Open Space and Habitat Commission Minutes
Monday, May 10, 2010
1818 5th Street
Upstairs Conference Room
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	Rachel Aptekar, Eric Davis, Greg House, Marc Hoshovsky, Kevin Takei
Commissioners Absent:	Helena Chung, Kemble Pope,
Commission Liaisons:	Vacant (Rec and Park), Rob Hoffman (Planning)
Assigned Staff:	Mitch Sears
Council Liaison:	Lamar Heystek

1. **Agenda**
   Approved unanimously.

2. **Minutes**
   April 12, 2010 minutes approved.

3. **Public Communications**
   Susan Ellsworth, UC Davis graduate student introduced herself and briefed the Commission on her collaboration with the City on sustainable agriculture and her work with the Commission's Community Farms working group.

4. **Easement Acquisition – Stanley Farm**
   Staff and the Land Trust Executive Director presented background information. The Stanley family provided background information on the features of their property and their interest in pursuing conservation of their property. Commissioner House, who is under contract with the property owners to conduct an appraisal of the property, recused himself from deliberation on the acquisition of the easement by the City. Following discussion, the Commission took the following action:

   On a motion by Commissioner Hoshovsky, seconded by Commissioner Takei, the Commission recommended that the City Council approve the easement acquisition on the Stanley property as a bargain sale transaction.

   The motion was approved 3-1

5. **Yolo Natural Heritage Program (YNHP) Update**
   City staff presented an update on the review timeline for completion of the plan. Staff proposed a review strategy that includes three types of comments that the City would provide to the YNHP:

OSHC comment types:

1. technical comments – to be forwarded directly to YNHP
2. policy comments - gray areas that require clarification by the OSHC
3. policy decision comments – require review by the OSHC and direction from the City Council

Staff will return to the Commission with regular updates on plan development and items for review and comment by the Commission.

6. <u>Commission Goals – 2009/10 – Working Group Reports</u>

- Commissioner House briefed the Commission on the work of the Community Farms working group, including the collaborative work of Susan Ellsworth from the UC Davis.
- Commissioner Hoshovsky briefed the Commission on the work of the Open Space Program 2010 progress report. Item continued to May meeting.

7. <u>Staff/Commission Communications</u>

- Commission Liaison reports – No reports were given.
- Next meeting: Monday, September , 2010

8. <u>Adjournment</u>

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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