MINUTES

Novato Streetscape Committee Meeting Monday, May 11, 2015 Womack Conference Room – City Hall 922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA 94945

I. ROLL CALL

Members: Staff:

Marcia Basalla Clive Shigoli Len Bernstein Peter Torre

Larry Paulger, Chair Russell Thompson, PW

Ed Schulze, Co-chair Director Charlotte Urban Guest:

Susan Stompe (via telephone call at 7:12 pm)

Henry Brielmaier
Leslie Purdy

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2015

Correction by Ed Schulze to Item E. under VII (Sub-Committee Reports), the dollar amount should be \$400 not \$1400. Motion by Schulze, second by Urban, motion passed 4-0-2 (Basalla and Stompe-not present), for approval of Minutes.

III. APPROVE AGENDA FOR MAY 11, 2015

Chair Paulger requests Item VI (Committee Members' Comment Time) to be moved near the end of the agenda in the interest of time. Motion by Urban, second by Schulze, motion passed 5-0-1 (Stompe-not present).

IV. CITIZENS' TIME TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Leslie Purdy, (415-235-6515), at 27 Aaron Drive, Novato, addressed the committee about her displeasure with the condition of Hillside Park: 1) weeds, 2) erosion damage, 3) paint needed in restroom, and 4) condition of play equipment. Director Thompson discussed staffing challenges of parks citywide, and encourages the neighborhood to become active and organize a volunteer work day. Ms. Purdy agreed to contact Clive Shigoli to organize a neighborhood work day.

Henry Brielmaier, 14 years old, a freshman at Novato High School, is interested in adopting a portion of the Grant Avenue right-of-way, near Railroad Avenue adjacent to the Depot Lot. He was inspired by the work he did during Clean & Green Day and would like to stay involved with a community service project. The Committee was impressed by Henry's enthusiasm to participate, and his vivid image or description of how he would like the area to look. Clive Shigoli agreed to forward a Volunteer Packet to Henry's mother Kimberly Brielmaier, (415-827-5499), at 37 Truman Drive, Novato, CA 94947.

V. STAFF CONCERNS

Minimal discussion regarding the need for signs to be made, repaired and installed.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENT TIME

Moved to item IX.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. <u>Finance & Fundraising</u> No discussion.

- B. <u>Island Site Adoption</u> Contact information on the application needs to be changed and updated. There are two new adoptees: 1) Gary Burch of Gary Burch Plumbing, and 2) Janey McAdams of Real Estate Agency. And there are two new volunteers: 1) Christina Stroeh for the Novato Theatre at Redwood Blvd. & Grant Ave. area, and 2) Henry Brielmaier for the Grant Ave. & Railroad Ave. area.
- C. <u>Public Outreach</u> No discussion.
- D. <u>Signs</u> Schulze needs six more signs. Clive Shigoli will order them.
- E. <u>Future Sub-Committee Meetings</u> Set sub-committee meeting for Monday, May 18, 2015, at Paulger's house at 7:15 pm to discuss developing a policy on materials being funded by the committee for medians.
- F. <u>Business Recognition Reports</u> No discussion due to time.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Clean and Green Day

Stompe reviewed events of Clean & Green Day (April 25, 2015) and will provide a written summary to the Committee prior to the next meeting. Committee agreed this year's event was a success, and that activities and planning for next year should start sooner for accomplishing the task. Discussion resulted in setting a date for next year's Clean & Green Day and other key initiatives of the Committee. After completion of the discussion Stompe left the meeting, by ending the phone call.

- B. Revision of Business Recognition Program Criteria
 - No discussion.
- C. <u>Business Recognition Nominations</u> No nominations at this time. Carry over to next meeting.
- D. Measure A. No discussion.
- E. <u>Strategic Goals of the Committee</u>

Carry over to next meeting.

F. New Member Recruitment

Discussion concerning the delay in having the interview process completed. Marcia will inquire about the matter and see if the City Clerk can expedite.

G. Annual Report. No discussion.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No discussion due to time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bernstein, second by Basalla to adjourn meeting at 9:05 pm, motioned passed 5-0.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2015