

SHHA Creek/Flood Committee

March 2, 2013

Meeting Summary/Next Steps

Meeting Attendees: Katie Rice, Connie Berto, Walter Kolon (Triple C), Cindy Geoft, Laurie Friedman, Andrew Vance (for Patti), David Clevenger, Mark Anderson, Eric Riemer, Chris Arisian, James Baigrie, Rory Bertiglia, Alyce Brownridge (for Shelly Flint, San Domenico), Nancy Vernon

Purpose of Meeting: for sub-committees and county to report out progress; to discuss/agree on timeline for committee initiatives

Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Communications/Education** – committee news to be included in bulletin and on website; creek committee now has dedicated webpage to be used for updates/education/resources and will include Marin County code 11.08 to emphasize responsibility of property owner; committee will expand responsibilities to also handle community outreach for creek committee efforts/programs (e.g. workshop, creek cleaning) and volunteer solicitation
- **Sand Bag** – committee secured permanent location at Presbyterian Church on Tarry; sand/bags to be ordered from Shamrock and re-ordered when necessary – County will reimburse SHHA for expense out of Flood Zone 9 funds; sandbag station will be used for children’s play area when it is not being used (summer, fall, spring); ***suggestions made to provide way for keeping bags open as they are being filled and that residents be encouraged to fill sandbags in the summer and not wait until winter/rains***
- **Creek Corps** – either Mark or Eric (committee co-chairs) will attend the County Creek Maintenance/Cleaning program volunteer training meeting at Civic Center in March; Co-chairs will be trained on creek cleaning once right to enter waivers have been signed and water resources staff has mapped/assessed main creek stem; volunteers will be recruited throughout the summer and annual creek cleaning event will be held in the fall and will support private property owner’s efforts; ***suggestions made to advertise for volunteers at July 4th parade/event and to go ahead and set October date for creek cleaning***
- **Assessment** – Laurie and Cindy (committee co-chairs) are mapping problem areas previously identified by owners and developing zones for each area;

neighborhood teams to be formed and plans of action developed for each; more detail will be added to map in future (e.g. culverts, storm drains)

County Report

- Katie has been working with County's public works/flood staff to identify problem areas for mapping and determination of responsibility, solution tracking, etc. Katie exploring use of hydrologist/engineer to assess specific, more complex situations and bringing neighbors to fund and support work where relevant; Katie has secured funding from County to support Sleepy Hollow's creek cleaning efforts
- A Creek Maintenance/Cleaning Program is in development at County, with purpose of providing support to communities regarding creek cleaning, stewardship and education. Program elements will include: volunteer training meeting at Civic Center in March, water resource staff walking/mapping/assessing main stem of creek, support for educational workshop and support for annual creek cleaning in fall; right of entry waivers may be needed in advance of County's creek walk/assessment. Details are currently being worked out by Katie/Nancy regarding how best to get this accomplished

Timeline: committee reviewed draft of 2013 timeline for creek committee efforts/programs and had the following comments:

- Creek Cleaning team captain training to happen in May or early June
- Opportunities for community outreach (e.g.. signage, sign up tables at events) need to be identified and added to calendar
- Need to go ahead and pick date for October creek cleaning and educational workshop
- If necessary for creek assessment, right to enter waivers will be sent out in the near future

Wrap Up/Next Steps:

- Next Meeting on **Saturday, May 18** at 10:30am at Sleepy Hollow clubhouse
- Nancy to contact Eric/Mark/Cindy/Laurie regarding volunteer training meeting at Civic Center; Eric to let Nancy know of his availability
- Nancy to work with County staff regarding right of entry waiver logistics and communicate with committee

- Cindy and Pam to outline community outreach opportunities for committee efforts
 - Nancy to connect Cindy and Pam
- Pam/Nancy to submit article for March bulletin and update website/page
- Laurie/Cindy to begin developing assessment map
- Nancy to formalize timeline and make changes/additions requested in meeting
- Nancy to contact SHHA President Dan Stein regarding board representation on creek committee
- Katie to work with assessment committee on solution development