



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

February 17, 2021

6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Link

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- Contact Associate Planner Bonny O’Connor by email with questions:
oconnorb@ci.pacifica.ca.us

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 - Subject Line: “Public Comment – OSPAC Mtg 2/17/2021 [AGENDA ITEM NO. or “ORAL COMMUNICATIONS” for topics not on the agenda]”
 - Submitter’s Full Name
 - 350 word maximum
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CALL TO ORDER:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS *(5 minutes):*

Approval of Order of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2021 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS *(5 minutes):*

Oral Communications:

This portion of the agenda is available to the public to address the Committee on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on the agenda (3 minutes per speaker).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: *(5 minutes)*

- 1. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC**
- 2. Update by City Council Liaison**

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: *(5 minutes)*

- 3. Development project updates**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 4. Discuss update on addressing Mori Point trash and parking issues during Goal Setting.** *(10 minutes)*
- 5. Consider trail naming survey materials for approval and deployment** *(10 minutes)*
- 6. Discuss messaging opportunities between wildfire prevention and open spaces.** *(20 minutes)*
- 7. Discuss Preservation Award process and timing for 2021, review and approve notification language** *(20 minutes)*

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS: *(10 minutes)*

Committee Communications:

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 20, 2021; 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. via Zoom
Action Minutes

In attendance was Chair Natesan, Vice Chair Arnos, Johnson, Kraus, and Patton. Sullivan, Durkee, and Lancelle were absent. Council Liaison Mayor Pro Tem Bier and Staff Liaison O'Connor were present. GGNRA staff Katie Beltrano and Darron Brown and GGNPC staff Sue Gardner were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Natesan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2020. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. **Update by GGNRA/GGNPC.** GGNRA provided an update on the daily pick-up of trash and reoperation of Mori Point restroom was cut short due to vandalism. The unofficial memorial at Mori Point is partially on NPS and C/C of San Francisco land. No updates from GGNPC.
2. **Update by City Council Liaison:** Goal setting will be coming up. Beach Blvd Resiliency Improvement Project effort is proceeding.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

3. **Development project updates.** Staff liaison O'Connor provided an update on Alice Daniel's resignation, 650 Cape Breton TUP Planning Commission continuance, and new City Council Liaison assignment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. **Subcommittee to provide Trail Naming Effort Update, Discuss plan for public notification and polling efforts.** Kraus and Johnson presented the content of the survey. Minor edits to the content were suggested. Various survey distribution methods were discussed, including City's media outreach, newspaper, local blogs, and onsite posting (QR code). Subcommittee will make final edits and represent for approval next month. The public had no comments on the item.
5. **Discuss potential improvements to address trash and parking issues associated with increased use of Mori Point.** Committee discussed issues experienced in Mori Point, including safety concerns with people crossing Highway 1. GGNRA is supportive of a collaboration to address issues, suggested that Pacifica lead. Member of the public Jeff Guillet spoke to describe his concerns of safety, parking, and lack of masks on visitors. Committee discussed the idea of creating an ad hoc group at Committee or Council level, a task force, or a study session. Council liaison Bier mentioned that she would bring the item to Council's attention. Mayor Beckmeyer provided input as well. The Committee created a subcommittee with Chair Natesan and Arnos to be a resource for Liaison Bier.

6. **Discuss messaging opportunities between wildfire prevention and open spaces.** Chair Natesan spoke to the fire dangers associated with unmanaged vegetation. Natesan suggested trimming can be a benefit, but often disposal of the trimmings can be difficult for homeowners. Johnson described her personal experience of living next to open space and she is unsure of who is responsible for maintaining the vegetation. Staff liaison O'Connor informed the group of the City's current participation in Fire Safe San Mateo and provided an update of North Co. Fire Authority's effort to have a chipping event in the spring for addresses in Vallemar. Member of the public Jeff Guillet spoke of fire concerns he had with his property backing up to Mori Point. Item will be continued.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Committee Communications:

Patton discussed her research on easements on 650 Cape Breton. Natesan, Patton, and Sullivan walked the existing trail at 650 Cape Breton.

ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Vote Record:

Member	Agenda	Minutes	Item 5. Subcommittee consisting of Natesan and Arnos
Ellen Natesan	Yes	Yes	Yes
JoAnne Arnos	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kate Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephen Kraus	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arlene Patton	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Jim Sullivan	Absent	Absent	Absent
Paul Durkee	Absent	Absent	Absent
Julie Lancelle	Absent	Absent	Absent
Vacant			



January 22, 2021

The City of Pacifica's Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee (OSPAC) has designed the following survey to solicit public input on naming a specific trail. The online survey can be found here:

<https://www.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=ODijkqAzDUU%3D>

Screen captures showing what the online survey looks like can be found on the following page.

The survey will be made available online for at least 30 days, and will be publicized through the following means:

- Pacifica Tribune <https://pacificalocalnews.com/>.
- Coastsider <https://coastsider.com/>
- Riptide <https://www.pacificariptide.com/>
- Nextdoor, <https://nextdoor.com>
- Pacifica Locals Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PacificaLocals>
- "Connect with Pacifica" newsletter
- City of Pacifica website
- Laminated poster with QR code posted at trailheads

The survey as currently designed would allow individuals to take the survey multiple times. Restricting individuals to only take the survey once would require upgrading to a paid version of survey software (\$85 per month). We can discuss pros/cons in our next meeting.


Screen captures showing the online survey

Hello:

The City of Pacifica Open Space and Parkland Committee (OSPAC) is seeking public input on naming a one-mile section of trail that falls within the area known as "Cattle Hill Park," beginning at Fassler Gate and continuing to the border of Sweeney Ridge (highlighted by the arrow on the map below).

This trail lies within Raymaytush tribal ancestral homelands, and OSPAC seeks to name the trail in honor of the 10,000+ years of historical Raymaytush people's use of this trail. OSPAC has worked with Raymaytush tribal members to create a short-list of trail names for consideration.

Please take our brief two-question survey now by clicking on the "Next" button below.



[Next](#)

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Which of these trail names do you most prefer? The names are shown below, with English translations in parentheses.

- ☐ Colo (foot)
- ☐ Erek or trek (stone)
- ☐ Ahni (rock)
- ☐ Cawi (cold)

Please select the city or town where you live.

- ☐ Pacifica
- ☐ Half Moon Bay
- ☐ Montara
- ☐ Moss Beach
- ☐ El Granada
- ☐ Daly City
- ☐ Pescadero
- ☐ San Francisco
- ☐ Somewhere else

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Item 7

Proposed notification language:

The Pacifica Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee (OSPAC) is soliciting nominations for the Open Space Preservation Award. The award will be granted in recognition of individuals and/or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution towards the preservation of open space in the City of Pacifica. The award consists of a written proclamation that will be announced and presented at a future City Council meeting. Submissions should state the reasons as to why the nominee should receive the award. Written submissions shall be received before [Time] on [Month Day], 2021 by the Planning Department c/o Bonny O'Connor, Associate Planner (170 Santa Maria Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044 and/or oonnorb@ci.pacifica.ca.us). The Pacifica OSPAC will also be accepting verbal nominations at its [Month Day], 2021 meeting (use Zoom meeting information in agenda).

Pacifica Preservation Award

Nomination Process and Selection Criteria

1. Awardees will be individuals or groups who have contributed to preserving or maintaining Pacifica's open spaces, parklands or other areas adjacent to Pacifica.
2. Awardee will not be a member of OSPAC.
3. Awardees will be nominated by members of the public as well as OSPAC committee members
4. Awardees will be voted on by OSPAC members by secret ballot.
5. OSPAC will award one Preservation award per year.
6. Awardees will not be eligible for future Preservation awards.
7. Nominations should be received in writing by OSPAC by the date set forth by the committee.
8. Nominees may be nominated for the award again if they didn't previously win but names will not carry over the subsequent year. Nominees must be re-nominated by either committee members or members of the public.
9. OSPAC will send a thank you letter to the person who submitted the nomination, thanking them for their time and nomination.

