

CITY OF PACIFICA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Open Space Committee

FROM: Lee Diaz, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: Minutes of February 16, 2011

In attendance were members Dyer Crouch, Ron Andrade, Noel Blincoe, Clorinda Campagna, Dan Briesach, staff liaison Lee Diaz; and guest, Ron Maykel.

ITEM 1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Ron Andrade called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

ITEM 2. Approval of Order of Agenda

It was moved by Dan and seconded by Noel to approve the order of the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

ITEM 3. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 2010

It was moved by Noel and seconded by Dyer to approve the minutes of November 10, 2010. The motion passed 4-0.

ITEM 4. Oral Communications

Ron Maykel stated that he was interested in several of the agenda items.

ITEM 5. Presentation and Discussion relating to San Pedro Creek

None of the committee members recalled as to who placed this item on the agenda and agreed and drop it from the agenda.

ITEM 6. Discussion and possible Selection of the 2011 Open Space Preservation Award Recipient

The committee opened up the discussion about the selection of the 2011 Open Space Preservation Award Recipient.

Lee mentioned that an advertisement was printed in the Pacifica Tribune and also posted on Pacifica Patch.

JoAnne arrived.

Ron Maykel nominated Mike Vasey and provided background on his achievements.

The committee agreed to make the final selection at their next meeting in March. The committee also discussed the last day to accept nominations. They agreed to accept nominations until the next meeting in March provided all background information is submitted.

Clorinda nominated Noel Blincoe and Ron Maykel.

Noel nominated The Beach Coalition.

ITEM 7. Discussion of Snake Protection Measures for the Snake Pond Adjacent to Calera Creek and make Possible Recommendations

Lee informed the committee that the City's Wastewater Department is finally setting up a meeting with other agencies about the protection measures for the snake pond. The date is yet to be announced.

ITEM 8. Discuss Organization and Assignments of Subcommittees

Ron Andrade call out each subcommittee and the people assigned to each one.

GGNRA: Ferd, Noel, Dan

Trails/Bicycles: Clorinda, Noel, Ron

Creeks/Special Areas: Dyer, Ron, Ian

Preservation: JoAnne

Ron asked the committee members if they were satisfied with their subcommittee assignments. All committee members responded affirmatively.

ITEM 9. Discuss and Recommend to the City Council the Designation of a City Tree

Dan stated that, based on the articles printed in the Pacifica Tribune, about 10 members of the community have shown interest in the designation of a city tree.

Noel suggested the “Arroyo Tree” which is native to Pacifica.

Dan suggested the “Arroyo Willow.” He felt it would be the best choice.

The committee also discussed several other trees that would be good candidates for a city tree.

Dan stated that he will compile a list of trees with background information for the next meeting.

Dyer believes that the tree should be native to Pacifica.

JoAnne would like to see a native tree that is appropriate to plant.

The committee agreed to discuss this item again at the next meeting and possibly make a selection.

ITEM 10. Discuss and Recommend the Placement of Signs San Pedro Creek estuary

The Committee agreed to table this item to the next meeting.

ITEM 11. Discuss and Recommend the placement of interpretive signs relating to Endangered Species and Ohlone Indian Remains at the Wastewater (new) Plant

Lee stated that Van O’Campo, Public Works Director asked for a site plan indicating where the signs are proposed to be placed. Ron Maykel said that he would talk to Van O’Campo about the placement of the signs.

ITEM 12. Subcommittee Reports (Reports may address results of Subcommittee meetings, progress on Committee goals, or any other matter relating to the Subcommittee since the previous meeting)

GGNRA: Dan reported that that GGNRA Liaison Committee had a busy agenda at their last meeting. Dan also mentioned that there was some talk about merging the GGNRA Liaison Committee and the Open Space Committee. He also talked about the bike rides at Rancho Corral del Tierra.

Trails: None.

Creeks/Special Areas: Dyer said he would send a link to the secret water fall to Lee for distribution to the committee members.

Preservation: JoAnne talked about the General Plan update and possible changes to the Transfer of Developer Rights Ordinance and the General Plan Open Space Residential designation.

Noel said that he attended a conference on protecting the Snowy Plover. He also said that the City Council is in “limbo” with the recommendations to protect the Snowy Plover.

ITEM 13. Member Communications

Clorinda announced that Winters Bar will be hosting a prom on February 26th to raise money for the Pacifica Historical Society.

Dyer talked about having off-leash dog areas in Pacifica.

ITEM 14. Staff Communications

None.

ITEM 15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.