# CITY OF PACIFICA OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 16, 2021 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Link

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  - Submitter's Full Name
  - 350 word maximum
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#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

# ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Approval of Order of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of May 19, 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).

# **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

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

## STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

3. Development project updates

# **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 4. Review and approve content material for the 6/28/2021 City Council staff report regarding the Mori Point trash and parking issue.
- 5. Follow-up from 6/14/2021 City Council Annual Report, identify any actions to respond to Council feedback.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:**

# **Committee Communications:**

# **ADJOURNMENT**

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# CITY OF PACIFICA OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# May 19, 2021 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. Virtual Meeting via Zoom Link

In attendance was Chair Natesan, Vice Chair Arnos, Johnson, Kraus, Patton, Lancelle, Read and Sullivan. Durkee was absent. Staff Liaison O'Connor was present.

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

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Order of Agenda:** The committee unanimously approved with the modification of moving Item 7 before Item 4.

Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2021: Unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Oral Communications:** *None* 

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- 1. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC: Darron Brown provided an update that the National Parks Service (NPS) will repair damage to a guardrail at Mori Point. NPS has found that the restroom capacity is insufficient and is working on a project to increase capacity. Tree work along Mori Point trail will occur after nesting season. NPS field staff is making daily visits to clean up the park. Darron will follow up with O'Connor regarding the status and timing of the removal of the memorial. Natalie Dayal, Planning Compliance team and will serve as a liaison for San Mateo County is a staff member that will be attending OSPAC in the future.
- 2. Update by City Council Liaison: None.

#### STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

**3. Development project updates:** O'Connor address comments letter received at last month's OSPAC meeting, provided updates on upcoming council meetings, including annual report (6/14/21 at 5:45pm) and the Mori Point

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 4. Review and approve OSPAC's annual report content for June 14, 2021 City Council Meeting, and discuss presentation details. A subcommittee of Julie, JoAnne, Arlene, and Ellen was approved to discuss the creation of an updated resolution. The Committee unanimously approved the annual reports with modifications. Patton will present the hearing.
- 5. Discuss and prepare Cattle Hill trail name recommendation for City Council consideration. Sullivan will draft the language for the report to present to Council on June 28, 2021. O'Connor will assist with format.

- **6.** Discuss and prepare Mori Point trash and parking issue presentation content for City Council consideration. Darren Brown from GGNRA offered to assist Arnos and Natesan on the preparing the content for the item to City Council.
- **7. Reorganize the committee. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair positions.** Committee voted unanimously to appoint to Patton as Chair and Arnos as Vice Chair.

# **COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Natesan adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm.

	Agenda	Minutes	Item 7 Patton (Chair)	Item 7. Arnos (Vice Chari	Item 4. Subcommittee	Item 4. Report as
						amended
Natesan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arnos	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnson	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kraus	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lancelle	Yes	Abstain	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patton	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Read	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sullivan	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Durkee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent

# ITEM 4

# Draft Summary of the City Council Staff Report Regarding Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee Update on Community Impacts Associated with Increased Visitation at Mori Point

As provided by Resolution No. 44-2015 of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, OSPAC is to advise City Council on issues related to parklands under the jurisdiction of National Parks Service's Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). OSPAC is also to advise City Council on Policy and Procedures of the National Park Service as they relate to areas of the GGNRA within the City of Pacifica and adjacent communities. Mori Point is owned and managed by the GGNRA.

At the October 2020 meeting of the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee (OSPAC), residents of the Fairway West neighborhood brought to OSPAC's attention the impacts their neighborhood is experiencing as a result of the recent increase in visitation rates at Mori Point. With input from the Fairway West neighborhood and after further investigation by OSPAC, OSPAC has concluded that the following key issues are affecting the adjacent neighborhood and are a direct result of increased usage of the Mori Point area:

#### Parking

- Increased visitation to Mori Point during peak visitation times (weekends, holidays, and warm days and evenings) overwhelms the available designated parking for visitors (only five parking spaces are provided by GGNRA at Mori Point Trailhead) and heavily impacts street parking throughout the adjacent neighborhoods.
- Traffic congestion and illegal parking during Mori Point's peak visitation times has been observed blocking driveways, corners, fire hydrants, and emergency vehicle access, particularly on Mori Point Road creates a community safety hazard.
- Overflow parking from Mori Point can reach the Fairway East neighborhood, which
  results in pedestrians, unfamiliar with the safer Highway 1 undercrossing, to use the
  street level Highway 1 crosswalk between the Fairway West and Fairway East
  neighborhoods.

#### Sanitation

- Lack of trash cans in Mori Point and infrequent emptying of trash cans is leading to overflowing trash cans and litter in Mori Point and around the neighborhood.
- Lack of adequate restrooms in Mori Point is linked to neighborhood reports of public urination/defecation.

#### Public Nuisance

- Report of noise, public drinking, smoking, and "partying"
- Theft and vandalism (bonfires, things disappearing from people's yards, destruction of private landscaping)

OSPAC advises the Pacifica City Council to encourage GGNRA to address these environmental and neighborhood issues. Some specific next steps that should be considered include the following:

#### Parking and Traffic

Encourage GGNRA to enter a partnership with the Moose Lodge or Sharp Park Golf
 Course to make their respective parking lots available to Mori Point visitors when it's not otherwise in use.

- Encourage GGNRA to prepare a directional signage plan for the adjacent neighborhood for Pacifica's consideration with the purpose to direct Mori Point visitors to park along Francisco Boulevard or Lundy Way and to safely direct visitors to the Mori Point trailhead through the Highway 1 undercrossing.
- Encourage GGNRA to widen Mori Point Road to adequately accommodate more parking along the road

#### Sanitation

- Encourage GGNRA to maintain an increase waste pickup frequency and wildlife-proof trash cans.
- o Encourage GGNRA ensure that adequate restrooms are available are Mori Point.
- Encourage GGNRA to improve public outreach and notification through on site signs, maps, and online to direct the public to "leave no trace" from their visit.

#### • Public Nuisance

 Encourage GGNRA to increase Ranger patrol of their park and enforce existing laws and regulations.

In addition to the above recommendations for GGNRA, OSPAC also advises the City Council to encourage frequent Pacifica Police patrol of the neighborhoods around Mori Point during peak visitation times to discourage public nuisance activities and illegal parking. OSPAC also encourages the Fairway West neighborhood to organize a Neighborhood Watch program. Pacifica Police Department can help with initiating the program.

OSPAC will ask City Council to accept the report on the impacts associated with increased visitation to Mori Point and direct staff to prepare a letter to the Golden Gate National Recreational Area to encourage the implementation of the proposed solutions detailed in this report.