We didn't get into details about the proclamation as that will be unique to every awardee.

Draft Thank You Letter:

Dear ***

Thank you for nominating _____ for the Pacifica Preservation Award. As you are aware, the Pacifica Preservation Award honors people or groups who have shown a dedication to maintaining, restoring and/or preserving open space, parks, beaches or other areas in and around Pacifica.

Our committee will be evaluating all nominees and will announce the winner around Earth Day. We appreciate you spending the time to submit a nomination.

Respectfully,

Members of the Pacifica Open Space and Parklands Advisory Committee

Previous Preservation Award Winners

Fred Simons

Clark Natwick

John Curtis

Shirley Drye

Mary Petrilli

Mike Vasey

2016 – Margaret Goodale

2017 – Noel Blincoe

2018 – Paul Jones

2019 – Pacific Beach Coalition

2020 – Pacifica Land Trust

Past Nominees

- Cynthia Mitchell
- Hal Bohner
- Ken Miles
- Michael Ayala

O'Connor, Bonny

From: Wehrmeister, Tina
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 11:14 AM
To: O'Connor, Bonny
Cc: Gibbs, Tina
Subject: FW: Open Space Award Nomination

Can you please keep these in one place and forward to the subcommittee? Thanks.

Tina Wehrmeister
Planning Director
City of Pacifica
www.cityofpacific.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Jake Grey [<mailto:jakeee.grey@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 7:16 AM
To: Wehrmeister, Tina
Subject: Open Space Award Nomination

Dear Tina Wehrmeister,

I would like to nominate my dear friend, teacher, and mother, Cynthia Mitchell. She lives off of Palou Drive in the back of the valley. She has three mature elder trees growing in her back yard which produce huge amounts of baby elder tree saplings. They sprout up everywhere, from her hanging pots, to her fountains, to every nook of her diverse garden. For nearly the past ten years, she has been carefully digging them up, maturing them in her backyard with her own rich soil, and donating all of them to the San Pedro Valley Park.

I am truly astounded every time I see how many black plastic pots she has in her backyard with seedlings of all different sizes awaiting the next visit from the park ranger. Any time I go for a run or hike in the park, I always keep an eye out for any conservation work along the creek where her trees are restoring the natural habitat.

Besides the beautiful elder trees, she also digs up any other native species such as grasses that might sprout up unexpectedly in her yard. She donates these too.

She is simply one person who is making a real difference in the landscape of San Pedro Valley.

I don't know if this qualifies her for the award, but I think she is more than deserving.

If you would like to get in touch with her, I would be more than happy to supply her email.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Kind regards,

-Jake Grey

Date: 4/13/17

To: Pacifica Open Space Parkland Advisory Committee

Re: Open Space Preservation Award Nomination: Hal Bohner

From: Ann Edminster (ann@annedminster.com)

Dear OSPAC members,

Hal Bohner is one of Pacifica's unsung open space heroes. In fact, rather than being thanked, he is often publicly criticized, by those who place more value on profit, for his stalwart activism in preserving Pacifica's open space treasures. It's time that his willingness to take arrows for the sake of our open space is recognized and celebrated.

Many of you probably read the *Pacifica Tribune* obituary for John Curtis by Peter Loeb on February 16 of this year (http://www.pacificatribune.com/obituaries/life-tributes-john-curtis/article_b14a8a4c-f491-11e6-a480-bf4a14f8f6c1.html). I was struck by how many of the same efforts enumerated in John's obituary Hal had played a key role in; Hal was the legal mind behind the scenes in many of John's undertakings.

