



**CITY OF PACIFICA**  
**OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 21, 2018**  
**6:00 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**MINUTES**

In attendance this evening were Chair Jim Sullivan, JoAnne Arnos, Julie Lancelle, Alison Sanders, Ron Maykel, George Frank, Ellen Natesan, Michael Pacelli and Sallye McKenzie.  
In addition, City Council Liaison Sue Digre and Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor were present.  
Guest Amy Brees from the GGNRA was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

**Approval of Order of Agenda:** Unanimously approved

**Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2018:** After an edit, unanimously approved

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Oral Communications:** None

**Committee Communications:**

Ron began by mentioning he had attended the Planning Commission meeting when the development for 801 Fassler was discussed. While there, he spoke during Oral Communications about the older townhouse development called Seacrest, and the drainage issues at that development. He also spoke about the stark white color of the development, and Planning Commission agreed that a more pleasing color palette will be a Condition of Approval for 801 Fassler.

Ron also said that he attended the goal-setting meeting, and took this opportunity to speak about the Coastal Trail.

JoAnne reported that she had been part of a Mid-Peninsula focus group to discuss ways to increase the usage of local trails. Michael noted that he would like to see OSPAC collaborate with Mid-Peninsula, much like they do with the GGNRA and National Parks Service. Sallye suggested that perhaps some of the Trail of the Month articles can be written about their trails, and that maybe Mid-Peninsula can write about Pacifica trails in return. Amy Brees from the GGNRA noted that the GGNRA works collaboratively with Mid-Peninsula, and agrees that it would be nice for all groups like this to collaborate with each other.

Jim mentioned that a group is meeting at the top of El Granada Blvd. on Saturday, March 24 to repair rutting and perform some other maintenance in that area. He went on to say that during the next 2 years, road resurfacing will take place in Pacifica and this will be a good chance to get “animal separators” installed along Highway 1. Jim said he will be speaking to the City Manager Kevin Woodhouse about this, and other ideas. He pointed out a photo that had been passed out to the Committee, depicting a bike lane and traffic lanes in another peninsula city, which he thought would be a nice fit for Pacifica. He is going to share this with the City Manager as well. He then reported that the levee is also going to be

resurfaced, and that permits have been approved for this effort. Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor said that she will send the OSPAC some information from the Coastal Commission about this topic.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **1. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC**

Amy Brees, Community Liaison for the GGNRA reported that she had recently accompanied their new Superintendent on a visit to Mori Point and other areas in Pacifica, and the topic of "access" was what seemed most important to her. Amy then spoke about Visitor Use Monitoring, which is monitoring how nature changes as a result of foot traffic, and how to use this information to try and gauge how many people are visiting these trails. A question was raised whether the GGNRA has data like this already for some of our trails, and Amy said that she believes they may have information for Mori Point, Milagra Ridge and Sweeney Ridge. She said that she will try to share some information with OSPAC at a future meeting.

Amy then noted that she had coordinated a meeting to discuss the Portola site, and what improvements can be made before November 2018. She asked that if anyone had any ideas, to email them to her.

Jim asked Amy if any discussion had taken place about a possible hiker hut or ADA access at Sweeney Ridge, and Amy said that perhaps this could be a longer-term goal possibility which she will keep in mind for future discussions.

## **PRESENTATION:**

### **San Pedro Creek Watershed Coalition Update:**

Due to a last-minute scheduling conflict of the presenter, the scheduled San Pedro Creek Watershed Coalition Update was not given this evening.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **2. Discuss Annual Report and Preservation Award**

Ron passed around a list of previous recipients and nominees for the Preservation Award. Some discussion took place about the process, and an announcement will be placed in the Pacifica Tribune to solicit more nominations.

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor said that with reference to the Annual Report to City Council, the format and timing will likely change from previous years. Bonny said she will draft something for consideration for the next OSPAC meeting.

### **3. Discuss specifics for OSPAC attendance at ECOFest 2018**

A reminder was given that the date and time for the event is Saturday, April 21 from 11:00am-2:30pm. Jim reported that the maps for the stand-up easels have been laminated, and that 100 brochures are in the works. It was noted that this may not be enough, and Jim will look into having more brochures made for the event. Discussion about future emails and a possible meeting to talk about set-up/tear down and staffing for the table will take place.

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor followed up her request from last meeting that a description of OSPAC's materials and preparations be provided to her so she can make sure that the City is supportive.

### **4. Wildland/Urban Interface concerns regarding herbicides and pesticides**

Ron mentioned that the formulas used for rat poisons have changed recently and have become much more toxic, which endangers other animals who are exposed to these chemicals. He also talked briefly about herbicides such as “Round-Up”. Ellen said that products that can be purchased for home use are much more toxic than anything that a government agency would use, which is a fact that the public probably isn’t aware of. Sallye suggested that maybe instead of writing a Trail of the Month article one month, perhaps an article about pesticides and herbicides can be written to educate the public on these dangers.

#### **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

##### **5. Development project updates**

Staff Liaison Bonny O’Connor reported that the 801 Fassler project had been approved by the Planning Commission, and that it will be given to the City Council to consider the development plan and rezoning on April 23. She then mentioned that the environmental review documents for the 505 San Pedro project will be out for public review in a few weeks. This project, which is behind the Pedro Point Shopping Center, proposes to include a skateboard halfpipe, plus a residential and commercial component.

Bonny then said that on March 26, the City Council will consider an adaptation plan for Sea Level Rise, which will include further community involvement and better define the roles of the various work groups.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jim Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.