



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

September 21, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Julie asked if item 5, Trail of the Month, could be moved higher up the agenda as she needed to leave early. This change was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2016 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Unanimously approved after two minor corrections.

Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2016 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

None

Committee Communications:

Ron mentioned that on Saturday, 9/24 San Pedro Valley Park will have a Rock Art of Baja exhibit. Paul noted that he had toured the Pedro Point Land Trust area, and he spoke of his concerns about safety and attractive nuisances. He suggested the installation of barriers. Sue briefly spoke about a meeting pertaining to the Portola Centennial and trails, and she mentioned that it would be nice to have a volunteer from Pacifica attend. Ron volunteered. Chair Jim Sullivan passed around a flyer pertaining to the Dog Management Plan, which outlined the history and the process of finalizing the Plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Identify Cattle Hill maintenance needs

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister introduced Van Ocampo, Director of Public Works/City Engineer. Chair Jim Sullivan conveyed that he would like to set up a meeting about signage and get feedback from the community. Van noted that unfortunately there is very little money in the budget for maintenance and trails, although the Public Works Department does welcome volunteers, noting that there had been a Coastal Cleanup Day the past weekend. Van also said that sponsors are welcome, but there will be ongoing maintenance needed which Public Works can not provide. He reiterated that he would like to assist with the OSPAC efforts, and to do this he would like a written wish list that he can incorporate into next year's budget. He went on to say that it might be necessary to have a Capital Improvement Plan approved by City Council.

Paul mentioned that he and Jim had walked there recently and they feel there are 2 levels of need:

Short Term – meaning easier to tackle tasks such as barriers and simple signs, put up by volunteers. He reminded the Committee that they had an anonymous donation of \$300 which should cover the work, but approval from the Public Works Department is needed.

Long Term – meaning tougher, more costly and time consuming tasks such as maintenance of the trails.

Van Ocampo again mentioned that for the short term projects, he'd like to get a list of materials being used, what specific type of work is being proposed, timeframe, and exact locations (with photos and maps with dots identifying specific locations.) Further, he explained the need for a commitment letter from the Committee for performing the maintenance on whatever is installed. Van went on to say that a meeting should take place to discuss this further, and should include other key members of his staff.

Jim asked if a trash receptacle can be placed at the entry to the trail. Van said that it might be Recology of the Coast who would need to empty it. The Committee talked about the need for waste disposal in detail.

Jim then asked for a vote to create a Cattle Hill subcommittee to create the necessary list for Van, which was unanimously approved. Paul and Jim volunteered to be this new subcommittee. GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice mentioned that he would like to have a copy of the list that will be sent to Van.

Julie mentioned that she'd like for a pampas grass community day/weekend to be organized. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that this might be an appropriate item for the Work Plan, and that the first step would be to identify whether we have permission to perform work in those areas.

2. Recommendation to City Council regarding Ridge Trail signage installation

Van referred to a map of the area and showed the Committee that there is a section of the proposal where there are no sidewalks, and because of this, there is nowhere for people to walk except in the street. This section of Palmetto, therefore, would not be able to have signage, and the Committee understood this limitation. Van went on to say that he had consulted the City Attorney, who agreed with his determination. He then mentioned that Public Works is working with the Coastal Conservancy to design a trail at the 4000 block of Esplanade.

Jim noted that he would like to tie-in the Milagra Battery trail ribbon cutting with the new Ridge Trail signage.

George inquired whether the white dots on the map Van had were related to the possible signs, and both Jim and Van responded affirmatively. Van reiterated that there will be gaps in the signage locations because of the lack of sidewalk.

3. Status of *Trail of the Month*: Mori Point Tribune Article

Julie noted that although initially she was going to write about Milagra Ridge, she ultimately decided that since the grand opening of Mori Point was topical, she would write about the history of this trail instead. A copy of her article will be emailed to the OSPAC group. Julie briefly spoke about the key topics in her article.

4. Development of Committee Work Plan

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister summarized the following items on the Work Plan:

1. Cattle Hill – Both short term and long term goals, including a parking area
2. Bay Area Ridge Trail signage
3. Coastal Trail at Esplanade and parking for the trailhead

5. Trails and funding opportunities

Sue suggested having some members of OSPAC attend a economic development committee meeting to discuss the trails so that perhaps a funding source may be identified.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice reported that the ribbon cutting at the Milagra Battery Trail will be on October 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. He said that this portion of the festivities will not be advertised to the public due to parking issues. At 11:00, the festivities will move to Mori Point which will be a much more family-friendly event. Trevor spoke briefly about the meeting held a few months ago with the Bradford Park HOA to discuss the parking issues near the Moose Lodge.

Ron observed that at upper Milagra, signage is not throughout the trail and he asked if signage will be installed. Trevor mentioned that there is a sign committee that will look at recommendations, so any suggestions like this can be forwarded to them for review.

Ron then spoke about the kiosks at Mori Point and Milagra Ridge, which are in a state of disrepair and are deteriorating and rusting. Trevor suggested that when items like this are noticed, to let them know. Photos are best, or perhaps a map with a dot to indicate the area.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

7. GGNRA Dog Rule Management Comments

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister reminded the Committee about the informative email they were sent pertaining to this issue. Paul voiced many concerns, including feeling that community comments are weighed differently than governmental letters, so even if the comments made were similar, he does not feel they carry the same weight and is very

disappointed that the Committee comments were not included. He feels that a big opportunity was missed. Further, he stated that when others look at the list of commenters, and do not see Pacifica listed, it gives the impression that Pacifica simply didn't bother to comment, and hence, does not care. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister did mention that the letter was sent after the comment period ended, after she inquired whether she could do so and after receiving an affirmative response from the GGNRA.

Tina went on to mention that part of the October meeting will be joined with the Emergency Preparedness group to have a budget presentation.

Tina requested the committee members to consider whether the scheduled December 21 meeting date should be canceled due to the Christmas holiday.

8. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister noted that the Land Trust Trail Coastal Development Permit has been continued to October 17, that 50/60 Oddstad submitted a revised project that the neighbors seemed to be happier with, that the San Pedro Terrace application was incomplete, that work is being done on an EIR for 801 Fassler Ave., and finally, that 4009 Palmetto is working on a redesign.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.