



CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 16, 2017

MINUTES

JoAnne Arnos, Julie Lancelle, Michael Pacelli, Alison Sanders, Ron Maykel, Sallye McKenzie, George Frank, Ellen Natesan and Chair Jim Sullivan were present this evening. No committee members were absent. City Council Liaison Sue Digre was also present, as well as Staff Liaisons Tina Wehrmeister and Bonny O'Connor.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Unanimously approved

Approval of Minutes of July 19, 2017:

After a small edit, minutes were unanimously approved

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications: None

Committee Communications:

Chair Jim Sullivan reported that the Devil's Slide event had a great turnout, and that over the past 6 years over \$130,000 has been raised for PARCA.

Ron passed out information from Jake Sigg from the California Native Plant Society which referenced a UCSF Mount Sutro hearing. He briefly spoke about the Parks Academy program, and also mentioned a Climate Change event at the San Francisco Zoo to be held on August 30, an event that was organized by Jackie Spear.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Welcome San Mateo County Parks staff

Staff from San Mateo County Parks had been scheduled and attendance had been confirmed for this evening, but unfortunately there was no representative present to give a report.

2. Designate a Public Works Department Liaison

Chair Sullivan began the conversation by noting that he had met with Van Ocampo, Evan Albert, Ray Biagini and Paul Lavorini from Public Works, where they discussed working in cooperation to improve trails. The Public Works staff had 2 new dog waste bins that they had ordered after their last meeting together, and they had also moved a very large rock near the Fassler entrance of the Cattle Hill path. Ellen nominated Jim to be the new Public Works Department Liaison, several members seconded the nomination, and Jim's nomination was unanimously approved.

3. Cattle Hill Trail Name Recommendations

Ron started by mentioning his desire to also name the trail informally known as the "Pedro Point Terrace Trail", and adding this to future agendas and work plan. Jim said that the OSPAC can make recommendations for new names for Pacifica trails, but these changes would need City Council approval, and perhaps approval from the county. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister noted that in the City's Administrative Policy, there is a "Naming Policy" section and she will look at that for the rules that will apply for renaming Pacifica trails.

JoAnne expressed that she would like to get the public involved in the naming process, and asked if the Fog Fest could be a place where literature could be made available to the public. Jim said that he would be willing to have a table at the Cattle Hill trail on weekends, and speak directly with people who are visiting there. Referring to the Fog Fest suggestion, Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister noted that the Pacifica Community Center tree lighting event in December might be a good place to have literature available as more local Pacificans, and fewer out-of-towners, attend that event versus the Fog Fest. JoAnne stated that if the literature provided references Pacifica trails, it would be good to provide this information to visitors at the Fog Fest to increase awareness about the many trails in Pacifica. Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor suggested that the OSPAC might be able to participate in the Fog Fest kick-off parade as an alternative to staffing a booth this year. Alison reminded the Committee that there are only about 5 short weeks left before the Fog Fest this year, and perhaps it might be a good idea to start the conversation about Fog Fest participation much earlier in the year next year.

Referencing naming Cattle Hill, Sallye mentioned an idea to have an elementary school contest to name the trails, to engage the kids in the process.

City Council Liaison Sue Digre said that she felt it would be a good idea to have an OSPAC Liaison attend the Economic Development Committee, particularly with the upcoming Portola Exhibition celebration.

Wrapping up the Cattle Hill Trail name conversation, Chair Jim Sullivan directed the subcommittee (JoAnne, Julie and Ron) to come up with some trail names to bring back the Committee for review. This was unanimously approved.

4. Signage opportunities along Highway 1

Mike and Sallye reported that they had met, and that the Economic Development Committee is concerned about overlap of efforts. Jim reminded the Committee that their focus is on signage at Pacifica parks and trails. Sallye said that partnering with the Economic Development Committee would give the OSPAC signage efforts more influence. City Council Liaison Sue Digre mentioned that the Economic Development Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

5. Update Committee Work Plan

As several topics had already been discussed, the Committee jumped to item 5 on the work plan: Portola Expedition Trail Updates. Chair Jim Sullivan reported that he went with a group of people, including a San Mateo historical representative to the proposed trail route. While there, he spoke with Hillary Papendick from San Mateo Sustainability, and GGNRA staff was there as well. The focus of this meeting was to discuss the vision for the trail, and not details about funding and etc.

Referencing item 6 on the work plan: San Mateo County Parks Dog Management, Chair Jim Sullivan noted that they are having a meeting next Monday, so he will give a report on this topic next month.

6. Trails and funding opportunities

Mike brought up OSPAC Fog Fest participation again, either in collaboration with the Chamber or the City, or on their own. Alison said that sharing a booth makes the most sense, but noted again that only a few weeks remain until the event. Chair Jim Sullivan mentioned that he knows someone who might be able to provide maps either for a flyer or for an easel.

7. Status of *Trail of the Month: Coastal Trail Closures* Tribune Article

Ron reported that he, Ellen and Julie had recently walked the California Coastal Trail on Esplanade. He confirmed that there are several areas that are eroding. He had drafted a Trail of the Month article focusing on the Coastal Trail closures, which he passed around for the Committee to review. He asked that the Committee provide edits or suggestions to him by next Wednesday.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

8. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor stated that she had been in contact with Christine FitzGerald, who had provided her with the following updates to share with the Committee:

NPS is proceeding with a SURPA (System Unit Resource Protection Act) case for the Baquiano Trail at Sweeney to recover cost and repair damage that was done to the trail during emergency PG&E repairs. They anticipate trail repairs later this year.

Natural Resources staff members have been busy translocating Mission Blue butterflies from San Bruno County Park to Milagra Ridge, hoping to increase butterfly population which has so far proven successful. They are also building up lupine populations by collecting seeds from SFPUC property and transplanting to NPS property.

Christine relayed that there is not much yet to report on staffing, but she is hopeful to have a new Deputy Superintendent in place soon. New Chief Ranger, Dave Schifsky (former Chief Ranger at Point Reyes) will be starting permanently at GGNRA in September.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

9. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that City Council approved entering into a contract with ESA, an environmental consulting firm, to conduct sea level rise vulnerability and adaption analyses to update the Draft Local Coastal Plan.

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister reported on the 6-lot subdivision on San Pedro Terrace which is currently in environmental review, mentioning that the public comment period is likely to begin within the next 30 days. She also noted the Pedro Point mixed-use project behind the shopping center, mentioning that environmental documents should probably be available for review within 30-60 days.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.