

## **DMNC/CAT Green Streets Planning Meeting June 27, 2017 – Café Woeuf (Robin & Lorenzo's place)**

Notes by eLPersonne

**Next meeting of the DNMC/CAT will be Monday July 24 at 730 pm, Emily's place.**  
Host will facilitate the meeting. Notetaker TBD.

Attending tonight: Gary Darling, jesikah, Kent, Emily, Joan, Jen, Nik, Robin, Lorenzo

Status on next steps id'd in last meeting (many of these are subsumed by the three-prong action plan described below):

1. Send notes with catalyst project criteria to Kevin (Emily): Emily sent notes to Kevin, did not yet get a response
2. Send notes to the neighborhood (Emily): Emily done
3. Send thank you note to Rhys and Dawn (Fred)
4. Consider n'hood & technical criteria to identify possibilities to share back with n'hood (Kevin): Kevin to provide based on prior meetings with the nbhd
5. Detail out some of the tools mentioned-storm water curb extension, tree garden-and share with n'hood as we consider the master plan (Kevin)
6. Identify friendly neighborhood locations (next meeting as a group)
7. Get examples of maintenance plans to calm city fears (Kevin)
8. Develop shared messages/script to use in one-on-ones (group does at next meeting?)
9. Start having one-on-ones with city council members and city staff (group ID's who at next meeting)
10. Identify and talk to other allies (e.g., Cool Davis, Da Vinci, Tree Davis, Imagining America, Arboretum, WaterWise Davis) (group brainstorm this list and who reaches out next meeting)
11. Meet with Bob Clarke and see if there is an appetite from the city (Emily and team)
12. Monitor and find out guidelines for Urban Rivers grant (Zarah)

### **California Urban Rivers Grant Program, funded by**

Proposition 1: The water quality, supply and infrastructure improvement act of 2014

Grant criteria: Promote groundwater recharge and water reuse; use soils, plants and natural processes to treat runoff; reduce energy consumption; create/restore native habitat; increase regional and local resilience/adaptability to climate change.

Due date approx. mid October. Budget must be at least \$100K.

Logic of our approach. The grant proposal would contain our nbhd "green streets" master plan consisting of 12-16 specific sites, each of which supports the grant criteria and collectively meet the goals and needs of the nbhd and the City. City of Davis would be the partner in submitting the grant and would commit to supporting its implementation (specifics to be defined). Once

the master plan is done, we pick one of the sites as a “pilot” and begin working on it asap after the grant application is submitted, so our “work in progress” becomes supporting evidence for the grand application and we have something to show for our efforts even if we don’t get the grant. We seek City support to implement the pilot. Purposes of pilot project: (1) something nbhd would do regardless of grant; (2) make us more competitive in the grant evaluation process; (3) forms the start on implementing the nbhd master plan.

We agree that this master plan is desirable and important even if we don’t get this grant. If we don’t get the grant then we may have to implement incrementally, one site at a time, and find other funding sources, but we expect that the importance of the “green streets” projects for the nbhd is very high in any case.

This approach implies three main tasks. Each task has a sub-team identified below; folks interested in participating on any of the sub-teams should contact the “convenor.”

1. Create the nbhd Green Streets master plan. Organize and facilitate community meetings to come up with master plan by late September.

Get Kevin to provide an initial sketch of a nbhd master plan, for a starting place, based on his notes from prior meetings with our nbhd.

Plan a 3-meeting process that culminates in a master plan by September: plan the agenda, objectives, desired outcomes, etc. for each meeting; decide on facilitation; timing; process to synthesize input and develop a master plan, etc.

Plan should address the big issues we know about: ongoing maintenance, what else?

Sub-team on master plan development: Emily (convenor), Kent, Lorenzo, Robin, Jen

First meeting: Thursday July 6 at 730 pm

2. Work with City to establish working partnership and get their commitment to the project

Sub-team: jesikah (convenor), Robin, Fred – later Gary, Emily

Possible allies and contacts: CoolDavis (Chris); WaterWise (Leslie); Parks & Rec; Bob Clarke; Council (Brett, Lucas, Robb); Rachel Hartsough; Mitch Sears; Cary Dyer; Mike Webb; John Johnston (NRC); Tree Davis

How to engage property owners who don’t live here?

Unknown: Are there other projects City or others are considering for the same grant?

First meeting: either Mon-Tue July 17-18 – jesikah to contact Fred to finalize date

3. Prepare grant application

Sub-team: Zarah (proposed convenor – need to confirm with her), Jen, Gary, Kevin, City person tbd

### **Project ideas**

Gary – Lessley Place very vulnerable to flood; storm drain is easily backed-up. Parking on Lessley is generally full, so permeable pavement on the street would be parked upon. This project has a number of important criteria: demonstrates flood control problem that is the City's problem; we can address that problem with a project that meets the grant criteria; we will have high neighborhood engagement (an area the City seeks to improve); City recognition for an innovative solution; helps solve a problem created when this neighborhood was built. Project would involve permeable pavement – punch holes 3-4 feet deep to get through the clay layer, fill the holes with gravel, place pavers over the top. That will enable water to drain rapidly and more deeply into the soil.

Joan – Possible project location at end of N Street at the park, east side of the street where the storm drain is. This is bordered by Dave's backyard fence, while all houses with driveways are on the other side of the street so should not impede their access.