Hal and I have been together since 1996, so I can't personally attest to his activities before that date, and also have not been conscientiously cataloguing his efforts since. However, borrowing from the Curtis obituary (with thanks and apologies to Peter Loeb for the plagiarism), here are some of Hal's many contributions:

- In the '80s Hal was a member of Friends of Pacifica which opposed the development of Mori Point and got a majority of pro-environmental city council members elected. In 1981 Friends of Pacifica took to referendum and defeated the Zoning Ordinance.
- In the 1980s, Hal was part of Pacificans for Mori Point, which defeated another proposal for the development of Mori Point – 60 homes and a 7-story conference center. In 2000, Mori Point was purchased by the Trust for Public Land and then transferred to the National Park Service which added it to the GGNRA.
- From 1997 on, Hal worked with the Committee to Save the Fish and Bowl.
- In 2004 Hal worked with the Community Organization of Watchdogs (COW) to extend the Growth Management Ordinance.
- Also in 2004 Hal was on the steering committee of Pacificans for Sustainable Development (PSD) and helped defeat Measure E which would have allowed 315 units of housing in the Quarry.
- In 2006 Hal worked with PSD and Pacifica Today and Tomorrow to defeat Measure L which would have allowed 355 housing units in the Quarry.

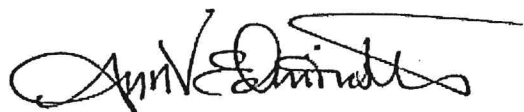
Hal has also contributed his legal, advocacy, and leadership skills to protect Pacifica's scenic and environmental resources in numerous other ways – almost always pro bono:

- He defended Pacificans who were sued by the Milagra Ridge developer for their roles in opposing that project.
- He has written, edited, and reviewed countless ballot arguments for local voter initiatives, and other documents, to ensure their clarity and accuracy.
- His efforts first galvanized the group that formed Pacificans for Highway One Alternatives (PH1A) and he remains on the PH1A Steering Committee, tirelessly keeping this issue before Pacificans year after year.
- He has campaigned for open space candidates in virtually every Pacifica election in the last nearly 40 years.
- He has put in thousands of volunteer hours in lawsuits against both private and public entities to protect Pacifica from overdevelopment that would compromise our community's livability, our scenic resources, wildlife and ecosystems.
- He has come to the aid of residents throughout Pacifica when they needed legal counsel on how to combat development in their neighborhoods that threatened the open space values we hold dear. Most recently, he has been representing residents in the north end of Pacifica in their efforts to prevent construction in the Fish and Bowl that could represent a precedent making the entire area vulnerable to environmentally damaging development. He has also been assisting Rockaway residents in their efforts to ensure appropriate controls on development on Oddstad Terrace.

We live in Vallemar; many of the projects that Hal engages with will never affect him directly, yet he believes passionately in the necessity of protecting our open space resources to preserve the quality of the environment for all Pacificans, and all Californians, and his beliefs are amply demonstrated by his actions.

Although he is nominally retired, Hal continues to work **full-time** in the home office space we share, day after day, with a focus on preserving the quality of Pacifica's open space. I can think of no better recipient for this award. And while I may be biased, I've also been following the open space issues in Pacifica for ... well ... nearly my entire life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "April V. Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Pacifica resident 1956-1974 and 1986-present

Gibbs, Tina

From: Wehrmeister, Tina
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 11:27 AM
To: Gibbs, Tina
Subject: FW: KEN MILES

From: ron maykel [mailto:themaykelfamily@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 9:07 AM
To: Wehrmeister, Tina
Subject: Fw: KEN MILES

Hi Tina

If you could include this message supporting Ken Miles as a candidate for the OSPAC preservation award. Mr. Miles was a active appointee of the the Open Space Task Force and a member of PUSH, Pacifican's United to Save our Hills.....and beyond.

