

Open Space and Habitat Commission Minutes
203 East 14th Street
Veterans Memorial Center, Game Room
Monday, October 5, 2009
6:30 p.m.

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

1. Agenda

Approved unanimously.

2. Commission Administration

Commissioner Aptekar unanimously elected Commission Chair.

3. Minutes

September 14, 2009 minutes approved unanimously.

4. Public Communications

None.

5. Willowbank Park Development Project

Community Development staff presented project back ground, focusing on standards for establishing buffers along the Putah Creek Parkway. The Developer presented background information on the project proposal for a buffer along the Parkway. The Commission discussed the setback/buffer requirements from the Putah Creek Parkway corridor and the potential biological impacts created by development of the project, specifically on the newly identified Sacramento Valley Red Fox.

Following discussion the Commission took the following action:

On a motion by Commissioner Pope, seconded by Commissioner House,

The OSHC recommends that regarding the Willowbank Park project the City Council establish:

1. A 50 foot habitat buffer and appropriate native grassland and management plan be created as suggested by the DFG and noted in a letter dated April 7, 2005 from Kent Smith to the Community Development Department. No fences or development of any kind other than a pedestrian path shall be located in the 50

foot buffer. The 8 foot wide pedestrian path shall be located at the southern edge of the buffer.

2. A 20 foot development buffer be created as instituted in the most recently developed and adjacent lot (4323 Almond Lane).

The motion passed 4-0.

6. Commission Goals – 2008 – Working Group Reports

Item continued to November meeting.

7. Staff/Commission Communications

- Commission Liaison reports – No reports were given.
- Next meeting: Monday, October 5, 2009.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.