

Draft Minutes

San Lorenzo River Committee Agenda

Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Thursday – September 17, 2009 City Manager's Conference Room 809 Center Street

Call to Order Chair Slosberg called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the City

Manager's Conference Room.

Roll Call San Lorenzo River Committee Members:

Present: Members D. Pearse, S. Powell, B. Van Allen; Chair T.

Slosberg; Vice Chair D. Meyers

Absent: B. Brereton, D. Carlson, both with notification

Staff: T. Shull

Presentations There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral CommunicationsThere were no oral communications.

Announcements Member Powell announced that she is resigning from the Committee and that this is her last meeting. Member Van Allen announced that his is working with a Google mapping application with textual and video features and discussed the possibilities for a map of the lower San Lorenzo River. He invited the Committee to visit www.mapfolio.org and assist, if interested.

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the June 9, 2009 Regular Meeting

Member Van Allen moved, seconded by Member Meyers to approve the minutes of June 9, 2009. The motion carried 4-0 with Members Powell, Carlson and Brereton absent.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

Public Hearings

There were no Public Hearings.

General Business

2. <u>City Capital Improvement Program, River Projects and Future Committee Action</u>

The Committee heard a report from the Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee and discussed mechanisms for the Committee to advance progress on river projects, particularly the Branciforte Bridge. The Committee supported the subcommittee facilitating a meeting between the Public Works Department, a local granting agency and the subcommittee to explore funding and collaboration opportunities.

3. Naming of the Third/Laurel Street Ext. Park ("Riverbend Plaza")

The Committee discussed the proposed name and naming process and reviewed the agenda materials for the October 5th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Member Van Allen moved, seconded by Member Powell, to approve the agenda report as drafted, to recommend that the proposed name of Riverbend Plaza be translated into and presented in Spanish and to nominate Chair Slosberg or Member Van Allen to attend the October 5th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on behalf of the Committee. The motion carried 5-0 with Members Carlson and Brereton absent.

4. Naming of the Highway One Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge

The Committee discussed possible names for the bridge, which were inspired by the area's geography, human history, ecological and geological significance and the major community leaders who motivated its construction. The Committee concluded that due to the bridge's connection to many facets of the City, the process for naming the bridge should be an inclusive and community-involved.

By consensus, the Committee charged Member Van Allen with contacting the Mayor to initiate the naming process.

5. Riverway Projects: Model Garden, Maintenance and Student Involvement

Chair Slosberg and Vice Chair Meyers introduced the general concept of a model garden and riverway vegetation monitoring program involving local college students. The Committee discussed the next steps to move the project forward.

Information Items – No action may be taken

6. <u>San Lorenzo River Committee Appointment to the Measure E Citizen's Oversight</u> Committee

It was announced that Vice Chair Meyers was appointed to the Measure E Committee.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports – No action may be taken

None.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

- Committee work on river-related projects
- Naming of the Highway One Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge
- Riverway projects: model garden, maintenance and student involvement
- Police briefing on activity on the riverway, upper river and adjacent properties and the new pedestrian/bicycle bridge

Adjournment

The San Lorenzo River Committee adjourned at 8:33 p.m. from the September 17, 2009 meeting to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room.

<u>APPEALS</u> - Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error may appeal that decision to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing, setting forth the nature of the action and the basis upon which the action is considered to be in error, and addressed to the City Council in care of the <u>City Clerk</u>.

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