Thanks

Ron Maykel

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Shirley Drye <shirleydrye@yahoo.com>
To: Ron Maykel <themaykelfamily@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 10:59 PM
Subject: KEN MILES

Ron: For sometime I have wanted to see Ken recognized for his very large contribution to our effort to secure Sweeny Ridge as open space. I can only tell you that he worked hard, and as a Federal employee (he was referred to by someone as a "Narc") when he made trips to WDC he would lobby our congressional representatives and senators for Sweeney Ridge. He was very knowledgeable about the issue. He was a constant from beginning to end. The only other person I can think of ,who could tell you more about him was Ferdinand Simons, but unfortunately Ferd is no longer with us.

Ken Lives in Vale Mar in a house he and wife Barbara built on the north slope.

I believe I am late getting this to you, but my personal life has been so very demanding lately that this is the first chance I have had to write you. If not this year, maybe next. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to. I appreciate the work you do.

from
Regards, Shirley Drye

PUSH Asks for Additional Land For Inclusion in GGNRA System

by Bill Drake *JUNE 13, 1984* Sweeney Ridge."

More than half the speakers at the GGNRA hearing Thursday urged federal acquisition of additional land because, as one said, "Sweeney Ridge is only a part of the mosaic of our dream."

Most frequently mentioned were what PUSH Chairman Ferd Simons called "the missing 48 acres" located in Vallemar and East Fairway Park, part of the 1,100 acres owned by the West Aspen Company but not included in the Sweeney Ridge purchase. A West Aspen spokesman reacted Thursday with a direct comment that the missing acres were still for sale and could have been purchased by Congress, but were not.

At least a dozen speakers, most members of PUSH (Pacificans United to Save Our Hills) recommended the Vallemar tracts be acquired somehow. Some also urged that the goal of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Commission include Mori Point, the Sheldance Nursery property, Coastside Corral, lower Milagra Ridge, Cattle Hill (Challenge Development's land in back of Rockaway Beach and off Fassler Avenue) and, ultimately all open space down the Coast to Half Moon Bay.

Fred Wilkins of Vallemar said that if houses are built on the four separate tracts in the Vallemar foothills of Sweeney Ridge that they "could go almost to the top" of the ridge, destroying the "visual integrity" of the area.

Douglas Martin, attorney for West Aspen Co., responded to requests for acquisition of the land parcels in and around Vallemar: "We're (West Aspen) willing to entertain any offer made in good faith." He noted that the Interior Department had "known of the existence" of the parcels since 1980 when Congress approved a map of the 1,065 acres to be purchased excluding the Vallemar parcels.

"There was opportunity to buy in those harrowing years," said Martin, "but not a word was spoken." He said that in his view and that of Regional Park Service Director Howard Chapman at the time "they are not a part of

The four separate foothill areas "are lovely parcels," said Martin, "But it takes two to tango—I hope no one has any unrealistic expectations."

Simons and others put the PUSH emphasis on viewing the acquisitions of Sweeney Ridge as a "vital link" to eventual establishment of open space parklands south of Highway 92 and beyond.

"You must consider additional acquisitions to complete the dreams of Mr. Ryan and Mr. Burton and the People for GGNRA," said Dr. Bill Freedman of Hillsborough, a founding member of the North Coastal Reserve Committee. He said "for 15 years or more, insignificant little people such as myself have been fighting off those who conceived that the best use of this land would be for factories, houses and highways."

Simons said any money left over from the original Sweeney Ridge appropriation should not be "diverted" for any other purpose except purchasing the "missing" 48 acres, Coastside Corral ("close to the SF Discovery Site") and the Sheldance Nursery.

Simons also said it was essential to "maintain visible physical continuity and direct access" to the ridge proper by somehow acquiring Lower Milagra Ridge, Mori Point Ridge, and Cattle Hill.

Freedman said Milagra Ridge off Sharp Park Road "has been destroyed" by housing underway. "We must forestall further intrusions into Sweeney Ridge's natural scenic vista."

