



**CITY OF PACIFICA  
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**January 19, 2022**

**6:00 – 7:30 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom Link**

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- To dial-in via phone:  
DIAL:+1 (669)900-6833 Meeting ID: 92726074774#
- Contact Senior Planner, Bonny O'Connor by email with questions: [boconnor@pacifica.gov](mailto:boconnor@pacifica.gov)

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  - Submitter's Full Name
  - 350 word maximum
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:** (5 minutes)

**Approval of Order of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2021 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Oral Communications:**

*This portion of the agenda is available to the public to address the Committee on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on the agenda (3 minutes per speaker).*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** (5 minutes)

1. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC
2. Update by City Council Liaison

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** (5 minutes)

3. Update on development projects and the release of Draft General Plan Update

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

4. Provide feedback on the development application for TBD Amapola Ave. (APN 018-160-090) (Planning Department File No. 2020-021) related to Open Space Task Force Report (Parcel 15) (30 minutes)
5. Discuss the creation of a new subcommittee to research funding options to preserve and maintain open space in Pacifica, approve subcommittee members. (10 minutes)
6. Update on Pedro Point Headland Coastal Trail (10 minutes)
7. Update on the 2022 Preservation Award nominations and progress. Nominations are available for review online here: <https://cityofpacificca.egnyte.com/fl/rmA23Zutdf> (10 minutes)

**COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:** (5 minutes)

8. Committee Communications:

**ADJOURNMENT**

*\*\*Please note that timeframes were provided at the request of the Committee Chair and are meant to provide guidance and not limitations.*

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**CITY OF PACIFICA  
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**December 15, 2021 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom Link**

*In attendance was Chair Patton, Vice Chair Arnos, Sullivan, Read, Lancelle, and Johnson. Natesan, Durkee, and Shoemaker were absent. Mayor Bier and Staff Liaison O'Connor were also present.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Patton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Order of Agenda.** After a motion to move Committee Communications to the end of the agenda, the Committee unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2021,** After a small edit to correct the reference to Linda Mar Woods Project, the Committee unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- 1. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC:** *Sue Gardner (GGNPC)* provided an update on her work with Oceana students at Milagra Ridge, GGNPC's work on translocation of mission blue butterflies on Sweeney Ridge. *Gardner* responded to *Sullivan's* question about the unit management plan for the Rancho Corral de Tierra (outside of Pacifica). GGNPC will be at Mori Point to monitor the frog population during upcoming rain events. *Darren Brown (GGNRA)* announced that *Natalie Dayal's* position ended. *Brown* announced that GGNRA will be meeting with City staff in January 2022 regarding the Mori Point topic.
- 2. Update by City Council Liaison:** *Mayor Bier* announced that the General Plan will be released after the holidays, informed the Committee that the City Attorney's Office will not be reviewing the resolution update without Council direction.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 3. Development project updates:** *O'Connor* provided congratulations to Bier on her promotion to Mayor, repeated General Plan and GGNRA meeting updates provided by Bier and Brown, announced that Council provided direction to delay in-person council/commission/committee meetings until at least March 2022. Development updates included applications for Amapola (parcel 15) and 570 Crespi (Parcel 32).

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 4. Discuss Preservation Award progress for 2022.** *Arnos* requested a copy of the nomination announcement to be sent to the entire committee. *O'Connor* provided an update of the City's media accounts where the announcement was posted and confirmed no nominations were received to date.
- 5. Discuss OSPAC Resolution Update next steps prior to 2022 Goal Setting, Subcommittee update.** *Patton* summarized next steps to include having the individual OSPAC members, as well as encouraging the public to, contact the remaining members of City Council. *Patton* stated the conversations should focus on informing and educating the Council members of OSPAC's request.

Patton warned against sharing other Council member's positions or feedback to avoid a Brown Act violation.

**COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Committee Communications:** *Patton* suggested creating a subcommittee to determine how to raise money for open space preservation and management. *Patton* suggested that the subcommittee include herself, *Read, Shoemaker and Johnson*. Early steps of the subcommittee would include reaching out to MidPen and POST. *Sullivan* reported that Surrion brand electric motorcycles have been observed on various trails and he is communicating with State Parks to discourage the use of these vehicles, which has negative effects on the environment. *Patton* reported for Natesan that she heard the Coastal Conservancy has a trail design for Pedro Point Highlands Trail at 80 percent. Coastal Conservancy continues to look for a permanent land manager.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.



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**Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee**  
January 19, 2022

Agenda Item No. 4

**Subject:** Staff Summary of Planning Department File No. 2020-021 TBD Amapola Avenue (APN 018-160-090)  
Parcel 15 Northeast Fork of Calera Creek in Open Space Task Force Report

**Prepared by:** Christian Murdock, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning

**Discussion**

***Introduction***

The City of Pacifica received an application for development of a single-family residence on an undeveloped parcel at TBD Amapola Avenue (APN 018-160-090) (“project”), which was found complete on December 6, 2021. The project would occur within a 3.6-acre property that is located in an area designated as Special Area in the 1980 General Plan and zoned Agricultural (A), with Lot Size B-5 (B-5) and Hillside Preservation District (HPD) overlays. The property is also identified as Parcel 15, Northeast Fork of Calera Creek in the Open Space Task Force Report (OSTF Report). The applicant, Len Stone, has voluntarily agreed to present the project to the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee (OSPAC) to received feedback on the project related to the OSTF Report.

In 1988 the OSTF prepared a report, later accepted by City Council, to inventory and describe significant parcels of land for the purpose of long-range open space planning. A second edition of the OSTF Report was prepared by the Open Space Committee and accepted by City Council in 2000. The objective of this OSTF Report was to identify priority open space based upon community desirability and resource value for protection. As stated in the preface of the second edition of OSTF Report “This report is not intended to declare the City’s intent or interest to acquire any of these parcels or to override the current land use regulations... Every property owner has the right to economically viable use of his or her property. Although the report is referenced in Pacifica’s General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, its value is to be used for informational purposes only.”

The narrative provided for Parcel 15 in the OSTF Report is as follows:

The northeast fork of Calera Creek has its headwaters on Sweeney Ridge and flows through this steep-sided narrow canyon. As it approaches Vallemar, the canyon fans out into a small quiet meadow surrounded by steep slopes. As the valley begins to widen, leaving behind the park jurisdiction to the east, the meadow spreads out and slopes towards the houses of the Vallemar neighborhood. This larger meadow is a pleasantly open area. The smaller meadow further into the canyon has a more dense cover of vegetation. This fork of Calera Creek runs along the eastern edge of the canyon, descending to the meadows in a series of miniature waterfalls and still pools which lie deep in the canyon crevice, with only dappled sunlight filtering through the dense overgrowth. This fork of the creek is seasonal. Ruins of an old irrigation dam is present testimony to the valley's earlier agricultural use and the creek's water volume.

The lower meadow ground cover is sparse while the upper meadow plant community is composed of dense stands of stinging nettles, blackberry brambles, thistles, etc. The creek bank is hidden in the typical creekside growth of a dense creek willow thicket interspersed with elderberry trees and other indigenous plants. Water dogs and red legged frogs (a threatened species sighted by the current owner) reside in the creek and large pack rat nests line the valley above the creek. Deer, raccoons, rodents, foxes, quail, and coyotes are present on the parcel. Spike verbena blooms here in the spring, seen nowhere else in Pacifica.

*(Page 37 of OSTF Report Vol. 2)*

### ***Project Summary and Status***

The project includes construction of a new single-family residence and attached three-car garage (See Figure 1 below). A site plan of the development is attached (Attachment A). Driveway access is within a future easement across the private property at 149 Amapola Avenue. The neighbors have agreed to this easement, but it has not been recorded yet.



