable materials. He referenced roof gardens that will hide trucks from patient rooms and provide landscaping above so patients can be in a garden setting in the solarium. Sinking the new building 20' into the ground so as to be lower than the west wing. He will ask Robert to come to a meeting. This meeting focused on incompleteness. KPAB will hold a future meeting to vote on the merits of the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes: Dale Hansen