



**CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2017 MINUTES**

Present this evening were Chair Jim Sullivan, JoAnne Arnos, George Frank, Paul Jones,
Ron Maykel and Julie Lancelle.

Staff Liaisons Tina Wehrmeister and Bonny O'Connor were also present.

Members Michael Pacelli, Alison Sanders and Sallye McKenzie were absent.

There also was no City Council Liaison, nor was there a GGNRA Liaison present.
GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald was telephoned in for a portion of this meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Chair Jim Sullivan asked for a vote to move the GGNRA update to be the first item of discussion after public and committee communication. This was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2016 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

After Chair Jim Sullivan made a minor addition to the minutes, they were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Committee Communications:

Ron began by inquiring when the OSPAC will assign a new Chair and Co-Chair. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister replied that reorganization for OSPAC will occur at the June 2017 meeting, and went on to say that the annual report to City Council will happen in April 2017.

Ron then addressed GGNRA Liaison Christine Fitzgerald, who had been teleconferenced in for the meeting. He asked about the Conservancy 20 year restoration project, and Christine replied that she would look into this and report back to the group.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

GGNRA Liaison Christine Fitzgerald began by referencing an email that the OSPAC Committee had received, regarding the Proposed Rule for Dog Management. She reminded the group that adoption of the Plan was on hold indefinitely, due to an investigation pertaining to potentially inappropriate email usage. Ron asked if there was litigation pertaining to this issue, and Christine replied affirmatively.

Paul stated that he has had a lot of involvement with many committees and organizations, including 17 years with the National Park Service. During his time with these organizations, he always tried to conduct himself appropriately. He said that he was deeply offended by the way the National Park Service handled the Dog Management Rule, and he went on to read aloud some email exchanges that in part, led him to make the difficult decision to put distance between his work as a citizen volunteer, and the National Park system. He then said he feels that his time spent on the OSPAC Committee is of questionable value, and that his attempts to build a bridge between the GGNRA and OSPAC have gone nowhere. He then reported that he has decided to resign membership from the OSPAC Committee.

Ron commented that he is very upset about Paul's decision to leave the group. He went on to say that he enjoys seeing wildlife, but can also see the damage from dogs and violations of dog owners when he is out hiking on the trails.

Paul Jones left the meeting at this point.

GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald said that they are given extensive, regular training about what is appropriate behavior and what is not. She mentioned that they are interested in seeing the right Plan move forward after the investigation is complete. She echoed Ron in her disappointment about Paul's decision to leave OSPAC, and she thanked him for all the work that he did.

Julie simply stated that the Dog Management Plan has been controversial and emotional for everyone.

GGNRA Liaison FitzGerald then spoke briefly about potential acquisition of Cattle Hill, mentioning that the acquisition has been put on hold for now. She mentioned that they had a new Acting Superintendent, Greg Kenkel, and that currently they do not have a Deputy Superintendent.

Julie asked Christine if Millwood Ranch is in GGNRA boundaries, and Christine replied that she believes it is, but will need to check to be sure.

At this point, GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald ended her conference call with OSPAC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. Cattle Hill Subcommittee Update

Chair Jim Sullivan directed the group's attention to the handout they had in front of them, referencing Cattle Hill. He went on to mention that springtime is a very good time for volunteer work and he will be working on moving forward with improvements once the weather settles down. Ron remarked that the incremental improvements he has seen have been great, mentioning signage, boulders and cables. He

again mentioned his desire to discuss renaming the trail, and Chair Sullivan said he'd like to get the community involved in that process.

3. Update Committee Work Plan

Chair Jim Sullivan began by stating that much of the Ridge Trail signage is complete, and weather permitting, he hopes that work continues on Friday morning and that they will be through Connemara by the weekend. Ron shared a bandana he had with the group, which had a map of the Ridge Trail on it. Ron then asked if California Coastal Trail signage could perhaps piggyback with the Ridge Trail signage, and Chair Jim Sullivan stated that he would ask to see if this was possible.

Julie reported that she has no update on pampas grass removal efforts.

Ron briefly restated his desire to have deer crossing signs installed on Highway 1, and would like for this to be agendized. JoAnne noted that on another committee she belongs to, she is working on elderly street crossing for certain areas of Pacifica, such as Fassler, Oddstad and Terra Nova.

Referencing Item 4 on the workplan, Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister mentioned that the City received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy for Esplanade trail planning. She explained that this is a Public Works project, with which the Planning Department is assisting. She noted that the RFP is out, and that OSPAC will be asked for input later on in the process.

4. Trails and funding opportunities

Referencing Measure K, JoAnne reminded the Committee that Councilmember John Keener had indicated that he would speak to San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley, adding that the letter asking for a grant needs to come from a person in an authoritative position. Chair Jim Sullivan said that he would contact Councilmember John Keener for an update.

5. Identify next topic for *Trail of the Month*: Tribune Article

Ron suggested writing about San Pedro Valley Park for the February article. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister added that Brooks Falls is probably beautiful right now, and noted that she would try to take some photos there when the weather improves. JoAnne mentioned that she recently saw a bobcat there in the meadow.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

6. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor announced that there will be a Portola Discovery Trail meeting at 9:00am on Monday, January 23 in the Parks, Beaches and Recreation conference room. She then mentioned that on the February 6 Planning Commission agenda, the Caltrans highway overcrossing and the EQ Basin will be discussed. Bonny went on to say that there is no progress on the Fassler Ave. condominium project, and that it is still under environmental review.

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister stated that hazard abatement has begun at 310 Esplanade, which is the precursor to demolition. She noted that at the Monday, January 23 City Council meeting, initial discussion about marijuana with City Council will begin. She mentioned that City Council will need to give direction on several topics, including retail shops, recreational vs. medical and indoor vs. outdoor cultivation. Staff Liaison Wehrmeister added that the City has until January 2018 to adopt regulations. She went on to say that the Zoning Code will be changing soon with reference to accessory dwelling units, and the Planning Department will be scheduling a study session soon to discuss this topic. Finally, Tina mentioned the grant for the Local Coastal Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.