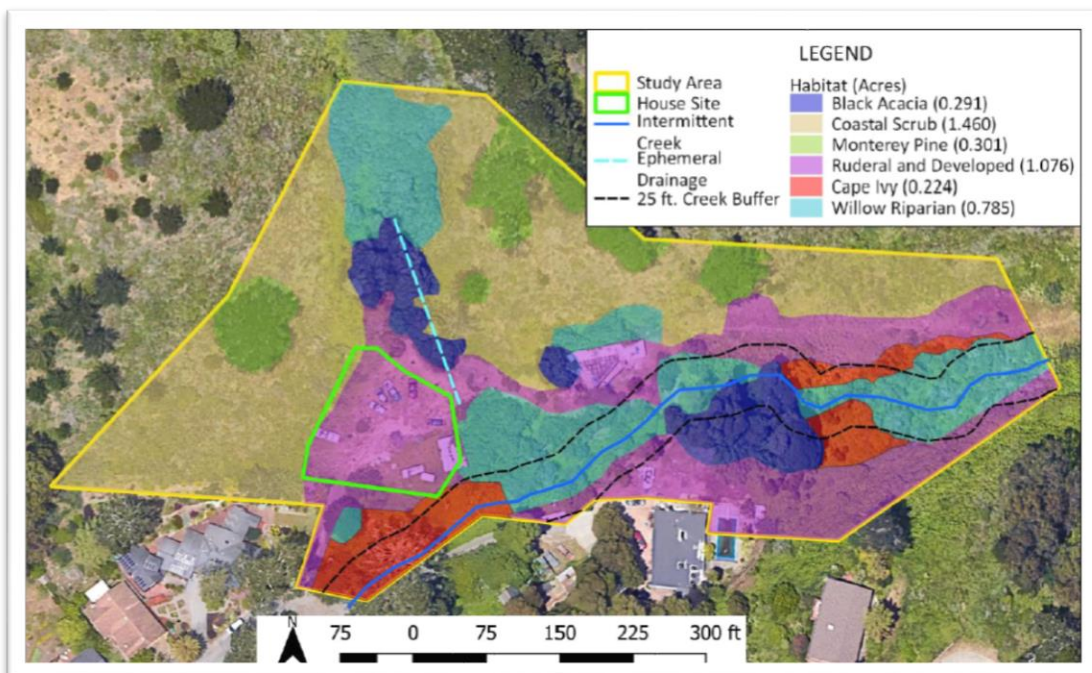
**Figure 1.** Rendering of Project



*(Clip from Sheet A0.1 of 2021-1105 Plan Set)*

The applicant has provided a biological report, preliminary jurisdictional wetlands delineation, and arborist report to evaluate the biological resources and hydrology on the site. Application materials can be viewed at the following link: <https://cityofpacific.egnyte.com/fl/bXH11w5ruF>. Figure 2 shows the approximate development site, 25-foot creek buffer, and habitats.

**Figure 2.** Approximate Development Site, 25-foot Creek Buffer, and Habitats



*(Clip from Page 42 of Toyon Consultant REVISED Biological Report)*

Staff is continuing to review the application materials, determining if additional analyses are necessary, and determining the appropriate action in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

City Council Resolution No. 44-2015 provides for an applicant to voluntarily present a development project to OSPAC and that OSPAC may advise applicants on properties listed in the Open Space Task Force report and other open space issues. The recommendations of OSPAC will be solely advisory.

**OSPAC Action**

Provide the project applicant feedback on the proposed development application for TBD Amapola Ave. (Parcel 15) in relation to the OSTF Report.

**Attachment:**

Attachment A: *Sheet A1 Site Plan from 2021-1105 Plan Set*



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 ① SITE PLAN  
 1" = 30'-0"



REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION
4	11/30/2020	PROGRESS PLANNING SET
5	12/23/2020	PLANNING SUBMITTAL
6	04/21/2021	PLANNING RESUBMITTAL
7	07/12/2021	PLANNING 2ND RESUBMITTAL
8	11/05/2021	PLANNING 3RD RESUBMITTAL

PROJECT NAME:  
**NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME  
 STONE RESIDENCE**

