



CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 21, 2018
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
MINUTES

In attendance this evening were Chair Jim Sullivan, JoAnne Arnos, Julie Lancelle, Alison Sanders, Ron Maykel, George Frank and Ellen Natesan. Michael Pacelli and Sallye McKenzie were absent.

In addition, City Council Liaison Sue Digre and Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor were present. Guests Kathy Kellerman from the Pacifica Land Trust, and Sue Gardner from Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy attended this evening.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Approval of Order of Agenda: Unanimously approved

Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2018: Unanimously approved

PRESENTATION:

Pacifica Land Trust Update Regarding Pedro Point Headlands from Kathy Kellerman

Kathy Kellerman, Project Manager for the Pedro Point Headlands Restoration & Trails Project gave an informative update on the Pedro Point Headlands restoration. She gave a PowerPoint presentation, and provided the OSPAC Committee with a handout and before-and-after photographs of the Headlands.

The Pedro Point Headlands is a 255 acre coastal property with stunning views, wildlife, and recreation. It was previously a place used by the Pacifica Motorcycle Club for riding motorcycles and other off-road vehicles, and is now being repaired from the damage caused by these vehicles. It was purchased by the City of Pacifica and the Coastal Conservancy to protect it from development and continued off-highway vehicle and motorcycle over-use. This land is expected to transfer to San Mateo County ownership. Due to wide trails, exposed soil, steep trails, ad hoc trails, soil loss and sediment transport to the creek, the Pacifica Land Trust has re-contoured the land to restore sheet water flow, has minimized the sediment transport to San Pedro Creek, and has significantly improved and stabilized existing trails and abandoned those that were unsustainable. Further, they have re-aligned trails where it was appropriate to do so, and have opened the South Ridge Trail which is designed for hikers, horses and mountain bikers. All earth-moving is completed, 80% re-vegetation has been achieved. Although more work needs to be completed, the area looks great now and can be better enjoyed by the community.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications: None

Committee Communications:

Ron began by reminding the group that the Open Space Preservation Award nomination period needs to begin soon, and that this should be agendized for future meetings. He also mentioned that an announcement will need to be placed in the Pacifica Tribune. He went on to report that he had attended the Beautification

Committee meeting, and he handed out their agenda for the OSPAC Committee to review. Ron then provided Staff Liaison Bonnie O'Connor with some information, outlining the impacts of open space on property values to share with other Planning staff. He then passed out an article he found in a local newspaper, written about giant tortoises that he thought the OSPAC Committee might find interesting. Ron then mentioned an upcoming event that will be held at the San Pedro Creek Visitors Center, and stated that he had recently attended a discussion about raptor conservation at the Marin Garden and Art Center. In closing, he passed around a flyer he had obtained about weed killer.

Jim reported that he had spoken with a neighbor near Cattle Hill, who was concerned about the weeds and potential fire danger there. Jim gave her Public Works contact information.

Ron provided a summary of the Tobin Park Annexation Study Session that had been held at the 2/20/18 Planning Commission meeting.

JoAnne mentioned that she had attended the Planning Commission meeting where the 801 Fassler project had been discussed, and she gave a brief summary of this meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discuss specifics for OSPAC attendance at ECOFest 2018

Staff Liaison Bonnie O'Connor stated that it is still her understanding that the OSPAC Committee will share a part of the City of Pacifica's table at this event, and she reminded the group that ECOFest is being held on Saturday, April 21, which is the day before Earth Day. Jim and JoAnne reported that they'd like to have easels there to display large maps, and they are looking into having t-shirts and brochures made for this event. Staff Liaison Bonnie O'Connor stated that before they get started on their plans, they should first put together and email her a list of what they'd like to do, so that she may share their ideas with City of Pacifica staff to obtain any necessary approvals.

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

Jim referred the Committee to the handout he had prepared with proposed ideas for signage, primarily signage related to Pacifica trails.

3. Update Committee Work Plan

Cattle Hill: Ron passed around some historical information he had about the site.

Portola Expedition Trail Update: Jim was at the Green Valley Trail recently, along with City Manager Kevin Woodhouse and Mayor John Keener, as well others. They talked about Pacifica Trails in general, as well as the Portola Expedition event specifically.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

Sue Gardner from the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy began by stating that it is still a time of transition at the GGNRA, with lots of people retiring and moving on. She stated that the new superintendent is likely overwhelmed, but she said that very soon she looks forward to touring the new superintendent around Mori Point. Sue then reported that work is taking place at Baquiano Trail, due to PG&E repairing some issues that were caused when they conducted some previous work there. She then reminded the Committee that the deadline for the summer program for high school students is on March 11, and she mentioned again that students can earn \$1,000 if they complete the program. Sue said that at the March OSPAC meeting, she will talk about Visitor Use

Monitoring. The process is just now beginning, so she currently has little information but will share more with the Committee at the next OSPAC meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that the 801 Fassler project was continued to March 19, and that the 2nd reading for the San Pedro Terrace Subdivision will be on the next City Council agenda. She concluded by reminding the Committee that the OSPAC Annual Report to City Council will need to happen pretty soon, so the OSPAC Committee will need to start discussing this topic at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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