

Novato Streetscape Committee

Agenda

Monday, June 14, 2021 - 7:00pm

Teleconference Only

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Judy Buder (Alternate), Rich Greene, Virginia Hanna. Cristin More. and Sherry Temple

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- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT
- D. STAFF UPDATES
 - D.1 Committee Appointments
 - D.2 July Meeting Venue
- E. CONSENT ITEMS
 - E.1 Approve meeting minutes of May 10, 2021
- F. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

G. **PROGRAM UPDATES**

G.1 Volunteer Programs

Team Up to Clean Up

Adopt-a-Spot

Adopt-an-Island

G.2 Business Landscape Recognition Program

Nominations

Awards

G.3 Education & Outreach Programs

Volunteer Program Promotion

H. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

H.1 Clean Business Program

I. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Gretchen Schubeck, Sustainability Programs Coordinator















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Novato Streetscape Committee MINUTES

Monday, May 10, 2021 - 7:00pm

Meeting held via Zoom Teleconference

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting began at 7:02pm.

Committee Members Present: Marcia Basalla (Chair), Rich Greene, Virginia Hanna, Michael Furry, Cristin More, and Sherry Temple

Staff Present: Gretchen Schubeck, Staff Liaison and Chris Blunk, Public Works Director

Guests Present: Jeanne and Patrick MacCleamy and Kay White

B. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

Moved by Basalla and seconded by Temple approve the final agenda.

AYES: Basalla, Greene, Hanna, Furry, More, Temple

NOES: None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

D. STAFF UPDATES

D.1 Committee Member Orientation

- Public Works Director Chris Blunk welcomed new members Greene and More to the Committee and extended a big thank you to incumbent members for their continued service to the Novato community.
- Committee members Greene and More introduced themselves and provided background to their interest in serving on the Committee.
- Blunk and Schubeck provided an overview on the purpose of the Committee and gave a high-level introduction to the Brown Act.
- Schubeck will forward Brown Act information to new Committee members.

E. PRESENTATION

E.1 Friends of Pacheco Valle

- Jeanne and Patrick MacLeamy gave a PowerPoint presentation on the formation of a new nonprofit 'Friends of Pacheco Valle'.
- The nonprofit is being established to beautify the gazebo at the entrance to Pacheco Valley and to consolidate the adoption of several islands on Alameda del Prado (islands #1, #3, #4, #5, and #6).
- The intent is that the nonprofit will engage a city-approved contractor to plant and maintain the islands. Priority will be given to fire-smart landscaping.
- The island adopted by Basalla (#2) is not part of the proposal.

F. CONSENTITEMS

F.1 Approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2021

Moved by Basalla and seconded by Furry to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2021.

AYES: Basalla, Hanna, Furry, Temple

NOES: None

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None

H. PROGRAM UPDATES

H.1 Volunteer Programs

Team Up to Clean Up

- The May clean-up took place on Redwood Blvd. (between Lamont and Rowland).
- Approx. 9 volunteers participated, and 4 bags of trash were collected.
- Schubeck will check if City has the key for gate on Caltrans property along Binford Road for June clean-up.

Adopt-a-Spot

- Schubeck shared an image of a sample Adopt-a-Spot Volunteer Kit.
- Three new people have indicated an interest in the program.

Adopt-an-Island

- No design proposals were submitted by May 7 deadline. Two designers expressed interest but did not submit a proposal. Schubeck will follow up.
- Several adopted islands need to be sheet mulched (including Streetscape island on Redwood) but the City's mulch supply is very low.

Moved by Basalla and seconded by Furry to approve expenditure up to \$500 for the purchase and delivery of mulch.

AYES: Basalla, Greene, Hanna, Furry, More, Temple

NOES: None

H.2 **Business Landscape Recognition Program**

Nominations

- Downtown Novato Center (1761 Grant Ave.) was nominated for a business landscape recognition award.
- Committee members were encouraged to visit the site prior to June meeting.

H.3 **Education & Outreach Programs**

Volunteer Program Promotion

- Streetscape volunteer Joni DeGabriele has offered to promote Adopt-a-Spot program at Farmer's Market starting in July.
- Schubeck will talk to City's Communication's team to explore opportunities to promote volunteer programs.
- More offered to help with photography for promotional materials.

I. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1.1 **Clean Business Program**

- Hanna and Basalla suggested the Committee explore replicating the 'Clean Mill Valley Merchant Program' in Novato.
- The Mill Valley program is led by high school students and a local program could help Novato students fulfill their mandatory community service hours.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Moved by Hanna and seconded by Temple to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Basalla, Greene, Hanna, Furry, More, Temple

NOES: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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