



Minutes Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission City of Pacifica

REGULAR MEETING – 7 PM

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
City Council Chambers
2212 Beach Blvd.
Pacifica, CA 94044

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Finnegan Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bier.

II ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Abbott, Cochran, Finnegan Martin, Mau, Bier, and Yakabe
Commissioners Absent: None
Commissioners Excused: Murphy
Staff Present: Director Michael Perez

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Mau called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/24/16 meeting. **Motion was made by Commissioner Yakabe, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan Martin, motion carried 6-0.**

IV ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Chair Mau called for a motion adopting the order of the amended agenda. **Commissioner Cochran made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bier, motion carried 6-0.**

V SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None

VI ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ron Maykel: Is concerned about the loss of sand on the Pacifica State Beach. He would also like the Commission to take into consideration the segment of the coastal trail that links the southern end of the Pacifica Beach Trail with the new Devil's slide trail

VII ITEMS for CONSENT:

Chair Pro Tem Mau called for a motion to accept the items for consent. **Commissioner Finnegan Martin made a motion to accept the items for consent, seconded by Commissioner Cochran. Motion carried 6-0.**

VIII ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2016-2017 Budget Presentation

Assistant City Manager, Lorenzo Hines, gave an in depth presentation of the City's 2016-2017 budget. He then entertained questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bier: Asked about the 2018 prediction. Mr. Hines responded that the predictions are as result of the analysts' predictions

Commissioner Finnegan Martin: No questions

Commissioner Cochran: asked what the City is doing to develop some of the empty properties in Pacifica. Mr. Hines reported that he is cautiously optimistic about getting new businesses coming back to Pacifica as a result of the new Palmetto Street Scape.

Commissioner Abbott: How is the extra money given to departments monitored so that they money is not overspent. Mr. Hines responded that procedures are in place to keep track of this so that depts. cannot spend more than they bring in.

Commissioner Abbott: Asked if there was any hope for the Roy Davies fund, Mr. Hines responded that the investment policy is going to be looked into in order to try to garnish as much interest as possible.

Commissioner Abbott: Asked about the process of priority based budgeting and what the role of the commission will be in that process. Mr. Hines responded that the Dept. Directors have submitted a program inventory and that he is in the process of designing all the imputes and get ready to explain the process and that the role of the Commission is not clear at this time.

Commissioner Abbott responded that she feels that the input of the parks commission is very important due to the various programs that they are responsible for.

Chair Mau: Asked if the 50% of the budget going to Police and Fire included pension obligations and also asked about a shop local type of campaign. Mr. Hines responded that the budget included a portion of this. The question regarding a shop Pacifica style campaign to produce revenue would be better directed to Ms. Stedler.

Palmetto Street Scape Presentation

Economic Development Manager, Anne Stedler, presented the City's approved Palmetto Street Scape project to the commissioners.

Commissioner Bier: Concerned with the residents in the area and the displacement that occurs due to construction and rent increases. Ms Stedler responded that the concept of developing a retail environment is the goal of this project and along with this is the development of the vacant sites on the streets. She doesn't forecast the development of the street to trigger a raise in rents.

Commissioner Finnegan Martin: She is very excited that the project is getting underway. She is concerned about the type of garbage cans and what this would mean to the work load of Public Works.

Commissioner Cochran: Thinks that trees make areas more beautiful and is sorry to hear that they are not being included. Commissioner Cochran would like to see more signage, especially on Highway 1, to indicate this area of Pacifica.

Commissioner Abbott: Concerned with the permeability of the design with appropriate plants, drainage, and safety aspects of the street.

Commissioner Yakabe: Liked the idea of saving money by researching areas that do not need to be redone. He feels that there is too much concrete on Palmetto. He would like to see something done to break-up this concrete view. He also agreed with Commissioner Cochran regarding signage.

Chair Mau: Asked if there was a target date set for the completion of the project.

Ann stated that phase II would probably not begin until spring of 2018.

Pacifica Subcommittee member for the Indigenous Trade Route/Rediscovering America/Portola Discovery Hike 250th Anniversary.

Mary Bier volunteered to serve as the Pacifica Subcommittee member and Cindy Abbott volunteered to be an alternate.

X REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRISPONDANCE FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bier: Reported that she attended the High School Fair and it was very successful and very much appreciated. The Youth Advisory Board will be attending the Youth for environment and sustainability conference in Feb.

Commissioner Bier will be helping them with a presentation on Sea Level rise.

Commissioner Finnegan Martin: Also attended the High School Fair and she took her daughter to Spooktacular which was awesome. She would also like to see the play structure, which has already been purchased, installed at Edgemar Park as soon as possible.

Commissioner Cochran: Attended the High School Fair and agreed that it was very well attended. He also spoke regarding the Big Chill Surf Contest held in early Oct. The event was very successful.

Commissioner Abbott: Updated the commission on the Library advisory committee which meets the 2nd Wed. of each month. The information regarding this committee is also posted on the city website with a separate link to the committee. They visited the Mitchel Park Library in Palo Alto and found it very informative. The committee has been looking at what the new library should look like. The mural subcommittee has surveyed the town and has pinpointed areas that might be good spots for a mural. Their report will be going to City Council sometime early in 2017. She is also hoping for some upgrades to the parking lot at the Sanchez Art Center.

Commissioner Yakabe: Reported that he is spending time researching the Park and Recreation activities.

Chair Mau: Reported that he attended the first annual dog surfing event and it was a lot of fun to watch. He informed the commission that Director Perez has finally been able to connect up with San Francisco Rec and Park. He attended the Seniors in Action Spaghetti feed that was well attended. He informed the rest of the commission that the MOW program has steadily grown over the last few years. He reported that the residents of Casa Pacifica feel that they are losing services since they won the tree appeal. Chair Mau reported that a resident had asked him about Brighton Mini Park. He stated that the website doesn't list all parks and he would like to see this addressed. He would like to see parks and maintenance on the commission's radar.

XI REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Director Perez reported that we have 3 applicants for Poet Laureate. He will be contacting subcommittee members regarding the next steps in the process soon.

Dorsetta Hale will be presenting a poem at the next Commission meeting.

He is looking forward to meeting with SF Rec and Park staff regarding off leash dog areas.

The director reported that we had a request to look into setting up a cricket field in Pacifica.

Director Perez asked the commissioners if they were all receiving connect with Pacifica.

Director Perez reported that the department is in the process of doing a sign inventory of all the signs at our parks and beaches including pictures.

The Director informed the Commission that the Group 4 architects for the library were present at the High School Fair and were happy with the participation of the attendees.

Director Perez reported that the Community Center now has new floors, partitions, automatic faucets and handicap assessable doors with button operation. A new bus loading waiting area near the side door of the Community Center has also been completed.

The Director announced that Colleen Wright will be retiring at the end of the year after working for the city for 30 years. She has been the only site coordinator at Vallemar.

NEXT STUDY SESSION:

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting – 11/16/16

XIII ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Mau asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Commissioner Cochran made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Yakabe. The motion passed 6-0** and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Phipps
Recreation Specialist

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Michael Mau, Chair