



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

December 7, 2016

With the exception of Sallye McKenzie, All OSPAC Committee members were present this evening. In addition, City Council Liaison John Keener, GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice, and Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor were also present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Approval of Order of Agenda

Unanimously Approved

Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2016

Unanimously Approved

Committee Communications:

Ron began the discussion by stating that he would like to see an element of preservation put on the OSPAC workplan, and that he would also like the California Coastal Trail to be agendaized next month for discussion. He went on to recommend that the installation of deer crossing signs from Crespi to Fairway be agendaized for discussion.

JoAnne expressed support for having a Wetlands, Creeks and Open Space Subcommittee.

Jim mentioned that he and Parks, Beaches and Recreation Director Mike Perez went for a hike around the Portola Expedition site. Jim said that it's a tough hike through Our Saviors Lutheran Church property, so he would recommend that the hike related to the celebration be routed either on the north side of Fassler, or on the shoulder on northbound Highway 1.

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that the Planning Department received an application for a 12-duplex development at 801 Fassler, which is likely to include some sidewalk area that might help with the pedestrian traffic during the celebration hike.

JoAnne noted that San Francisco is evaluating the golf course on December 15 at San Francisco City Hall at 1:00pm. She said that it sounds like they are adamant about shutting it down, so it's important that people attend to show support for keeping it open.

Julie spoke about the Pacifica Land Trust at the Pedro Point Headlands, mentioning that someone approached her about a 52-acre lot located along Manor Drive, which the owner might be interested in donating.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Cattle Hill Subcommittee Update

Paul began the Subcommittee report by stating that he and Jim are going to meet tomorrow. Paul reviewed his past report for the benefit of GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice, who had not been present at the previous meeting. Jim reminded everyone that \$500 has been donated for the cause. Paul went on to say that Public Works is donating a pet waste station, and Jim noted that North Coast County Water District is agreeable to allowing parking there on occasion, which will reduce some of the parking within the neighborhood. GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice reiterated that in their General Management Plan, it specifically outlines the GGNRA's interest in this area. He said that encroachment and easement issues in neighborhoods can often present special challenges. Paul said that he would like to see City Council meet with Park Management on this issue.

City Council Liaison John Keener said that his understanding is that at one point, GGNRA wanted an encroachment survey conducted. GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice explained that different leadership has different priorities, and sometimes priorities change as leadership does. He said that receiving a recommendation from OSPAC is a good first step. Mike said that OSPAC must first determine what they want to ask for. Jim suggested that the Subcommittee write up a resolution, and Mike added that receiving some guidance from the GGNRA would be helpful.

Ron added that he has a lot of history about Cattle Hill, and is happy to share this with the Subcommittee if they feel it will be helpful as they prepare something to present to Council. Ron went on to mention that he's been giving some thought to renaming the trail, and he printed out a list of Ohlone words to consider when thinking about renaming the trail.

2. Update Committee Work Plan

Jim started by announcing that Public Works has signed off, and it is now ok to move forward with sign installation on the Ridge Trail. One week from Friday, Ridge Trail signs are going to be erected by volunteers.

Julie said that she would like to come up with a strategy to control Pampas Grass. GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice noted that the best way to start is to map the areas, and then create a list of priority areas based on sensitive habitats. The Committee spoke in length about this, and two organizations were discussed: Peninsula Working Group and CALIPC (California Invasive Plant Council) that regularly tackle the Pampas Grass issues in the Bay Area. Mike mentioned that he'd like for invasive species to be on the workplan.

JoAnne brought up her thoughts about the teacher/workforce rental units going on Oddstad Blvd. She said that preserving open space, green space and parks should be considered on this application, as well as all others. Jim asked if Planning can keep OSPAC informed about the development as the application progresses, as well as the 801 Fassler project.

Paul noted that on a recent walk on the Harry Dean Trail, he discovered that there is a lot of broken glass in the tunnel. The Committee discussed this topic briefly, but there was no concrete solution. It was suggested that maybe this was another item for the workplan.

3. Trails and funding opportunities

JoAnne reported that Measure K has been extended for 20 years, and that monies are available for many of the projects and areas of concern discussed at OSPAC. Mike added that the application for the money does not necessarily need to come from a person of responsibility (Parks, Beaches and Recreation, for example), but rather nonprofits may also apply. City Council Liaison John Keener said that he would speak to San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley about Measure K and report back to OSPAC. He also mentioned that OSPAC should present their concise recommendation to Public Works or Parks and Recreation.

4. Status of *Trail of the Month: Milagra Battery Trail* Tribune Article

Ron passed around copies of what was written about the Milagra Battery Trail, and noted that he pulled some of the information from an article previously written by Jim. Julie reminded the Committee that a decision had been made to write bi-monthly articles instead of every month.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice gave his report, beginning with the news that Christine FitzGerald is back in the office now, and she would like to Skype or conference-call in for OSPAC meetings if possible. Staff will research this possibility. Trevor then spoke about pedestrian traffic near Sheldance Nursery, and that discussion about creating a trailhead to correctly route pedestrians in this area is being considered. He then briefly spoke about Parks leadership changes.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

6. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor mentioned that the 12 duplexes at 801 Fassler is in environmental review, and of the 11+ acre property, only about 2 acres are being developed. She then mentioned that at the December 12 City Council meeting, the sale of 528 Esplanade will be discussed. Planning staff is hopeful that the City can obtain this property to facilitate the continuance of the Esplanade Trail. She went on to mention that the demolition of 528 and 532 Esplanade is going to the Planning Commission on December 19. Bonny then noted that Caltrans submitted an application for the pedestrian overpass that connects Francisco to Oceana in Sharp Park. She said that she will forward some photo simulations to the group. In closing, she mentioned that 4009 Palmetto will be heard by the City Council on Monday, and the Wet Weather EQ Basin information is on the City website and public comment will begin tomorrow (Thursday, December 8)

7. Cancellation of regularly scheduled December 21, 2016 meeting

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor briefly reminded the group that the regular meeting of December 21 has been cancelled, and she wished everyone a happy holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.