



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

February 17, 2016

Present this evening were members Noel Blincoe, Jim Sullivan, George Frank, Julie Lancelle, Ron Maykel and Chair Alison Sanders.
Also present were Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister, PB&R Liaison August Murphy, and GGNRA Liaisons Christine FitzGerald and Trevor Rice.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Unanimously approved

Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2016 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Unanimously approved

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

None

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Ron spoke about the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory, and passed out flyers to the Committee. He also shared a few books with the group, including one entitled "Hawks in Flight."

Jim noted that February 28th at 9:30am is Volunteer Trail Day on Cattle Hill. He also briefly spoke about Earth Day activities and the Trail of the Month.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. Golden Gate National Recreation Area Packing the Parks – input on hike route

GGNRA Liaison Trevor Rice spoke about the Centennial Celebration, including the "Packing the Parks" hiking trip, which is taking place July 21-24. He noted that there will be a southern route hike, as well as a northern route, and between the two they are expecting a total of about 100 participants. He stated that part of the proposed southern hike will take place in Pacifica, including overnight stays, and he wanted to have the OSPAC members comment on the route that they are considering.

He went on to identify the proposed southern hike as starting at Farallon View Elementary School, continuing through Old San Pedro Mountain Road, with an overnight

stay at Sanchez Adobe. On day two, the hikers will head up Sweeney Ridge to Skyline and Milagra Ridge, and visit the Discovery Site. Night 2 will be spent at Oceana High School. The beginning of day 3 will include a hike to Mussel Rock around the transfer station, where the group will be shuttled to the next leg of their hike.

Trevor brought a large map with the proposed hike route outlined in red. The Committee had much discussion about the proposed hike, and they suggested altering the route to include the Pacifica coastline. Trevor mentioned that days 3 and 4 of the southern hike will indeed incorporate part of the coastline, once they are north of Pacifica. He thanked the group for their thoughtful comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

2. Golden Gate National Recreation Area Dog Management Plan – discussion of public input on pending release of Plan.

GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald said that comments will probably be allowed through the end of April. She said that the plan will only be about 30 pages long. She went on to say that 6 public meetings will take place, including one in Pacifica at the end of March. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister asked about agenda review of the plan for March or April, and whether relocating this OSPAC meeting to the Council Chambers or another location would make sense, as public attendance would be anticipated. It was decided that having the meeting at the EOC room as usual should be suitable. Tina went on to say that she can write a memo to clarify the purpose of reviewing the plan at the OSPAC meeting, so that the public is aware that another public meeting will take place designed more for public comment.

3. Cattle Hill Update

Jim once again mentioned Cattle Hill Volunteer Day on February 28. He noted that Paul Jones had spoken to Scott Dalton at North Coast County Water District, and that everything was ok to proceed. Jim said that they will meet at 9:30am at the end of Fassler, and that he will send information to the OSPAC Committee a few days prior.

4. Preservation Award

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister directed the Committee to a handout in front of them which outlined the criteria for the Open Space Preservation Award. Noel suggested that they contact the Tribune and call for nominations. Alison looked at the calendar, and commented that due to the timeline, this information will need to be in the Pacifica Tribune next week, February 24. Jim mentioned that the cutoff for inclusion in this issue was 5:00pm today, but that he would see if it was still possible.

5. Annual Report to City Council

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister stated that the OSPAC annual report to City Council is currently scheduled for the second meeting in April, which is April 25. Alison mentioned that the Committee might need more time to complete the report. Jim suggested waiting until after the public meeting takes place for the Dog Management Plan, as it will be something they can add to their report. Alison said it is important that the OSPAC Committee review the handouts from last year's report (handed out at the meeting this evening) to start thinking about what should be on the report for this year. She also thought it was wise to create a subcommittee to write the report. Jim volunteered for this effort and asked that Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister research the accomplishments of the OSPAC Committee for the report. He also asked that the Committee members provide him with a lot of feedback and ideas to help him write the report to Council.

6. Article in the Pacifica Tribune to promote trail of the month

Jim told the Committee that he is excited about the new trail that is being projected at the Colt property, and that he would like to write about it. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister stated that this trail is not yet funded, and Alison mentioned that we should be careful about writing about a trail that doesn't exist yet. Ron and Julie suggested writing about the trail near Dollaradio and Lands End Apartments. Julie said that she would be in touch with Jim about it.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

7. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

GGNRA Liaison Christine FitzGerald mentioned that the Milagra Battery Trail documents are ready to view, and that construction will not begin until April due to the recent weather. Construction should continue through the end of August.

Christine went on to talk about the Mori Point Trailhead construction, stating that 2 trees had been removed. She then informed the Committee that contaminated soil had been discovered, and this must be cleaned up before construction can continue.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.