PROJECT SCOPE:  
 (N) SINGLE FAMILY HOME WITH  
 ATTACHED 3-CAR GARAGE

PROJECT ADDRESS:  
 TBD AMAPOLA AVENUE  
 PACIFICA, CA 94044

SHEET TITLE  
**SITE PLAN**

SHEET  
**A1.1**

# Pacifica Preservation Award

## Nomination Process and Selection Criteria

1. Awardees will be individuals or groups who have contributed to preserving or maintaining Pacifica's open spaces, parklands or other areas adjacent to Pacifica.
2. Awardee will not be a member of OSPAC.
3. Awardees will be nominated by members of the public as well as OSPAC committee members
4. Awardees will be voted on by OSPAC members by secret ballot.
5. OSPAC will award one Preservation award per year.
6. Awardees will not be eligible for future Preservation awards.
7. Nominations should be received in writing by OSPAC by the date set forth by the committee.
8. Nominees may be nominated for the award again if they didn't previously win but names will not carry over the subsequent year. Nominees must be re-nominated by either committee members or members of the public.
9. OSPAC will sent a thank you letter to the person who submitted the nomination, thanking them for their time and nomination.

We didn't get into details about the proclamation as that will be unique to every awardee.

### **Draft Thank You Letter:**

Dear \*\*\*

Thank you for nominating \_\_\_\_\_ for the Pacifica Preservation Award. As you are aware, the Pacifica Preservation Award honors people or groups who have shown a dedication to maintaining, restoring and/or preserving open space, parks, beaches or other areas in and around Pacifica.

Our committee will be evaluating all nominees and will announce the winner around Earth Day. We appreciate you spending the time to submit a nomination.

Respectfully,

Members of the Pacifica Open Space and Parklands Advisory Committee

# Past Preservation Award Winners

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fred Simons</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clark Natwick</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Curtis</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shirley Drye</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mary Petrilli</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mike Vasey</li></ul>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Margaret Goodale</li></ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Noel Blincoe</li></ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paul Jones</li></ul>
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pacific Beach Coalition</li></ul>
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pacifica Land Trust</li></ul>
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ken Miles</li></ul>

**O'Connor, Bonny**

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**From:** Roger Mascio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 24, 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** O'Connor, Bonny  
**Subject:** OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION NOMINATION

**[CAUTION: External Email]**

Hello Bonny,

I would like to nominate John Keener for the Open Space Preservation Award.

I think John has made an outstanding contribution toward the preservation of open space in the City of Pacifica. John is the President of the San Pedro Creek Watershed Coalition and the Pacifica Land Trust Board. He is on the board of directors of RCD and Peninsula Clean Energy, etc, etc. John organized and is the site captain for a weekly cleanup of San Pedro Creek. As a former City Council member and past Mayor John worked to preserve open space in Pacifica and to protect Pacifica's environment. I know of several times, when citizens contacted him because of an environmental issue in San Pedro Creek and he helped remove it or brought it to the attention of the agency who could.

John is very pleasant and organized. He is a consensus builder.

Thank you for your time

Respectfully,

Roger Mascio

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**O'Connor, Bonny**

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**From:** Stan Zeavin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021 11:15 AM  
**To:** O'Connor, Bonny  
**Subject:** Fw: nomination for open space award

**[CAUTION: External Email]**

Hi Bonny,

Happy New Year!

I just sent the following OSPAC nomination to JoAnne Arnos.

Warm wishes,

Margaret

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Stan Zeavin [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 28, 2021, 11:06:53 AM PST  
**Subject:** nomination for open space award

Hi Joann,

Kathy Kellerman is my nominee for the OSPAC award this year. For many, many years she has grown most of the native plants to be used for restoration at Pacifica State Beach and on the Pedro Point Headland. She also supplied natives for sale at the CNPS Yerba Buena Chapter sales and for the sales at Pacifica Gardens.

Most importantly, she shared her encyclopedic knowledge and offered generous advice to those needing it. Kathy is a perfect example of a kind and dedicated educator about all things native plant.

I will contact members of the Land Trust who can give you more information about her important role with PLT.