Other speakers who urged addition of those areas included John Edmonds, PUSH Co-Chairman Ken Miles, Wilkins, Danny Munkers, Vallemar; Jon Galehouse, and Kathy McGuire, who said Vallemar's trees depend on upper Calera Creek waters which might be turned away by development of the West Aspen owned Vallemar tracts.

It was Freedman who said "Sweeney Ridge is only a part of the mosaic of our dream."

People Who Pushed for a Park

May 9, 1984

Some people chuckled when a new group called Pacificans United to Save our Hills passed a petition in the spring of 1978 urging Sweeney Ridge become a national park.

Even two of the principal pushers, Ferd Simons and Ken Miles were quoted in the June 1978, edition of the Tribune as expressing doubt that a "full-scale" national park might ever happen. They hoped to get an "agricultural" zoning into the General Plan, then being written, and continue working for some kind of protection for the 1,100-acre main Sweeney Ridge area.

What they got was more than 5,000 signatures on petitions which have been often cited as one of the principal expressions of the "people of Pacifica" in the long Sweeney Ridge process.

Jan Dutton, who had been a member of the North Coastal Reserve, another group working for open space preservation in the entire county, mentioned at a General Plan workshop one Saturday that year that there was "another way" to "develop" Sweeney Ridge other than designation for combination housing and open space. The same morning, Rep. Leo Ryan had breakfast with the City Council and told councilmembers he would try, if they concurred, to get a feasibility study going on a national park. He wasn't at all sure he could achieve that either.

Simons acknowledges he had "never heard of" the North Coast Reserve and the earlier work done by

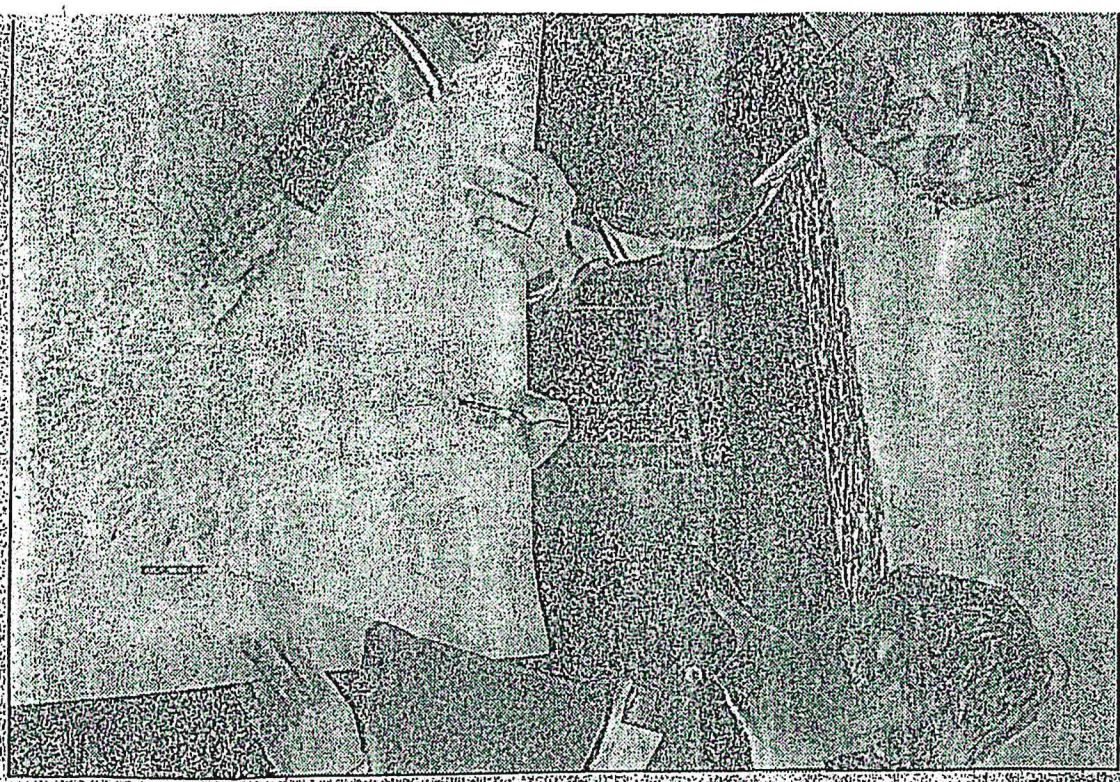
Dr. Bill Friedman, Nancy Maule and others including the Sierra Club, on conservation of county lands.

