

Committee Members and Associates Present: Richard Contreras (Chair), George Clifford (Vice Chair) Nancy Couperus (Founder), Jean Struthers, Wendie Ward, Kit Gordon, Peter Brown, Sue Welch, Karen Lemes (Associate)

Committee Members Absent: Alice Sakamoto (Associate), Kjell Karlsson (Associate). Sharen Schoendorf (Associate)

Council Liaison Present: George Tyson (until 10am)

Town Staff Present: Zach Dahl (Planning Director)

Members of the public: Nobuko Saito (from 9:15am)

Meeting held on line via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Minutes

- a. Seeing that KG had the Zoom controls RC passed Chair of meeting to her. KG called the meeting to order at 9:04 am
- b. Roll call was taken (reported above)
- c. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes. RC moved to accept the minutes from March meeting. WW seconded and those at that meeting approved (RC, WW, KG, JS). SW, PB, GC abstained.
- d. Announcements:
 - i. WW, as neighbor noticed house on 7 Acre Lane sold and probable tear down, need to make sure comes before OSC. KG suggested writing a note to the city.
 - ii. PB announced that EPDC needs new members, please forward interested parties to him
 - iii. KG OSC also needs new members

2. Planning

- a. **Update from Planning Director Zach Dahl:**
 - i. KG asked about OSC receiving plans during Shelter In Place. ZD replied that not many plans have been submitted. But that the town is using this opportunity to move over to Digital Plan submission . The committee would have access to a shared folder containing these plans. Committee reports may be included in the shared folder, but privacy concerns are still being thought through.
 - ii. LAH ADU ordinance would go before council in May and come into effect in mid June. The State mandates that any property can have an 800sq' ADU, the city may tweak the MDA, MFA formulas to accommodate. ADUs will not necessarily come before committees, the Town must review within 60 day. Contrary to OSC understanding of Town Code, Zach stated that no discretionary easements can be applied unless a new residence or over 900sq'. Nevertheless zoning will still prohibit development with 25' of top of creek bank, within root zone of heritage trees or on slopes >30%. JS asked about septic hookup - this would be up to the County Health Department.

- iii. Tree Ordinance is on hold because of other priorities. To make more manageable, may request a smaller number of protected tree species or protect based on size (with some exclusions).
- iv. Fence Ordinance :PB should go before council again. ZD accepted PBs invite to next EDPC meeting for more discussions. Fence permits are routed to OSC on a case by case basis. NC noted that OSC used to get all Fence Permit applications and KG noted we used to have a Fence subcommittee. ZD was not aware of this and asked if there was anything in writing. JS is bothered by white fences along road sides and asked if there was a paint color restriction in the proposed Fence ordinance amendment, PB said not yet, but EDPC would look into it
- v. ZD generally ok with the input from committees. Finds it useful if members attend Site Development or Fastrack meetings. Also useful if committees keep comments within their charter.

3. New & Continuing Business

- a. **Sudden Oak Death** GC noted that SOD survey was starting soon, and proposed asking the Town to give a small grant to UC Berkeley for their SOD research. KG suggest we ask council liaison (who had left meeting). GC proposed motion ‘OSC is interested in finding out how to ask Town to support Berkeley SOD research’. KG noted that Oaks were super important to the town and seconded. Eventually was passed by roll call vote of PB, SW, RC, JS, KG, GC, WW.
- b. **Presentation on Native Plants.** JS has located two speakers, Paul Heiple and Stephanie Morris. Date still to be determined. Was general feeling that October would be a good time as it is then that native plants should be planted. Will probably be an on line presentation now, so the dates are more flexible. But shouldn’t conflict with-
- c. **Nesting Bird Talk.** Set for 4th October at 4pm, will be on line.
- d. **Native Plants for Landscapes.** KG Proposed reviewing document on *Native Plants and Landscape Plans*, however most of committee had not yet read it. Proposal was postponed till next meeting
- e. **Weed Management** JS would like to preserve wildflowers along roadsides during the annual mowing taking place about now. Mowing 3’ from road is ok, but is it necessary to scrape everything up to 6’ above roadside? Putting up signs was suggested. PB asked if the Stink Wort mapping would be undertaken again this year, GC affirmed it would, maybe earlier than last year, but currently no evidence of 2020 Stink Wort.
- f. **26400 Eshner Court** A neighbor of this property (which, due to a lot line adjustment, was reviewed by OSC) is concerned over possible fencing around (and through) the conservation/view easement. There has been some recent activity in this area and neighbor is very supportive of the View and Slope Easement on the property and would like to be sure no fencing impinges on it. There is a planning commission hearing on June 4th and all members are urged to attend.
- g. **24752 Olive Tree Lane** KG noted that at the last meeting (March) the owner approached OSC with a request to move the suggested Open Space Easement, at that time, since the item was not on that meetings agenda, we could not do anything. RC

urged that, as the owner was not currently present, OSC still not change anything The discussion was postponed

4. Open Discussion

- a.** NC Noted that there is a proposal to move OurTown to a web only document, encouraged OSC to contact council members and encourage them to keep OurTown in its printed form.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am

Attachment ANative Plants and Landscape Plans

Minutes submitted by Richard Contreras