Sincerely,

Margaret Goodale

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May 12, 2018

Pacifica Open Space Parkland Advisory Committee  
c/o Bonny O'Connor, Assistant Planner  
1800 Francisco Blvd.  
Pacifica, CA 94044

Sent via email to: o'connorb@ci.pacifica.ca.us

Dear OSPAC Committee Members,

We are writing to nominate Michael Ayala for this year's Open Space Preservation Award.

A quiet and unassuming open space hero, Michael has worked diligently and consistently on habitat preservation for one of the most visible locations in Pacifica, the sand dunes-trail areas from Pacifica State Beach to Rockaway Beach.

Michael has been an active member of the Pacifica Beach Coalition since 2008, first volunteering with Clark Natwick, Pacifica's pioneer of native habitat restoration. Learning and working with Clark stirred Michael's passion. He took on the role as Site Captain, for the monthly Linda Mar Habitat Restoration work in 2009-2010, and has continued non-stop since.

Michael is inspired by his goal of fully eradicating invasive and non-native plants while expanding a flourishing native habitat teeming with biodiversity in Pacifica. Over more than nine years, Michael, with his great hands-on skills, has rarely missed a Sunday work day along the sensitive dunes. Without regard for inclement weather, few volunteers on some days, or ruggedness of the task, he takes on the challenge.

Restoring this landscape involves removing non-native invasive plants and weeds (i.e., ice plant, mustard, ox tongue, invasive buckwheat) to make way for planting coastal native plants (i.e., beach sage, seaside daisy and strawberry) to maintain, increase and sustain biodiversity. In cooperation and partnership with the



*Linda Mar Habitat Restoration Site Captain  
Michael Ayala*

Pacifica Shorebird Alliance, the work done under Michael's lead has also benefitted the Western Snowy Plover and coastal bee populations.

Thank you for considering Michael's nomination.



*MLK Day of Service 2018, removing invasive buckwheat*

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Abbott  
[REDACTED] Salada Avenue  
Pacifica, CA 94044  
[REDACTED]

Margaret Goodale  
[REDACTED] Palou Drive  
Pacifica, CA 94044  
[REDACTED]



Date: 4/13/17

To: Pacifica Open Space Parkland Advisory Committee

Re: Open Space Preservation Award Nomination: Hal Bohner

From: Ann Edminster ( [REDACTED] )

Dear OSPAC members,

Hal Bohner is one of Pacifica's unsung open space heroes. In fact, rather than being thanked, he is often publicly criticized, by those who place more value on profit, for his stalwart activism in preserving Pacifica's open space treasures. It's time that his willingness to take arrows for the sake of our open space is recognized and celebrated.

Many of you probably read the *Pacifica Tribune* obituary for John Curtis by Peter Loeb on February 16 of this year ([http://www.pacificatribune.com/obituaries/life-tributes-john-curtis/article\\_b14a8a4c-f491-11e6-a480-bf4a14f8f6c1.html](http://www.pacificatribune.com/obituaries/life-tributes-john-curtis/article_b14a8a4c-f491-11e6-a480-bf4a14f8f6c1.html)). I was struck by how many of the same efforts enumerated in John's obituary Hal had played a key role in; Hal was the legal mind behind the scenes in many of John's undertakings.

Hal and I have been together since 1996, so I can't personally attest to his activities before that date, and also have not been conscientiously cataloguing his efforts since. However, borrowing from the Curtis obituary (with thanks and apologies to Peter Loeb for the plagiarism), here are some of Hal's many contributions:

- In the '80s Hal was a member of Friends of Pacifica which opposed the development of Mori Point and got a majority of pro-environmental city council members elected. In 1981 Friends of Pacifica took to referendum and defeated the Zoning Ordinance.
- In the 1980s, Hal was part of Pacificans for Mori Point, which defeated another proposal for the development of Mori Point – 60 homes and a 7-story conference center. In 2000, Mori Point was purchased by the Trust for Public Land and then transferred to the National Park Service which added it to the GGNRA.
- From 1997 on, Hal worked with the Committee to Save the Fish and Bowl.
- In 2004 Hal worked with the Community Organization of Watchdogs (COW) to extend the Growth Management Ordinance.
- Also in 2004 Hal was on the steering committee of Pacificans for Sustainable Development (PSD) and helped defeat Measure E which would have allowed 315 units of housing in the Quarry.
- In 2006 Hal worked with PSD and Pacifica Today and Tomorrow to defeat Measure L which would have allowed 355 housing units in the Quarry.

