

SHORELINE PRESERVATION FUND (SPF) MAILER

Enclosed: Minutes 4/11/05

The Shoreline Preservation Fund (SPF) provides funds to preserve, protect, and restore the shoreline associated with UCSB through preservation, education, open access, research, and restoration. Check us out online for job postings with SPF partners, individual or group funding opportunities, or information on SPF ongoing and funded projects.

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FINAL MINUTES Shoreline Preservation Fund Board of Directors Meeting April 11, 2005

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Sara Abramson

Roll call

Board Members Present:

Sarah Abramson
Sarah Minczeski
Sarah Hooper
Vanessa Janss
Kavita Kapur
Joel Armin

Legislative Council Liaison Present:

Jennifer Greeley

Advisor Present:

Scott Bull
James To

Administrative Assistant Present:

Shannon Switzer

Coastal Service Program Coordinator:

Adrienne Cyr

Proxy:
Jennifer Greeley proxied for Nichole Price

Board Members Absent:
Nichole Price

II. Announcements

None

III. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes (Kapur, Hooper 7-0)

IV. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Approve Agenda (Abramson, Kapur 7-0)

*Scott noted the incorrect date, the meeting agenda is for April 11th not 4th

V. Budget Report

Review of funds expended from budget account and operating expenses. Report shows a total of \$61,000 available for future projects. However, \$228,000 total is being requested by 17 applicants for spring quarter

VI. Project Review

A. MINOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

SPRING05-06 “Surfrider Sticker Bonanza”

Surfrider requested \$390 to fund stickers to supply the chapter for next year. They are hoping to use them as a tool for getting the word out about Surfrider and to recruit new members as membership isn't as high as it has been in the past.

Motion: Approve request (Abramson, Kapur 6-0-1)

B. MAJOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

SPRING05-02 “Camino Lindo Vernal Pool Restoration Project”

Growing Solutions is requesting \$21,950 from SPF to fund project management and interpretive sign layouts, the volunteer recruitment and supervision, staff

monitoring maintenance, plant propagation, off-road vehicle barriers, interpretive sign production, and supplies and equipment for the project to restore the vernal pool site on the 6800 block of Del Playa.

The board has a number of concerns about the project. They are concerned about working with Growing Solutions due to experience with them not following through in the past as well as the lack of details regarding the budget request they outlined for the board. It does not break down hourly wages for salaries or how many people will be involved with each task. The board would like to possibly fund only certain aspects of the project (ie the interpretive signs, Dave Hubbard's salary, or the plant propagation) but had difficulty coming to a consensus on which parts.

The proposal was tabled until next week. The board feels if funded it would be a good way to get the Lath house in IV back in working order, which would be beneficial due to how much SPF has already invested in it; however, the board is also concerned we've funded a disproportionate amount of restoration projects already, which is a concern due to the great demand on our limited funds this quarter. The board also requested Bull speak with Dave Hubbard to see if there is any way the project can still proceed if we don't fund the entirety of the amount requested. It would also like to wait and see if the funds from the Wetland Recovery Program are secured before making a decision.

Motion: Table (Kapur, Abramson 7-0)

S05-05 Redesign of UCSB Environmental Studies 129: Ecopsychology

Professor Marc McGinnes requested \$2,500 for redesign of the ES 129 Ecopsychology course. McGinnes and TA Peter Christensen came in and spoke to the board about the course. They shared the courses aim of re-examining the field of psychology as a purely introspective practice and connecting it back to the environment surrounding oneself. The course pursues this through course reading materials, experiential and mind journaling exercises, and hands-on restoration all with a focus on concepts fueling the bioregional movement. McGinnes described the curriculum as addressing and attempting to heal the core problem causing environmental destruction by closing the disconnect between oneself and nature.

The board was concerned that the course might disintegrate with McGinnes' retirement, but he assured that Michael McGinnis is committed and highly qualified to continue the course and strengthen its curriculum and that he (Marc McGinnes) will still be around campus and in close contact with Mike regarding the continued development and implementation of the course. He also assured that the course is already being utilized by students from majors apart from Env St (ie biology and psychology students).

Motion: Approve @ \$2,500 (Minczeski, Armin 7-0)

SPRING05-03 “Isla Vista Beach Access Way Improvements”

County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department requested \$80,000 from SPF to help fund a project with a total cost of \$366,099 to refurbish coastal access stairways located at Camino Pescadero, Escondido Pass, and Camino Del Sur and protect them from the storm damage as well repair storm drain systems that terminate at the beach underneath the stairs.

The board was eager to fund an access-related proposal, especially because the nature of this one impacts the all of beach-using UCSB, Isla Vista, and Goleta community members as these 3 access points are currently closed to the public. However there was also concern that the large sum of money being requested would use too much of SPF’s budget and limit the number of proposals the current board will be able to fund this quarter as well as put constraints on the future boards since \$40,000 will be given out from their budget.

The majority of the board agreed that this issue could be resolved by creating an endorsement for the future boards stating the merits of the project and why the current board chose to fund it. In this way, they will educate the future board endorsing disbursement of the funds in both F05 (\$40,000) and F06 (\$40,000).

Motion: Approve @ \$80,000 (Kapur, Hooper 6-1-0)

With stipulation- Some form of permanent, highly visible signage be incorporated on or near the stairway commemorating SPF’s contribution.

MERITS:

- 1) It impacts entire UCSB student body as well as the Isla Vista and Goleta communities.
- 2) It involves 3 primary beach access points so is not isolated to a single location.
- 3) There is no feasible way the project could be completed without SPF’s contribution and all other funding would be lost and project would nto be complete.
- 4) A majority of the board feels that UCSB students would support the project.
- 5) It is a long lasting project in which the benefits to students and community members will be received for at least 20 years.
- 6) If SPF did not supply the funds, the stairs could continue to be closed each winter season.
- 7) It is very good positive exposure of SPF as an organization for the long term. This would be a good highlight project when SPF comes up for reaffirmation.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

EDC TGIF Sponsorship

Would board like to sponsor as we have in the past and if so which one? Will discuss next week.

Meeting With Dave R

Dave Revell will be presenting findings from his studies in the SPF office at 5:30pm on Tuesday. Board members should attend if possible.

Weekly Meeting Room

Board meetings for Spring quarter will continue to be held in the AS conference Room.

End of the Year Reception

The reception will be held in the Cliff House Tuesday, May 31. Board will discuss plans for it next week.

VIII Old Business

IV Earth Day

Is this Saturday from 12 noon – 10pm. Scott will e-mail the board members with their respective tabling times.

Coastal Service Program Update

Adrienne reported that she attended a Goleta Valley Beautiful Meeting regarding the tree planting projects to check out as another possible volunteer program to recruit student groups for.

All of the beach and street clean-up dates are full, but there are still some restoration dates open.

Scott would like board to discuss putting a cap on the amount of money SPF allocates for the Coastal Service program.

Adrienne found digital cameras with 2.2 megapixel for \$12.99 each (minus tax, shipping, and handling) and would like to order 4- board will vote on next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM