



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

April 21, 2021

6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Link

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oconnorb@ci.pacifica.ca.us

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 - 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 March 17, 2021 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

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).

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Discussion with Doug Hladky, Vice Chair of Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee, to coordinate Committees' efforts regarding wildfire prevention in Pacifica. (20 minutes)**
- 2. Vote to approve the proclamation for 2021 Preservation Award to Ken Miles and coordinate presentation of proclamation at April 26, 2021 City Council meeting (10 minutes)**
- 3. Vote to approve letter to City Council regarding funding for trail maintenance on Cattle Hill. (10 minutes)**
- 4. Subcommittee to provide update on Cattle Hill trail naming survey results. Committee to vote on a recommendation for the trail name for City Council's consideration. (10 minutes)**
- 5. Subcommittee to provide update on discussion regarding Mori Point trash and parking issue. (20 minutes)**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: *(5 minutes)*

- 6. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC**
- 7. Update by City Council Liaison**

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: *(5 minutes)*

- 8. Development project updates**

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS: *(10 minutes)*

Committee Communications:

ADJOURNMENT

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

March 17, 2021 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. via Zoom

In attendance was Chair Natesan, Vice Chair Arnos, Johnson, Kraus, Patton, Sullivan, and Lancelle. Durkee was absent. Council Liaison Mayor Pro Tem Bier and Staff Liaison O'Connor were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Natesan called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2021. Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

Introduction to new Committee Member Aaron Read. Aaron Read introduced himself to the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. **Update by GGNRA/GGNPC:** None
2. **Update by City Council Liaison:** Mayor Pro Tem Bier provided an update on the goal setting update, Council study session with Josh Becker,

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

3. **Development project updates:** Staff Liaison O'Connor provided an update on the art sculptures of Beach Blvd. Beach Plaza, 10 Gypsy Hill, TBD Amapola, Pacifica Highlands, 570 Crespi, and Linda Mar Woods.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. **Discuss update on addressing Mori Point trash and parking issues.** Staff Liaison O'Connor provided an update from the Council Goal Setting. Mayor Pro Tem Bier stated that the issues with parking from increased visitors is being experienced in other neighborhoods as well. Staff Liaison O'Connor will initiate effort with subcommittee and Bier to discuss how OSPAC can best contribute to the topic. *Jeff Guillet, Fairway Resident*, stated his disappointment that Council did not prioritize this issue during Goal Setting.
5. **Subcommittee to provide update on Cattle Hill trail naming survey, discuss next steps.** Subcommittee will allow survey to continue for a few more days and will prepare a recommendation to the committee. The next step for this item will be continued to next meeting.
6. **Discuss nominees of 2021 Preservation Award, vote on awardee, and create subcommittee to inform awardee and prepare proclamation.** Sullivan nominated past nominee Ken Miles. The Committee unanimously supported the nomination. A subcommittee with Sullivan, Lancelle, and Natesan was created to prepare the proclamation. The next step for this item will be continued to next meeting.

- 7. Discuss trail maintenance on along Cattle Hill trail.** Sullivan provided an update to OSPAC regarding his conversation with Public Works. Arlene is going to draft a letter regarding the need for funding for trail maintenance to City Council.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS: Jim provided an updated on some work that he did with Katie with GGNRA regarding electric bikes. Ellen made note that groups are starting their meetings with a land acknowledgement for the committee's consideration. Katie made note of the County's emergency planning effort. JoAnne asked about getting a committee member from EP&S committee to attend a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT. Chair Natesan adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Member	Agenda	Minutes	Item 6.
Ellen Natesan	Yes	Yes	Yes
JoAnne Arnos	Absent	Absent	Yes
Kate Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephen Kraus	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arlene Patton	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Sullivan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Julie Lancelle	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aaron Read	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total	7-0	7-0	8-0
Paul Durkee	Absent	Absent	Absent

***PACIFICA OPEN SPACE AND PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PRESERVATION AWARD 2021***

DRAFT

WHEREAS, Ken Miles made significant contributions to the preservation and protection of Pacifica's open spaces and natural resources to the benefit of Pacifica's residents and surrounding communities for present and future generations through his advocacy, service, public education, and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Ken Miles co-founded "Pacifica's United to Save Our Hills" (PUSH) with the purpose of preserving Sweeny Ridge as public land; and

WHEREAS, Ken Miles and other co-founders PUSH, hosted public meetings, wrote letters to newspapers, grew PUSH to 35 active members, and collected over 5000 signatures in support of the goal of preserving Sweeny Ridge from development, including a proposal to extend Highway 380 through Sweeny Ridge; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 1984, Ken Miles' dedication and perseverance was successful and Sweeney Ridge was permanently protected as part of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area system; and

WHEREAS, after protecting Sweeny Ridge, Ken Miles continued to protect Pacifica's open spaces and as a member of Pacifica's San Pedro Flood Control Committee worked with Pacifica's engineer during 1982 and 1983 to develop flood prevention solutions that protected San Pedro Creek's natural character and ecological function, successfully avoiding hardening and channelizing the creek; and

WHEREAS, Ken Miles continues to advocate for and contribute to the protection of nature, equitable access to open space, and public education about the history of California and Pacifica as a current board member and vice-president of the Pacifica Historical Society and publisher of its newsletter;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED, that we, the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee of the City of Pacifica, do hereby declare Ken Miles to be the recipient of the 2021 Pacifica Open Space Preservation Award.

