

**Open Space and Habitat Commission Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 1, 2019**  
**South Fork Preserve, located on Mace Boulevard/County Road 104**  
**About a half mile south of the City limits, 9:00 a.m.**

Commissioners Present: Stephanie Holstege, Patrick Huber (Chair), Roberta Millstein, Carrie Shaw (Vice Chair), Marc Vayssieres, Garrett Allen (Alternate)

Vacant Positions: None

Commissioners Absent: Erin Gooch, Joy Klineberg

Assigned Staff: Tracie Reynolds, Manager, Open Space Program

Council Liaison: Will Arnold (Regular), Lucas Frerichs (Alternate)

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Commissioner Huber opened the meeting after a quorum was achieved.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Commissioner Vayssieres, seconded by Commissioner Holstege, the Commission voted 5-0-2-0 to approve the June 2019 special meeting agenda. (Ayes – Holstege, Huber, Millstein, Shaw, Vayssieres; Noes – none; Absent – Gooch, Klineberg; Abstentions – none).

**3. Regular Items**

**Discussion Item - A walking tour of South Fork Preserve West (10 acres of newly acquired riparian habitat west of South Fork Preserve), led by Chris Gardner, the City's Open Space Lands Manager, and Marc Hoshovsky, a former Commissioner and docent for Putah Creek Council.**

This two-hour walking tour was an opportunity for the Commissioners and the public to learn about this new extension of the City's South Fork Preserve, including how the City is managing this unique resource. The City purchased the additional 10 acres west of the 120-acre nature preserve in 2017. Mr. Hoshovsky walked with the Commissioners along the newly rehabilitated trails and talked about the lush riparian habitat, including stops at a couple of very large native trees (i.e., a California black walnut tree with a circumference of 20 feet and a height of 91 feet and a Fremont cottonwood tree with a circumference of 18.5 feet and a height of 105 feet). Mr. Gardner also discussed how the City is working to improve the riparian habitat by controlling invasive species and concentrating public access along the trails.

**4. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.