



CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 21, 2017

MINUTES

**With the exception of George Frank and JoAnne Arnos, all members were present.
In addition, City Council Liaison Sue Digre and Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor were also present.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Unanimously Approved

Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2017 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

After a small edit, minutes were unanimously approved by the members who had been present at the previous meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications: None

Committee Communications:

Ron reported that Noel Blincoe had gone through recent surgery, and noted the location where he is recovering. He then passed around a booklet from the Land Trust Conservancy on parklands, specifically noting the color coding of managed lands. Some Committee discussion took place with reference to the color coding. Ron then mentioned the counts of specific birds the Conservancy observed on Hawk Hill. Ron requested that the naming of the Cattle Hill Trail be agendized.

Jim reminded the group about the Devil's Slide Run and Ride, as well as the Pup Walk and Whale Talk, which is on July 29. The event benefits PARCA. Home base for the event is the Pacifica Community Center, and Jim noted there will be food there, which can be purchased for \$10.00, all you can eat.

Ellen mentioned the Open Space Economic Benefit Assessments conducted by nearby jurisdictions and thought a similar assessment of Pacifica's open space would be beneficial.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Reorganization of Committee - Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

After brief Committee discussion, Jim Sullivan was unanimously elected Chair for another term, and Sallye McKenzie was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

2. Update Committee Work Plan:

- 1) Cattle Hill – Jim reported that he had a meeting with Van Ocampo, Ray Biagini and Evan Albert to talk about several items, including dog waste management. Jim asked them if they have any heavy equipment in their fleet capable of moving dirt that will fit up there, and he was told that they have nothing that will fit that need. Jim went on to say that he is familiar with Tom Spinardi, who owns two Sweco pieces of heavy equipment and who is agreeable to do the work at Cattle Hill. Tom is state licensed and credentialed to do this type of work. In exchange for the work, OSPAC would pay Tom the \$500 that the committee had fundraised. Jim said that he and Tom walked the trail together and made note of troublesome areas. Tom estimated that it would take about 8 hours to do the work with his equipment, and Public Works said that after a site plan had been approved by the Engineering Department and a waiver has been signed, Tom would be able to proceed. The work is being targeted for this fall, as the soil will be softer after some rain.
- 2) Preservation – Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor passed around a study of local wildlife conducted by a UC Davis professor. The segment of Highway 1 in Pacifica is considered a hotspot for wildlife, so she forwarded this report to the California Fish and Game warden for review to further the OSPAC's desire to have "wildlife crossing" signs installed in certain key areas of Pacifica. Mike suggested writing a letter to the state level game warden to take to Caltrans, and also to put pressure on Caltrans to make their data searchable and useful. Mike went on to suggest inviting Kevin Mullin and Jerry Hill's office to the next OSPAC meeting. Ellen stated that if Pacifica is identified as a wildlife hotspot, that the Committee should ask for more than just signage, such as fencing. Sallye proposed the creation of a subcommittee to identify goals and deadlines, and for this subcommittee to report back to the group in July, followed by an invitation to Kevin Mullin and Jerry Hill's offices for August instead. Sallye McKenzie, Ron Maykel and Mike Pacelli volunteered for the Preservation subcommittee to tackle this task.
- 3) Portola Expedition Updates – City Council Liaison Sue Digre reported that things are moving along quickly and that there are Ohlone tribe representatives engaged in the process.
- 4) Dog Management – Jim said that the Dog Management Committee is working on wording for a future presentation.

Due to the shortage of time, the committee decided to skip over discussion items 3 and 4 on the agenda

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

3. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

Although there was not a GGNRA Liaison present, the Committee was unanimous in their gratitude to the GGNRA for their work and partnership. The Committee was also unanimous in their feeling that regular updates are important, and Ellen noted that a San Mateo County Parks Liaison might also be helpful. Jim suggested that maybe every-other-month updates from these organizations would be appropriate, and he and Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor are going to discuss how to move forward.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

4. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that the Fassler EIR document is out for public review, and July 24 is the deadline for comments. There is an electronic copy on the City website and hard copies available at the libraries. She went on to note that the public meeting to discuss the CEQA report is on June 29 at the Pacifica Community Center auditorium. Bonny then said that although there is no requirement for the applicant to attend an OSPAC meeting, she did invite them again.

Bonny then mentioned that the Marijuana Ordinance is scheduled for the June 26 City Council agenda, if anyone is interested in attending.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.