

CITY OF PACIFICA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Open Space Committee

FROM: Lee Diaz, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: **Minutes of April 20, 2011**

In attendance were members Dyer Crouch, Noel Blincoe, Clorinda Campagna, Dan Briesach, Leo Leon, JoAnne Arnos, staff liaison Lee Diaz and Council Member, Sue Digre. Members Ron Andrade and Ferd Simons were absent.

ITEM 1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Dyer Crouch called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

ITEM 2. Approval of Order of Agenda

It was moved by Leo and seconded by Noel to approve the order of the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.

ITEM 3. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2011

It was moved by Noel and seconded by Dan to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011. The motion passed 4-0 (Leo and JoAnne abstained).

ITEM 4. Oral Communications

None

ITEM 5. Discussion of snake protection measures for the snake pond adjacent to Calera Creek and make possible recommendations

Lee reported that Maria Aguilar, Associate Engineer with the Wastewater Department had stated that the meeting between the Wastewater Department, California Coastal Commission, US Fish & Wildlife and Fish and Game had occurred. It was agreed that the snake pond would not be stocked but would be maintained and cleaned by the City. In three (3) years a survey would be conducted to assess the function of the pond. For the next Open Space Committee meeting, Leo and Noel requested that Maria Aguilar prepare a memo summarizing the contents of that meeting.

ITEM 6. Discuss and recommend the placement of signs at San Pedro Creek Estuary

Dyer stated that the Parks Department has not responded. Noel stated that Mike Vasey had indicated that there are no access issues for the steelhead trout at San Pedro Creek. Dyer said that he would follow-up with Mike Vasey and perhaps this item can be dropped from the agenda.

ITEM 7. Discuss and recommend the placement of interpretive signs relating to endangered species and Ohlone Indian remains at the wastewater (new) plant

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

ITEM 8. Discuss and make recommendations to preserve properties designated in the General Plan as Open Space residential

Noel stated the Council Member Pete DeJarnett had mentioned that there was some discussion at the last General Plan forum about making changes to property designated Open Space Residential in the General Plan.

JoAnne stated she is concerned about the Open Space Committee not being included in the General Plan update process.

Lee indicated that the Lane Use Alternatives and Key Policy Issues Report will be released soon. This report talks about alternative land uses and other issues, based on community priorities expressed at the previous General Plan update forum. Lee said he would find out when this report would be finalized and make sure Committee members obtain a copy for review.

ITEM 9. Discuss and Recommend Possible Changes to the Density Transfer Ordinance

Noel talked about the City Council being in “limbo” with possible changes to the Density Transfer Ordinance. Dyer stated that the General Plan update consultant has not addressed the ordinance in the General Plan update. Dyer said that the Council wanted the Density Transfer Ordinance to be addressed in the General Plan update process. Lee said he would find out if the consultant has addressed the Density Transfer Ordinance.

ITEM 10. 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 and Noel reported that the GGNRA Liaison Committee has reviewed and compiled a list of comments relating to the GGNRA Draft Dog Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement.

Bikes/Trails: None

Creeks/Special Areas: Dyer distributed a CD to each Committee member about the secret waterfall. Dyer said that the habitat area near the waterfall is affected by debris carried by the waterfall.

Preservation: Noel mentioned that Mike Vasey was taken to lunch and was very pleased to receive the Open Space Preservation award.

ITEM 11. Announcements

Noel reported that the protection of the Snowy Plover issue will be on the April 25th City Council agenda.

Leo explained that his recent absences from the Open Space Committee meetings were due to the remodeling of his daughters home in Rohnert Park.

Clorinda announced that a work party at the Little Brown Church is scheduled for April 30th. Lots of help is needed with the renovation.

JoAnn asked if the current opening in the Open Space Committee will be filled. Lee said he will follow-up with the City Manager.

Noel mentioned that the restoration of the seawall next to the Sharp Park Golf Course is no longer an issue.

Leo announced that the Planning Commission has requested a study session to discuss coastal sea level rise.

ITEM 12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.