Done, this X day of XXX

OSPAC Chair

Item 3, Part A

April 12, 2021

Pacifica City Council

170 Santa Maria Ave.

Pacifica, CA 94044

Request by the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee (OSPAC) for Erosion Control and Trail Repairs; Annual Maintenance for Cattle Hill Trail and Signage

Dear Mayor Beckmeyer and Councilmembers,

As Council is aware, Covid 19 has affected all recreational Open Space areas in the City. Many of these facilities are owned and operated by other entities such as the GGNRA, State, and County Parks which have the responsibility to repair and maintain those facilities. Cattle Hill by contrast, is a City-owned Open Space property obtained by donation from the Challenge Developments Inc. and accepted by City Resolution 8-89 on February 27, 1989.

The City has always operated under the premise that the property would eventually be donated to the GGNRA. GGNRA has expressed interest in receiving the property throughout the years. However, despite that interest, the transfer has not happened. The City has now owned the property over 30 years. Like any property, periodic improvements and repairs must be done for safety reasons and to maintain the asset. Regular maintenance must be done to prolong the life of the improvements. The purpose of this letter is to formally request Council to direct staff to locate funding to repair the existing trail system and habitat and to allocate budget for regular annual maintenance by the Public Works Department.

There is precedent of City repair of the property. In 2005-2006 Scott Holmes, City of Pacifica Public Works director was able to secure funding from a GGNRA grant from PG&E for impacts in the Crystal Springs watershed due to the PG&E Jefferson-Martin 230kV Transmission Line Project. The amount of that funding was approximately \$220,000 and the scope was focused on Trail Construction and Erosion Control Work. Unfortunately, a combination of time passing and high usage especially during the pandemic has severely damaged the trail system especially with respect to proper drainage off the property.

Continued neglect of the property, especially failure to properly channel the water will not only result in further damage to the trail system but may also affect adjacent properties including contributing to flooding and landslides.

Repairs and improvements may be staged depending on the availability of funding.

Repairing and maintaining Cattle Hill serves the following City's stated Goals;

Environmental Sustainability-By mapping and preserving an Open Space asset

Stewardship of City Infrastructure-Cattle Hill is a City-owned property

Maintaining a Safe Community-By taking proactive steps to avoid flooding and landslide problems

A Healthy and Compassionate Community- As we have come to appreciate more than ever through the Pandemic, Open Space benefits Mental Health

Fiscal Sustainability-met through local and visiting hikers, bikers, dog walkers, and equestrians spending money in our restaurants and shops after recreating on the property.