But he was involved in the anti-Freeway 380 fight and also impressed with the work of Carl McCarthy in promoting Sweeney Ridge.

Councilmember Stan Farber confirmed at that general plan workshop that the council had met with Ryan and heard his proposal for a move toward a park, but only if the council and the Pacifica people "are overwhelmingly behind it." It would take years, all agreed.

Simons, Miles and Dutton looked around for a group to take over the task. "We finally decided if you want to get something done, do it," he said. Simons conceived the acronym PUSH and the signatures came with surprising ease.

The list of those who pushed included, Simons said, Peggy Edwards, Don and Betty Fricke, Shirley Drye, Jim and Darlene Brucia, Hal Bigler, Jackie Collum, Nancy Crljenko, Stewart Cross, John Curtis, Claudia Davis, Sandy DaMarco, Alex and Grace Fraser, Jon and Barbara Galehouse, Janice Fulford, Mary Herman, Judy Johnson, Judith Kel, Belts Linder, Lena Macillus, Jerry McGuiness, Kathleen McGuire, Ramon Meek, Christine Patterson, Bill and MaryAnn Provence, Hazel Prudden, Beverly Ramsay, Sharon Rings Dorff, Pat Robinson, Doug Rosen, Donald Scott, Joice Sorce, the late Paul Stelmashuck, John Thaxton, Karen Trower, Doug and Corinne Wilson, Sharon Zamboukos.



Ferd Simons and Ken Miles in the petition PUSHing days

May 12, 2018

Pacifica Open Space Parkland Advisory Committee
c/o Bonny O'Connor, Assistant Planner
1800 Francisco Blvd.
Pacifica, CA 94044

Sent via email to: o'connorb@ci.pacifica.ca.us

Dear OSPAC Committee Members,



*Linda Mar Habitat Restoration Site Captain
Michael Ayala*

We are writing to nominate Michael Ayala for this year's Open Space Preservation Award.

A quiet and unassuming open space hero, Michael has worked diligently and consistently on habitat preservation for one of the most visible locations in Pacifica, the sand dunes-trail areas from Pacifica State Beach to Rockaway Beach.

Michael has been an active member of the Pacifica Beach Coalition since 2008, first volunteering with Clark Natwick, Pacifica's pioneer of native habitat restoration. Learning and working with Clark stirred Michael's passion. He took on the role as Site Captain, for the monthly Linda Mar Habitat Restoration work in 2009-2010, and has continued non-stop since.

Michael is inspired by his goal of fully eradicating invasive and non-native plants while expanding a flourishing native habitat teeming with biodiversity in Pacifica. Over more than nine years, Michael, with his great hands-on skills, has rarely missed a Sunday work day along the sensitive dunes. Without regard for inclement weather, few volunteers on some days, or ruggedness of the task, he takes on the challenge.

Restoring this landscape involves removing non-native invasive plants and weeds (i.e., ice plant, mustard, ox tongue, invasive buckwheat) to make way for planting coastal native plants (i.e., beach sage, seaside daisy and strawberry) to maintain, increase and sustain biodiversity. In cooperation and partnership with the

Pacifica Shorebird Alliance, the work done under Michael's lead has also benefitted the Western Snowy Plover and coastal bee populations.

Thank you for considering Michael's nomination.



MLK Day of Service 2018, removing invasive buckwheat

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Goodale
1135 Palou Drive
Pacifica, CA 94044
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