



CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 17, 2018
MINUTES

Chair Jim Sullivan, JoAnne Arnos, Julie Lancelle, Michael Pacelli, Ron Maykel, Sallye McKenzie, George Frank and Ellen Natesan were present this evening. Member Alison Sanders was absent. City Council liaison Sue Digre, and staff liaisons Tina Wehrmeister and Bonny O'Connor were also present. Additionally, Sue Gardner of Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and Amy Brees of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Approval of Order of Agenda

As Michael Pacelli needed to leave the meeting at 7:00pm, he requested that #4 on the Agenda (Wildlife Preservation Signs) be moved to #1, and for the remaining items to follow in order after this. This change to the order of the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2017

Unanimously approved

COMMUNICATIONS

Oral Communications: None

Committee Communications:

Ron began by reporting that there has been about 20-30 Western Snowy Plovers sighted and counted at Linda Mar Beach recently. He added that on Saturday, a group will be installing painted signs with Snowy Plover information in the Linda Mar Beach area. Ron noted that he recently has been thinking about D-Con rat poison and would like to see this both banned from Pacifica, and added to future OSPAC agendas. He also asked that the use of Round-Up for weed mitigation be added on future OSPAC agendas for discussion. Ron also said that he recently spoke with a resident near San Pedro Creek, and she is concerned about the homeless and the trash around the creek.

Jim reported that that a resolution is being prepared for the Green Valley Trail to protect the native species there. Although this trail is not in Pacifica, it is very close by. He believes it to be Caltrans and State Parks property.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Review Draft San Mateo County Parks Proposal for Wildlife Preservation Signs

Jim pointed to the handout that he had prepared referencing ideas for new signage and potential locations. He mentioned that he had recently spoken with Public Works, and they asked him to prepare a proposal and give that to them. The goal is to raise awareness of open space in Pacifica. Jim said that the handout is meant to start OSPAC discussion, and asked that the committee review the ideas and think about changes or additions to the list. He said he tried to keep the ideas simple and not wordy. He reminded the committee that Jonathan from San Mateo County Parks told them that they will create signs, if OSPAC tells him what they need. Further conversation took place about ideas for signage, as

well as the proper procedure for getting approval from the City. City Council Liaison Sue Digre said they should start by giving their ideas to the City Manager for review.

Ron addressed Sue Gardner and Amy Brees to express his desire for Wildlife Crossing signage, and Jim reminded the committee that Caltrans requested roadkill data to support the need for such signage.

2. Introduction to Sue Gardner of Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and Amy Brees of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area

Sue Gardner of Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy introduced herself first. She began by noting that she began in Parks Service on Milagra Ridge 25 years ago, and has been involved in conservancy and stewardship ever since. Her career expanded over time to include directing 8 task-specific teams, which span San Francisco to Marin, as well as Alcatraz Gardens. She noted that she used to attend Open Space meetings a long time ago, prior to Christine FitzGerald.

Amy Brees then introduced herself, noting that her new position with the GGNRA has not even started yet. She said that she has worked for National Parks Service since 1995, and recently held the position of Superintendent of Angel Island State Park. Although her new title hasn't been determined, she thinks that it will be something comparable to "Community Liaison." She said her new role incorporates some of Christine FitzGerald's duties, but not all.

Following these introductions, the OSPAC Committee then introduced themselves to Sue and Amy, one-by-one.

Sue Gardner then gave a quick report of new developments with National Parks. She mentioned dog waste stations at the Connemara development, repairs at Baquiano Trail, and migration and transportation of butterflies and larvae from San Bruno Mountain to Milagra Ridge. She also mentioned new No Parking signs at Mori Point near the restrooms. She then reported on the LINC (Linking Individuals to Natural Community) summer internship available to high school students. This summer internship is a 6-week program and it pays \$1,000 to participating students who complete the program. The application can be found online.

JoAnne then addressed Sue and Amy to express that part of the OSPAC Committee responsibility is to be mindful that future building in Pacifica fits into, and doesn't overly disturb, the environment. She told them that protecting natural resources is something that the committee is very passion about.

3. Update Committee Work Plan (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

As many of the work plan topics had already been discussed during the meeting, the committee skipped to item 5 on the work plan – Portola Expedition Trail Updates. Jim reported that the committee was broken down into several subcommittees to tackle specific objectives. He went on to say that the route through Pacifica is pretty well set.

#6 – SMC Parks Dog Management. Jim simply reported that a recent presentation went well, and that things are still being sorted out on this issue.

#7 – Community Outreach Events. Sallye reported on ECO Fest on Earth day. She contacted the organizer for the event, and she told Sallye that OSPAC has been written in as a participant, either to have a separate table or to pair up with the City of Pacifica's table. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that she thinks that the City preference is for OSPAC to be part of the City table at this event.

A subcommittee was formed for ECO Fest, consisting of Jim, JoAnne and Sallye.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

4. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that the 801 Fassler project will be heard by the Planning Commission on 2/5, and that the San Pedro Terrace project was approved at the 1/16 Planning Commission meeting and will be heard by City Council on 2/12. Referencing Sea Level Rise, Bonny announced that the technical and community workgroups will have a meeting on 1/23, and the public workshop will take place on 2/13 at City Council Chambers.

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister noted that there will be a Planning Commission study session on 2/20 to discuss annexation of properties at the top of Springwood Way off of Perez, which is county property known as Tobin Park. She added that soon she expects a similar application to annex 2 lots at Higgins Trail.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jim Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.