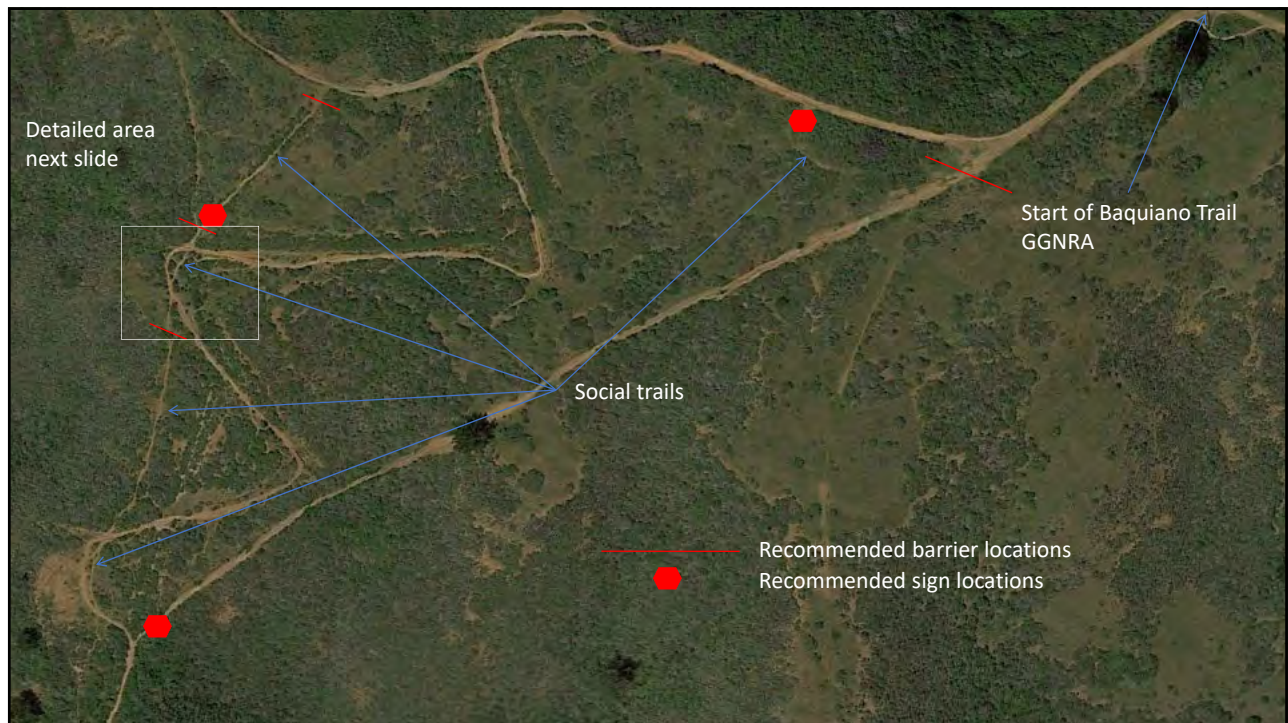
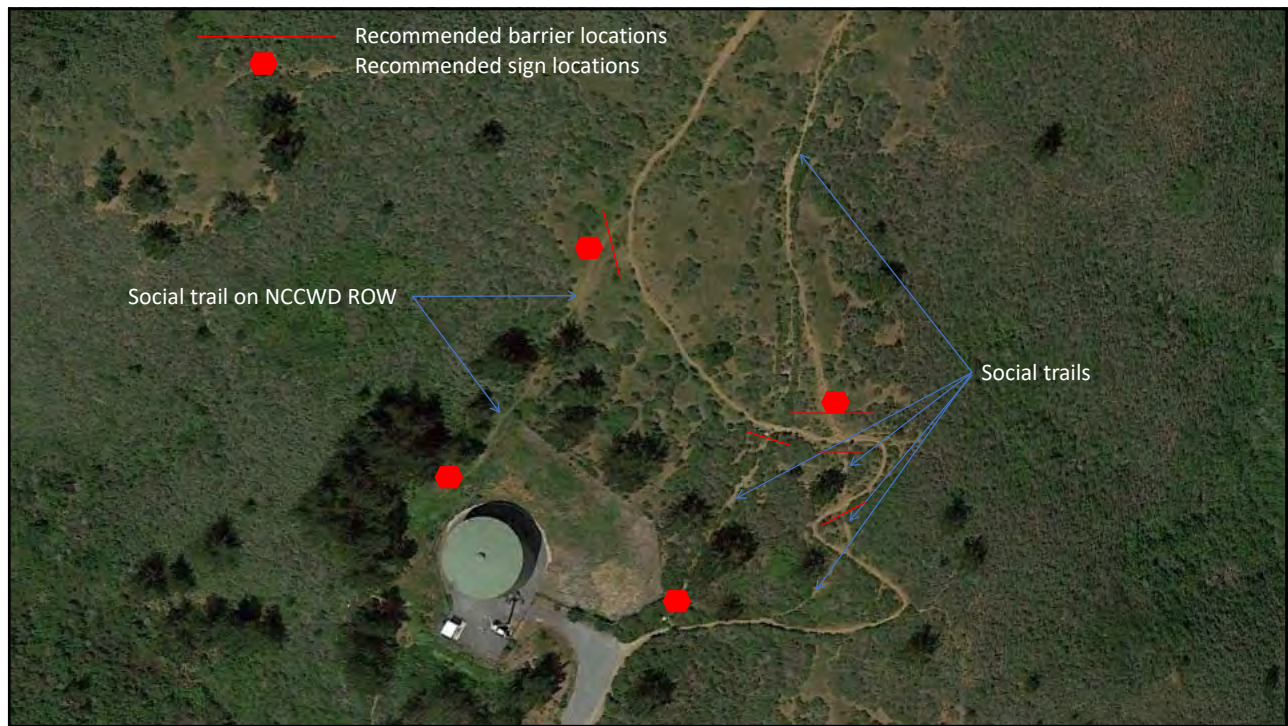
Attached is a Power Point show composed of a proposed scope of the project and photos taken on April 2nd by Committee Member Patton with former Committee Member Paul Jones. Members of OSPAC are happy to meet with Council members or City Staff to walk the property, assess the site and make recommendations for repairs.

Thank you for your consideration,

Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee

Item 3, Part B







Cattle Hill
Swale
Designed to
Catch Run-
Off from
Road



Ditch not
connected to
swale



Example of
Failed Water
Bar



Multiple Water Bar
Failures throughout
the Property



Deeply
Rutted Trail





Some of the
Ruts are
Nearly 2 Feet
Deep!



Example of
Social Trail



Deeply
Rutted Trail
with Social
Trail



Signage Problems

- This sign used to have an arrow pointing to the left directing people away from the social trail.



Invasive Species

- Pampas Grass, Scotch Broom and Fennel



Proposed
Solution for
More
Durable
Water Bars
for Erosion
Control



Our Beautiful Open Space Properties
We Must Preserve, Protect and Maintain Them!