Hal has also contributed his legal, advocacy, and leadership skills to protect Pacifica's scenic and environmental resources in numerous other ways – almost always pro bono:

- He defended Pacificans who were sued by the Milagra Ridge developer for their roles in opposing that project.
- He has written, edited, and reviewed countless ballot arguments for local voter initiatives, and other documents, to ensure their clarity and accuracy.
- His efforts first galvanized the group that formed Pacificans for Highway One Alternatives (PH1A) and he remains on the PH1A Steering Committee, tirelessly keeping this issue before Pacificans year after year.
- He has campaigned for open space candidates in virtually every Pacifica election in the last nearly 40 years.
- He has put in thousands of volunteer hours in lawsuits against both private and public entities to protect Pacifica from overdevelopment that would compromise our community's livability, our scenic resources, wildlife and ecosystems.
- He has come to the aid of residents throughout Pacifica when they needed legal counsel on how to combat development in their neighborhoods that threatened the open space values we hold dear. Most recently, he has been representing residents in the north end of Pacifica in their efforts to prevent construction in the Fish and Bowl that could represent a precedent making the entire area vulnerable to environmentally damaging development. He has also been assisting Rockaway residents in their efforts to ensure appropriate controls on development on Oddstad Terrace.

We live in Vallemar; many of the projects that Hal engages with will never affect him directly, yet he believes passionately in the necessity of protecting our open space resources to preserve the quality of the environment for all Pacificans, and all Californians, and his beliefs are amply demonstrated by his actions.

Although he is nominally retired, Hal continues to work **full-time** in the home office space we share, day after day, with a focus on preserving the quality of Pacifica's open space. I can think of no better recipient for this award. And while I may be biased, I've also been following the open space issues in Pacifica for ... well ... nearly my entire life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann V. Smith", written in a cursive style.

*Pacifica resident 1956-1974 and 1986-present*



Past Nomination: 2017

## **O'Connor, Bonny**

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**From:** Wehrmeister, Tina  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 11:14 AM  
**To:** O'Connor, Bonny  
**Cc:** Gibbs, Tina  
**Subject:** FW: Open Space Award Nomination

Can you please keep these in one place and forward to the subcommittee? Thanks.

Tina Wehrmeister  
Planning Director  
City of Pacifica  
[www.cityofpacifica.org](http://www.cityofpacifica.org)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jake Grey [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 09, 2017 7:16 AM  
**To:** Wehrmeister, Tina  
**Subject:** Open Space Award Nomination

Dear Tina Wehrmeister,

I would like to nominate my dear friend, teacher, and mother, Cynthia Mitchell. She lives off of Palou Drive in the back of the valley. She has three mature elder trees growing in her back yard which produce huge amounts of baby elder tree saplings. They sprout up everywhere, from her hanging pots, to her fountains, to every nook of her diverse garden. For nearly the past ten years, she has been carefully digging them up, maturing them in her backyard with her own rich soil, and donating all of them to the San Pedro Valley Park.

I am truly astounded every time I see how many black plastic pots she has in her backyard with seedlings of all different sizes awaiting the next visit from the park ranger. Any time I go for a run or hike in the park, I always keep an eye out for any conservation work along the creek where her trees are restoring the natural habitat.

Besides the beautiful elder trees, she also digs up any other native species such as grasses that might sprout up unexpectedly in her yard. She donates these too.

She is simply one person who is making a real difference in the landscape of San Pedro Valley.

I don't know if this qualifies her for the award, but I think she is more than deserving.

If you would like to get in touch with her, I would be more than happy to supply her email.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Kind regards,

-Jake Grey