



**CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

January 20, 2016

Absent this evening were Alison Sanders, George Frank and Ron Maykel. All other OSPAC members were present. In addition, staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister, GGNRA liaison Christine Fitzgerald, Councilmember John Keener and many members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Acting Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Noel asked if Committee Communications could be moved up on the agenda. It was unanimously agreed to move Committee Communications after Oral Communications.

Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2015 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Paul noted an error on page 3 of the minutes, clarifying that he had not spoken to a representative at North Coast County Water District at that point. The correction will be made. A motion was made to accept the amended minutes by Michael, and Julie seconded. Unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

Chris Coppola spoke on the proposed development of 5 houses on Oddstad Way, stating that she believes the lots are too small for the development. She went on to talk about the General Plan identifying this area as very low density. She said she has more information that she can provide to the OSPAC Committee.

Margaret Goodale shared a flyer, discussing a Sea Level Rise Open House on January 30th at Genentech Conference Center.

MaryAnn Willett has concerns about adding more homes in such a sensitive area, and was upset about the recent contractors not being respectful of the area.

Chaya Gordon, a Rockaway Beach resident, said that she hasn't spoken to anyone who is in favor of the project mentioned by previous speakers. She said that the residents are counting on the City to protect the area.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Noel wants the Preservation Awards discussion to be put on the next OSPAC agenda. He suggests that the committee consider Caroline Pankow, a volunteer at San Pedro Valley Park. Staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister asked that the committee forward information about any other candidates to her prior to the next meeting.

Paul mentioned that he was finally able to contact Scott Dalton at North Coast County Water District about Cattle Hill. He said he met Scott, along with Chris Regnart onsite. Although NCCWD is willing to work toward getting water redirected out of the retention basin, they have

some concerns about liability issues, such as landslides. Scott indicated that they would like to partner with the City and would like to get the approval from Public Works. In closing, Paul mentioned that seeking county grant funds might be a better long-term solution.

Michael briefly mentioned a television special on Sunday, January 24th that will talk about Devil's Slide.

Acting Chair Sullivan noted that the mountain bike and running event, from San Pedro Valley Park to Alta Vista Dr., was approved.

Julie said that she found information about the original Open Space Committee. She noted that the original committee had representatives from other City departments besides Planning. She also mentioned that the committee used to have 2 City Councilmembers.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. Presentation on the proposed Pacifica Quarry Mitigation Bank

John Zentner gave a presentation on the proposed Pacifica Quarry Mitigation Bank.

After the presentation, Paul briefly mentioned his background related to the quarry, but that he has decided to not talk about the proposed quarry mitigation bank at this time.

Jim asked about the dog run area and whether it will be kept. John said that they are looking at possible other areas to use for this purpose. Jim went on to talk about trails for biking and walking, and wondered what will be in the new plan. John said that they are incorporating informal trails, and will be looking at creating a formal trail to connect Mori Point with Rockaway.

Julie mentioned that she likes the idea of unified signage, and that she also appreciates the fact that this proposal is very different from previous ones.

Noel noted that there was no talk about what is going into the quarry. John said the majority of the area will remain open space and that once plans for the area have been created, that he will be happy to return to the OSPAC committee for further discussion.

Mike asked for specifics on the mitigation bank, and asked if this was independent of any development. John responded affirmatively.

JoAnne expressed concern about the endangered frogs and snakes in the area. John responded by stating that this is a very important consideration for them, and that they will go to great lengths to protect these species and will spend a great deal of time carefully removing the pampas grass to ensure they disturb these species as little as possible.

Staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister briefly directed the attention of the committee to the copies of an email from Todd Bray, which had been distributed to them earlier at the meeting.

Acting Chair Sullivan then invited the public in attendance to comment.

Debbie from Rockaway Beach mentioned her concerns about keeping it open space, her concern for the flock of meadowlarks that are there from October to March, and also mentioned that she feels that instead of trying to design this in a way to keep the homeless out of the area, that we should do a better job of supporting and trying to assist them.

Margaret Goodale spoke briefly about the county-wide parcel tax for wetland restoration.

Dan Stegink asked about specific public access areas.

Chaya Gordon talked about the red legged frog and noted a legal case where the developer did not protect them in another city. She mentioned the heavy equipment that had been used in the quarry recently and she said that she doesn't feel they can be trusted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

2. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

Christine FitzGerald briefly mentioned that the Mori Point trailhead construction will begin on Wednesday of next week. She also mentioned that the Milagra Ridge comment period has ended, and was approved as it had been written. Finally, she said that in March public meetings will be scheduled to discuss the Dog Plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Jim asked the committee to check their City email for information about upcoming articles, and to reply to him with any comments or with ideas for future articles.

Before adjournment, Paul mentioned that on the next agenda, he'd like to mention coordination of a Cattle Hill work party.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.