



City of Sebastopol Planning Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: December 14, 2021
Agenda Item: 6A
To: Planning Commission
From: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director
Subject: Calder Creek Naturalization Project - Design Basis and Discussion
Recommendation: Receive presentation and Provide Feedback

Background:

The approved Ives Park Master Plan includes the concept of naturalizing Calder Creek as it runs through the Park. The City is working with WRI (Waterway Restoration Institute) and a Switzer Foundation Fellow to help envision what the naturalization of Calder Creek could be, both within Ives Park, as part of the Master Plan, as well as up- and down- stream.

This agenda item is the third presentation in a series of four meetings with the Planning Commission, which serves as the City's Parks Commission, to review and provide input on the naturalization project.

Discussion:

WRI will present alternative preliminary conceptual designs for restoring Calder Creek at Ives Park. Potential stream alignments were developed and used in a design charrette with members of the Ives Park Subcommittee and City staff to obtain feedback and integrate park elements. Refinements of this charrette work will be shared. Conceptual approaches to restoring Calder Creek through downtown will also be explored.

Public Comment:

No public comments have been received as of the writing of this staff report.

Recommendation:

Receive the report and provide direction to staff and the consultants.

Additional information:

The October 26, 2021 presentation to the Planning Commission on this project can be found on the city's website: <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event/Planning-Commission/2021/Planning-Commission-Meeting-of-October-26,-2021>

The Ives Park Master Plan, can be found on the City's Parks Planning page: <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/City-Government/Departments-Services/Planning/Parks-Planning>