

CITY OF PACIFICA

OPEN SPACE AND PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of August 19, 2015

In attendance were members Alison Sanders, Noel Blincoe, Jim Sullivan, Mike Pacelli, George Frank, JoAnne Arnos, City Council liaison Sue Digre, GGNRA liaison Christine Fitzgerald, and staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister. Members Julie Lancelle and Paul Jones were absent.

Call to Order:

Chair Alison Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Administrative Business:

Approval of Order of Agenda

The order of the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2015

Jim Sullivan noted that there was an error in the Discussion Items portion, relating to the Trail of the Month section. Jim noted that Paul Jones was not going to write the next article, and the change was noted and incorporated into the minutes. The amended minutes were unanimously approved.

Oral Communications:

City Council liaison Sue Digre announced that the Pacifica quarry owners have recently been talking to City Council. She mentioned that the Little Brown Church museum will have a grand opening on August 22nd from 1-4pm.

Resident Ron Maykel showed the Committee photographs of the car that is parked on the street in front of a trail access point at Lundy Way and Cullen Road. He went on to talk about the quarry trailhead, and how he would like it to have official trail access. Finally, he mentioned that “deer crossing” signs are needed along Highway 1.

Committee Communications:

Chair Sanders noted that with reference to Sam Casillas’ previous discussion about the Pedro Point Headlands project, the Committee could find more information at pedropointheadlands.com. JoAnn mentioned a grant that pertains to this project.

Noel spoke about the area north of Fassler that the previous version of the “Open Space Committee” had reviewed. The area is on the border of HPD, and the new owner is proposing 2

stories which would exceed HPD limits. He feels the new Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee should review this again.

Staff Communications:

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister reminded the Committee that the OSPAC resolution will be on the City Council agenda on September 14. She also mentioned OSPAC vacancies, and the deadline to submit applications is September 2, 2015.

Discussion Items:

1. Article in the Pacifica Tribune to promote trail of the month

Jim said that the Trail of the Month article has been well received, and people are excited about it. He spoke about the upcoming Cattle Hill article, and he was curious how it got its name. Resident Ron Maykel informed the Committee that about 50 years ago, there was indeed cattle there, and hence the name came to be. Jim mentioned that it isn't yet confirmed, but he believes the article to follow will be about the Old San Pedro Road trail.

2. Portola Anniversary

GGNRA liaison Christine Fitzgerald talked about the Blue Ribbon Committee being formed, and mentioned that the anniversary is in 2019.

3. City of Pacifica Committee Handbook

Continued to next meeting date.

4. Potential Relocation of Committee Meeting

Staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister spoke about potentially changing the location of the meeting to the Pacifica Police Department or the Community Center. Tina mentioned that the current room is not very functional as there is not room for individuals who wish to attend the meeting and address the Committee. Michael Pacelli said that wherever they go, it would be helpful to have a map or photo of Pacifica, much like the one in the current meeting location.

5. Volunteer Efforts

Staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister updated the Committee about volunteerism. She mentioned that some volunteer efforts coordinated by a City Committee may conflict with labor contracts and negotiations. The Committee spoke in length about this.

Informational Items:

6. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

GGNRA liaison Christine Fitzgerald spoke about GGNRA highway signage. She said that they are preparing to move forward with the creation of these signs.

She also mentioned a meeting with the Connemara subdivision homeowners, where they discussed trail improvements for lower Milagra Ridge, between the development and the National Park Service land. She passed out a flyer to the Committee to explain more about this project. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2016. More detail will be presented at the next Committee meeting

7. Subcommittee Report(s)

Jim began the discussion, noting that there is no new information on the Harry Dean Trail. The Committee then discussed whether to keep "subcommittee reports" on future agendas.

Consideration Items:

8. Ways in which OSPAC can contribute to the economy of the City

The Committee talked about having the Public Works Director Van Ocampo, the Economic Development Director Anne Stedler, and/or representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Caltrans join the Committee at some future meetings. The Committee also discussed beautification of Highway 1.

In closing, Christine Fitzgerald mentioned that the Centennial of the National Park Service will be in August 2016.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16.