



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

March 16, 2016

With the exception of George Frank, all Committee members were present this evening. In addition, Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister, PB&R Liaison August Murphy, and GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Because Chair Alison Sanders arrived a few minutes late, Co-Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05, and led the rest of the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Unanimously approved

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

Approved with two members abstaining

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

None

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Paul noted that they had a good turnout for the trail work, and that the North Coast County Water District took care of the access road to the tank. He said that more physical labor, and/or more money is needed for further improvements.

As GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald had not yet arrived, motion was made by Ron, and seconded by Julie to change the order of the Agenda. Unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Preservation Award

Ken Miles and Julie Lancelle both received support as recipients. Julie left the room as the Committee discussed the award. Noel commented that he supports Julie's nomination. Ron talked about another potential recipient, Paul Azibido, and he explained his contributions.

Michael voiced his concerns about Julie being on the OSPAC Committee, and also being a nominee for the award, and others agreed. Michael also mentioned that improvements should be made to get the word out about the award. Ron suggested forming a subcommittee, and how interviewing potential recipients would be very useful to make a

fair and informed decision. Alison commented that forming a subcommittee for this purpose made sense to her.

Jim asked for 2 members to volunteer for this subcommittee, and asked for a motion to form the Committee. Alison made the motion to form the Committee, and elect JoAnne, Noel and Ron to chair this subcommittee. Ron seconded, and motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

2. Golden Gate National Recreation Area Proposed Rule for Dog Management

GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald arrived, and talked about the public meetings that will be held to discuss the Proposed Rule for Dog Management. The meeting in Pacifica will be held on March 31 at the Pacifica Community Center from 6:00–8:00 pm. She mentioned that the evening will begin with open “information stations” that will display maps of the various sites and include specific site information, including the proposed changes. She then said that this will be followed by a presentation at 6:15 pm, and then a question and answer period. She said that comments can be submitted online now, and through May 25th. She said that comments or questions can also be submitted at one of the public meetings, or questions can be asked at the meeting. She noted that following the question and answer period, the information stations will reopen, and the meetings are scheduled to adjourn about 8:00 pm.

Paul asked for clarification on what role the OSPAC Committee has. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that the OSPAC Committee is advisory only, meaning they are there for discussion and comments only. She said that comments should be submitted formally through one of the methods Christine mentioned. Michael noted that he would like to hear from community members before they continued this discussion.

There were several community members in attendance. They noted that they misunderstood, and thought that there would be a presentation this evening. Christine clarified that the public meetings she mentioned would be focused on public comment and would be specifically focused on the areas where they are being held. One community member said she was dismayed by the disregard of previous comments and lack of changes in the new rule. She noted that there are new restrictions, including the number of dogs being walked together. She is concerned about the lack of access at Sweeney Ridge, and no off-leash areas in others. Another community member commented that the majority asked for fewer restrictions in this new rule, but there are more. A couple of people commented that they recently moved to Pacifica because of the number of areas they could run their dogs, as well as the easy access to Mori Point and the beach. Everyone that came from the community mentioned that communication about the public meetings should be improved, and that posting flyers at the sites might be helpful. One community member asked that the OSPAC Committee send a strong recommendation to City Council regarding trail access and allow off-leash areas. And finally, someone mentioned the value of walking dogs, and how this creates better “dog citizens” and helps dogs become less aggressive.

The conversation then turned back to the Committee. Paul wanted to clarify that OSPAC will be writing a recommendation letter to City Council, and Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister responded affirmatively. Paul talked about writing an article for the Pacifica Tribune, but Tina Wehrmeister reminded the Committee that all articles need to come from the City Manager’s office, and not from the Committee. Paul then said that he is in favor of posting the sites, and he said that if Christine FitzGerald wants to forward information, the OSPAC Committee can post it at various sites as members are frequently spending time at these sites.

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister again brought up the idea of moving the next meeting to another location to discuss the Proposed Dog Rule. Planning Department Administrative

Clerk Tina Gibbs will find out if moving the next meeting to the City Council Chambers is a possibility. Tina Wehrmeister also clarified the OSPAC role, and reiterated that the Committee, and the City, can't tell the Park Service what rules to adopt, and that the City has no jurisdictional authority. This needs to be made clear to the public.

Julie suggested that everyone look at previous letters, read material and listen to the public so that the Committee can come up with a well-written and concise recommendation to City Council.

Further discussion then took place about changing the meeting location and about lengthening the meeting, so that adequate time can be given for Committee discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. Annual Report to City Council

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that the report will continue to move to later dates until the Dog Rule discussions are complete.

4. Article in the Pacifica Tribune to promote trail of the month

Jim thanked Ron and Julie for their info and input on the most recent article.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

5. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald noted that from June-October, she will be on leave and a new liaison will begin attending the OSPAC meetings.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

In closing, Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister noted that the Quarry Reclamation Plan is on The City website, that the two single family residences on Oddstad Way are on the Planning Commission agenda for Monday March 21, and finally that Assistant Planner Kathryn Farbstein has announced her retirement, with her last day being April 15.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.