

Meeting Notes

ROSE CREEK WATERSHED ALLIANCE

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Steering Committee Meeting #2

Thursday January 20, 2005 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Offices of Discover Pacific Beach, 1503 Garnet Ave in Pacific Beach

1. Introductions Group

Meeting Attendees:

- ❖ E. Bowlby (Sierra Club, Friends of Rose Creek); D. DeShazo (Marian Bear Rec); J. Harrison (Marian Bear Rec and Audubon); K. Keehan (SD Bicycle Coalition); D. Knight (Friends of Rose Canyon); M. Lee (Dist 1); B. Nicholls (Discover Pacific Beach); B. Paul (Clairemont Town Council); B. Posthumus (Re Water Bd); B. Stevenson (Rose Canyon Rec); A. Van Leer (Earthworks); K. Zirk (Friends of Rose Creek); M. Carpenter (KTU&A); and M. Eberhardt (Friends of Rose Canyon).

2. Project Status Report - Timeline Van Leer
- ✓ Meeting with Ann Hix
 - ✓ Public review process - your suggestions?

Meeting Notes:

- ❖ Meeting with Hix was rescheduled for 1.26. Will discuss project status and city protocol for invasive species removal.
- ❖ Suggested locations for two public workshops included Clairemont Community Room, Salvation Army on Balboa and Clairemont Drives, Forum Hall and Mission Bay Hotels. Saturdays were preferred to encourage participation. Possible approach to have two separate workshops; one for the lower watershed and one for the upper. Van Leer to follow up.
- ❖ Suggestions for workshop activities included providing visual simulations of “before” and “after” to help the public see what the creek could become if restored. Examples may be available from current Chollas Creek restoration project; Van Leer to follow up. Keehan

suggested incorporation of a “walk audit” such as done by Walk San Diego; she will follow up with WSD.

- ❖ Public meetings this spring; final plan by summer.

3. Overview of Existing Opportunities Report KTU&A

Meeting Notes:

- ❖ Mark Carpenter of KTU&A gave an over-view of the pre-public draft Existing Conditions Report for the Rose Creek Watershed. He clarified that some material still hadn’t been inserted in the draft as field work was still underway; this included cultural resources, inventory of invasives and erosion/runoff info. Draft copies were distributed and comments and corrections suggested including adding a map showing rail lines through the watershed and adding a map showing the historical drainage of Rose Creek into Mission Bay. Participants were requested to forward additional comments on the draft to markc@KTUA.com with a copy to Van Leer at ann@landconserve.com within the next two weeks. KTU&A will be making corrections before posting the draft at www.rosecreekwatershed.org.

4. Grant/Funding Status: Van Leer

- WRP – In second round review
- Social Ventures Partnership – 1/14/05
- Urban Streams – 1/25/05
- Fire Safety – 2/5/05
- WRP Small Grants – 3/11/05
- County
- Private Proposal

Meeting Notes:

- ❖ A grant to address homeless issues in the lower watershed was submitted for funding under the Social Venture Partnership Program; it is in the second round of review. A grant for additional hydrologic studies will be submitted next week for the Urban Streams program. A fire safety grant to create regional and local fire safety councils in the watershed is being prepared for submittal in February. KTU&A will

work with the city to define three high-priority areas for invasive species removal for submittal to the Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP). A follow up proposal was submitted to County District Three and a private proposal has been developed to seek private support of the project.

5. Formalizing the “Alliance” - yes, no, maybe, other? Group

Meeting Notes:

- ❖ While the meeting time ran short for this item, the group began a discussion of options. Stevenson suggested the development of a logo and mission statement. The group discussed developing recommendations that could be presented at the public workshops to help frame the public discussion. Van Leer reiterated that Earthworks’ goal was to encourage widespread public involvement in the creation and implementation of the watershed plan from civic, business, environmental and neighborhood organizations. Earthworks’ goal is to build the Alliance to act as the public steering committee for the project to help develop both the overall vision and to support and implement individual projects. This is especially important as most of the individual projects will rely greatly on volunteers for implementation. The Alliance would be advisory only and make recommendations, such as in support of grant requests. Earthworks believes that taking this approach could result in greater overall support for the watershed, especially on funding matters. To that end, Van Leer asked for all the meeting participants to return to their respective groups at their February meetings and ask that the groups formally act to join the Rose Creek Watershed Alliance.

6. Next meeting Group

Meeting Notes:

- ❖ The next meeting will be held at the end of February in Clairemont. Van Leer to follow up with a location and date.