



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

July 20, 2016

Present this evening were Chair Jim Sullivan, Paul Jones, JoAnne Arnos, Julie Lancelle, and Ron Maykel. Absent were new member Sallye McKenzie, George Frank, Michael Pacelli, and Alison Sanders. In addition, Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister, Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor, City Council Liaison Sue Digre, City Council Liaison John Keener and GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Approved

Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2016 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Approved

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

None

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Ron mentioned that Noel Blincoe was no longer on the OSPAC Committee. JoAnne suggested that the OSPAC Committee send him a letter to thank him for his years of service.

Ron briefly spoke about the Centennial for the Park Service (Founders Day), and he passed out some information he had found. He said that he thought it would be nice to send a letter to thank them for their work.

Jim reminded the Committee about the Devil's Slide event on Saturday, July 23. He mentioned that they are expecting 130 participants. He also announced that Whole Foods graciously donated food for the event.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Annual Report to City Council and Preservation Award Recap

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister noted that the Annual Report to City Council went very well, mentioning specifically that Margaret Goodale's Preservation Award presentation was very nice, and that she was a very gracious and poised recipient. Ron reminded the group that there is a recipient plaque at the Community Center that will need to have her name added to it.

2. Sign Subcommittee Report

The subcommittee – Jim, Julie and Ron – noted that they went through lots of documents and historical information, and have determined that they need to work with Caltrans and Engineering on signage. Jim mentioned that the most important signage, he feels, would be on Highway 1 to alert the community to the parks existence as they drive through town. Jim also mentioned that he has talked to Jim Cordero about creating a “parks app” and has learned that the cost to create an app is in the \$10,000-\$12,000 range. Ron passed out information on trail considerations, which included ideas for stenciling at the California Coastal Trail, as well as the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The information also included items such as general trail character and safety. GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice asked if the Committee had received the Park Standards he sent, and Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that although she did forward the information, she can send it again if needed.

Ron brought up the signage roadblocks they've encountered, and Jim went into more detail about this, including a conversation he had with Van Ocampo in Engineering and liability. Paul asked the reasons for there being liability issues, when there doesn't seem to be issues in other jurisdictions. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that she will follow up with Van for clarification. Jim reminded the group that there are volunteers in place, and there would be no City staffing required. City Council Liaison John Keener said that it's possible that the Coastal Conservancy might help pay for signage. Councilmember Keener then asked if the poles are existing, and Jim confirmed that this is the case, that only the signs need to be installed.

GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice mentioned other signs that use specific color bands for parks, which help the public identify information quickly. With reference to the Ridge Trail, Trevor noted that San Bruno finished a Walk and Bike Plan which included signage at Skyline College. Trevor suggested partnering with them, and Jim mentioned that he has a contact there.

3. Trails and Funding Opportunities

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister reminded the Committee that she was asked to leave this topic on the agenda, and she went on to invite any OSPAC member to bring any grant opportunity information to the meetings.

Paul reiterated the stumbling block we face with the 50% match requirement, as this would be a lot of money that we don't have readily available. With reference to the Rockaway headlands, Paul discussed his idea of a third party purchasing a Conservation Easement, highlighting the amenities such as the ocean, Marin, and Montara Mountain. JoAnne suggested that Margaret Goodale would be a good person to contact about this, and Julie agreed. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that she would obtain property owner information for them. Paul then mentioned that if we want trails to be a reason for people to visit Pacifica, then we have parking problems that will need to be addressed. Jim mentioned that having a discussion with North Coast County Water District (NCCWD) would be a good starting point.

Julie suggested that the OSPAC Committee come up with a priority list, as they have a lot of good ideas, but the ideas need to be organized into something more manageable. JoAnn said that she thinks that focusing on 3 goals, and completing those goals, would be a good way to proceed. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister suggested that she add a “workplan” item to the ongoing OSPAC agenda for shorter-term goals.

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

The draft article was passed out to the Committee for review. This month the article will be focused on Mori Point. Ron suggested adding a written “thank you” at the bottom of the article to Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

5. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice reported back to the group on the number of volunteers at Milagra National Trails Day, stating that they had 30 volunteers for that event. He reminded the Committee that the Packing the Parks event begins on Thursday, July 21 and briefly reviewed the route with the group again. He went on to discuss new cultural resources and archeological info they have, if anyone is interested in that. And finally, he reported that the Portola Blue Ribbon Committee had a resolution passed to rename the Portola Expedition Trail.

Paul asked Trevor if at the next meeting, he could provide information about a Conservation Easement on Cattle Hill. Trevor said he would try to bring information.

6. Development Project Updates

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that the quarry development information is on the City website for review. She also said that the initiative (9212 Report) will be available on the City Council page of the website on Friday, for the Monday July 25 meeting. She went on to announce that the Land Trust Trail project at Pedro Point requires a Coastal Development Permit, and she is hoping it is heard by the Planning Commission in September. She said she will bring an update at the next meeting and try to get the developer to attend the meeting. Tina went on to briefly mention the Esplanade Trail planning grant.

Staff Liaison Bonny O’ Connor mentioned that Mike Perez is working on obtaining funding for the Portola Expedition Trail, and the application has been submitted. She then passed around a letter from the City Manager, showing support for the funding efforts. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister added that the Committee is also working on ways to celebrate the Portola anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.