



**CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 19, 2017
MINUTES**

**With the exception of JoAnne Arnos and Sallye McKenzie, all members were present this evening.
New member Ellen Natesan was introduced to the Committee,
and Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor was also present.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:05.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Unanimously approved

Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2017 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Unanimously approved

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications: None

Committee Communications:

Ron began the communications by stating that Friday, April 21 is John Muir's birthday, Earth Day is this coming weekend, and that he saw wild turkeys in his neighborhood a week and a half ago.

Alison stated that her term is ending after the May meeting, but that she is interested in remaining on the Committee if possible. Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reminded the Committee that the OSPAC reorganization is scheduled for the June meeting.

Michael said that with reference to the money available from the Coastal Conservancy, he had spoken with Trish Chapman. There is \$400,000 available, and the Conservancy has noted that they prefer to give to existing organization(s) with a plan in place to provide greater access to recreational areas.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Preservation Award

Mike asked if a formal nomination for Paul Jones could be made, as previous discussion had taken place about adding him as a nominee, but nothing formal had been put in writing. The group voted unanimously to include Paul Jones to the list of nominees. The Committee reviewed the other nomination materials provided to them, which included nominations for Hal Bohner, Noel Blincoe and Cynthia Mitchell.

New member Ellen Natesan noted that she wasn't familiar with the candidates, and asked if anyone could share more information about some of them. Nearly all members in attendance provided information about Noel Blincoe, Julie spoke about Hal Bohner, and Ron spoke about Paul Jones.

Secret ballot voting took place, and Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor collected and counted the votes. Noel Blincoe received 5 votes and he will be this year's recipient.

2. Update Committee Work Plan

Jim began by mentioning a piece of equipment used for trail maintenance from a company called Sweco. He said that down the road, this might be a good investment for the City to purchase.

Referencing Cattle Hill, Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor said that she confirmed with Public Works that volunteers can sign a release form to perform work there, but that a work plan must be submitted and approved by Public Works first.

Noting item 6 - Preservation, Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that she had contacted Caltrans, and they directed her to contact the local road maintenance worker for specific information on past animal fatalities. Although she learned from this contact that many smaller animals, such as raccoons and skunks have been killed, there was no information specifically about any deer. Jim asked if a more general "Wildlife Crossing" sign could be considered instead of "Deer Crossing", and Alison asked about perhaps installing "Wildlife Corridor" signs on City-controlled roads as an alternative. Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor said that she will look into getting monthly updates from Caltrans about animal fatalities, including species and locations, and see how Caltrans responds to this request. Motion was made and seconded for Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor to contact Caltrans with this request, which was unanimously approved.

With reference to work plan item 7 – Portola Expedition Trail Updates, Chair Jim announced that on Monday, he is meeting with PB&R Director Mike Perez and the Historical Society to discuss where the trail will come through Pacifica, mentioning that they want to utilize Devil's Slide and stay close to the coast.

3. Trails and funding opportunities

This item had been spoken about during Committee Communications.

4. Update on the status of *Trail of the Month: Bay Ridge Trail* Tribune Article

Jim announced that the Bay Ridge Trail article had been written and submitted, and he asked for suggestions for next month. Ellen suggested writing about the Hazelnut Trail at San Pedro Valley Park, and then volunteered to write the article, and the group agreed and thanked her for taking that on.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

5. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

An email from GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald was read aloud, which mentioned that they appreciate everyone's patience as they work through their reorganization.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

6. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor noted that there will be a Zoning Administrator hearing on Monday for the renovation of the Rite Aid façade, that a mixed use residential/commercial application had been received for the Pedro Point Shopping Center (the parcel on the south side of the Devil's Slide Tap Room), and she concluded by reminding the Committee that their presence is needed on Monday night at City Council for the annual OSPAC report.

In separate brief discussion, it was voted that Julie be the liaison to the Economic Development Committee, which was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.