



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

May 18, 2016

Committee members in attendance were Ron Maykel, JoAnne Arnos, George Frank, Julie Lancelle, Jim Sullivan, Michael Pacelli, and Noel Blincoe. In addition, Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister and Council Liaison Sue Digre were present. Members Paul Jones and Alison Sanders were absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Approved

Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2016 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Approved, after a word change from “stringent” to “lenient” was suggested and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

None

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

General discussion took place, pertaining to attendance at OSPAC meetings.

Ron mentioned that he had attended a 7-hour grass identification class, and shared some vanilla grass with the group. He noted that Purple Needle Grass is especially prominent in Pacifica. He went on to talk about signage at trails, and that he'd like to see more specific signage information, such as plant life and length of the trail on the signs. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister spoke about possible grant funds for trail signage and etc.

Ron then suggested that “Trails” be added as an item to the OSPAC ongoing agenda. This was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Ron then expressed interest in sending a letter to the Bay Area Ridge Trail group to thank them.

Jim announced that on June 4, there will be a National Trails Day event at Connemara.

JoAnne spoke about development projects, and having OSPAC become more involved in them.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Annual Report to City Council (subcommittee report)

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister noted that the Annual Report to City Council is scheduled for June 27. Jim and Julie volunteered to be the subcommittee for this effort.

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister then suggested that since the OSPAC Committee will already be at City Council Chambers on this evening, that they also present the Preservation Award on the same night. Everyone agreed.

2. Preservation Award (subcommittee report)

JoAnne passed out guidelines that the subcommittee had written. Michael mentioned adding content about the role of Pacifica citizens in the process. Julie suggested adding information about the health benefits of the trails. Michael went on to say that trail systems serve our community and attract visitors, and that this should be added. The guidelines will be rewritten to incorporate the Committee suggestions.

3. Article in the Pacifica Tribune to promote Trail of the Month

Julie mentioned that she had talked to the Pacifica Tribune, and had suggested that the article become an every-other-month article instead of monthly. Julie said that she will continue to be in contact with the Tribune about this potential change. Jim then asked the Committee for their ideas for the next article. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister suggested Mori Point and the Milagra Battery Trail, because of the upgrades and construction taking place. She also recommended that the OSPAC work with the Park Service to write a Press Release in conjunction with the Trail of the Month article.

Julie said that it would be helpful to her if a map could be brought to the next meeting, outlining the various trails in Pacifica.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

4. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

As there was no GGNRA Liaison present at the meeting, no update was given.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Planning Department Administrative Clerk Tina Gibbs passed around City-email access instructions, for those members who needed it.

PRESERVATION AWARD VOTE:

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister directed the OSPAC's attention to the information given to them, pertaining to the nominations for the Preservation Award. As both Julie Lancelle and Noel Blincoe had been nominated, they left the room at this point.

Some discussion about the nominees took place by the remaining OSPAC members. By secret ballot, the Committee members voted. The result was 2 votes for Ken Miles, and 3 votes for Margaret Goodale.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.