

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE/ BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2015
HIDDEN LAKE CLUBHOUSE

CALL TO ORDER: Alec Uzemeck called the meeting to order

MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck, Marge Brown, Char Rothstein, Bonnie Klea and Barry Seybert.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Simone Best, John Luker and Reeyan Raynes.

MINUTES: A quorum was present and the members approved the minutes for the prior meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR: There were no comments from the co-chairs.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The first item was a presentation by Simone Best, a member of the WHNC, concerning sustainability and more specifically, water used by members of the public. In her meetings with sustainability groups, the primary target is homeowner water usage and the removal of lawn turf, which would be replaced by drought-resistant plants, gravel, or artificial turf.

She asked for the committee to support a motion to be made by two city council members, which recommends water capture, removal of turf and reduction of water usage in homes. The motion calls for DWP to set up a rebate or incentive program. The committee requested that Char write a letter supporting the motion and Simone prepare a Community Impact Statement and both of these to be recommended by the committee for WHNC approval.

The CSUN request for WHNC support of their application for a grant was mute since their application has moved forward in the approval process.

John Luker spoke next and his first subject was the status of the ecology pond in the Chatsworth Nature preserve. He said the pond was dried out but that DWP would present its plans for the site at a meeting on August 6th and after that event, he would have better information for us.

He felt that a short-term solution would be to remove the silt and deliver water to the pond and for a long-term solution would be to make the runoff from Wolsey Canyon and Box Canyon available to the site. John said that he would prepare a resolution for the Committee to submit to the Council for approval.

Regarding the long range DWP plan for the Nature Preserve, he did not have any information but he recommended that we concentrate our efforts on the restoration of the ecology pond.

The Rim of the Valley Study has been completed and it contains a number of alternatives for expanding the land to be used and these alternatives include the SSFL property. The plan has gone to congress for review and approval.

Char reported on the construction projects in West Hills: the Rocketdyne project will start construction in early 2016, Lederer project still in court, Sherman Way project architect to present a new plan next week and Dayton Canyon construction is underway and will include left-turn lanes.

The meeting was adjourned.

