



CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 20, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.
Auditorium, Pacifica Community Center, 540 Crespi Drive, Pacifica

CALL TO ORDER:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: *(5 minutes)*

Roll Call.

Approval of Order of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2024 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Public Comment - *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).*

Committee Communications –

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: *(5 minutes)*

1. **Update by GGNRA/GGNPC –**
2. **Update by City Council –**

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: *(5 minutes)*

3. **Development project updates –**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. **Review 2024 Preservation Award nominations, Vote, and Discussion of a Draft Proclamation for Transmittal to City Council.** *(45 minutes)*
5. **Recap of the March 9th Workday. Review New Workday Flyer.** *(30 minutes)*

ADJOURNMENT.

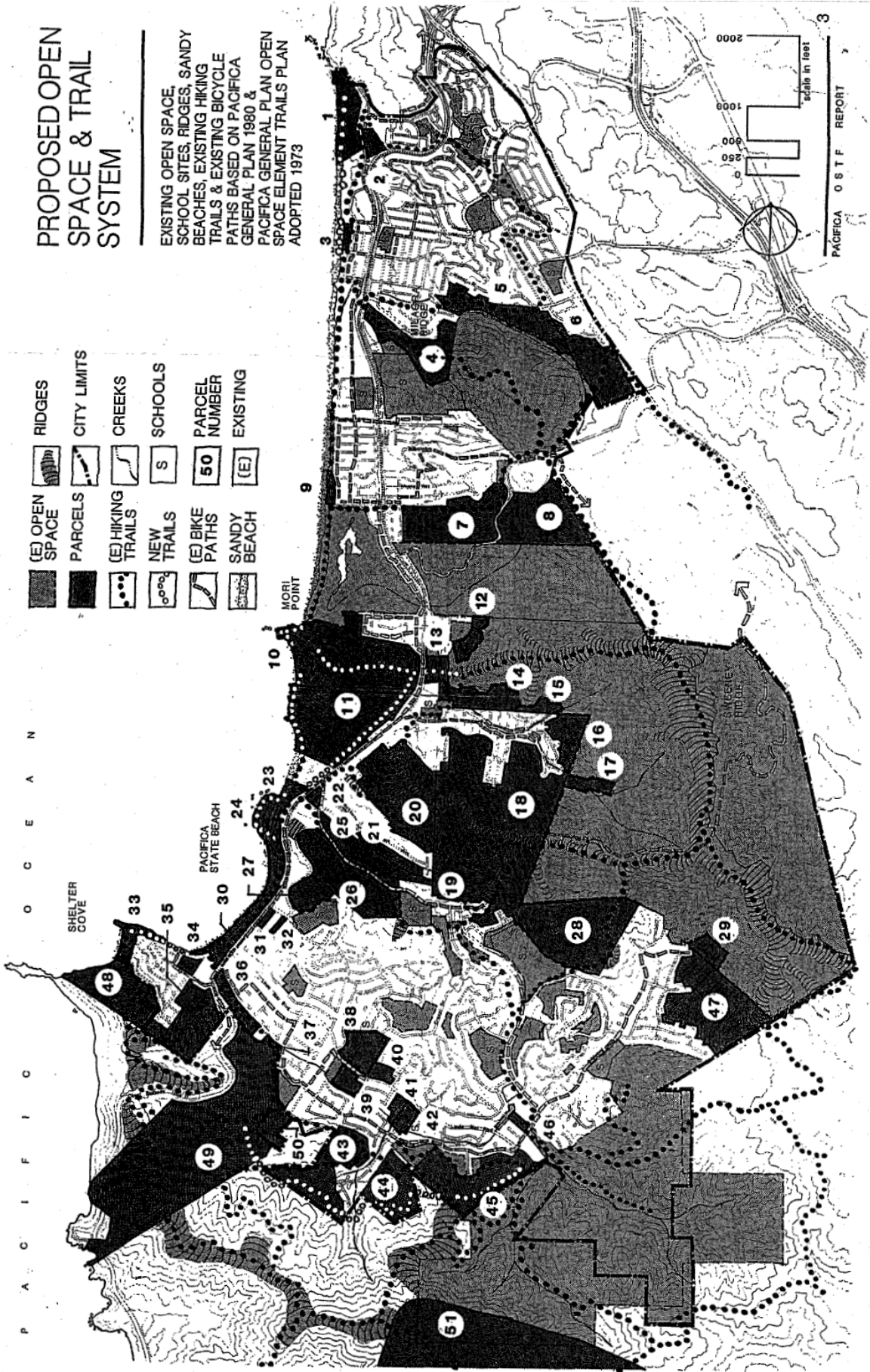
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PROPOSED OPEN SPACE & TRAIL SYSTEM

EXISTING OPEN SPACE,
SCHOOL SITES, RIDGES, SANDY
BEACHES, EXISTING HIKING
TRAILS & EXISTING BICYCLE
PATHS BASED ON PACIFICA
GENERAL PLAN 1980 &
PACIFICA GENERAL PLAN OPEN
SPACE ELEMENT TRAILS PLAN
ADOPTED 1973

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| | (E) OPEN SPACE | | RIDGES |
| | PARCELS | | CITY LIMITS |
| | (E) HIKING TRAILS | | CREEKS |
| | NEW TRAILS | | SCHOOLS |
| | (E) BIKE PATHS | | PARCEL NUMBER 50 |
| | SANDY BEACH | | EXISTING |





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CALL TO ORDER:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: (5 minutes)

Roll Call. A quorum was confirmed.

Approval of Order of Agenda Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2024 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Public Comment - *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).*

Committee Communications – *Patton* announced that she has received the formal resignation from Julie Lancelle, and that *Arnos* will step in as Chair while she is away for surgery following the March meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (5 minutes)

6. **Update by GGNRA/GGNPC** – *None.*

7. **Update by City Council** – *Planning Director Murdock* provided an update working to finalize a date for the City Council Strategic Planning and goalsetting process, most likely to occur on Saturday March 9th. He also announced that there would be a community meeting for the Local Coastal Land Use Plan update on Saturday March 2nd at the Terra Nova High School auditorium.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: (5 minutes)

8. **Development project updates** – *Staff Liaison Lin* provided an update Quarry Reclamation Plan hearing date, set tentatively for the March 18th Planning Commission meeting.

Planning Director Murdock announced that staff had made changes to the agenda packet to now include a map from the Open Space Task Force (OSTF) Report that will allow for everyone to better reference the location of these development project updates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9. **Review of the City Council-OSPAC Joint Study Session on 8/28/2023, pertaining to consideration of revisions to OSPAC's authorizing resolution.** (45 minutes)

- **Recommended Action:** Discuss Joint Study Session on OSPAC authorizing resolution update and consider requesting City Council adoption of an amended authorizing resolution.

Patton provided clarification on the provided attachments, addressed the typo, and read new changes and updates to the staff report and new proposed authorizing charter resolution. She also announced that the charter subcommittee met following the last meeting and went over the comments.

Planning Director Murdock provided further clarification on the attachment that had incorporated the committee's comments from the last meeting to the staff prepared draft charter resolution.

Patton thanked *Planning Director Murdock* for the clarification.

Arnos commented that City staff had acknowledged the changes proposed by the committee members into this new proposed draft authorizing charter resolution.

McDermod requested for clarification if one of those changes was the sentence on line 34 on the attachment.

Patton responded that was something the City Council might not support, and this is matters that other cities faces with anything that may make the housing development process difficult.

Planning Director Murdock commented that there were some implications on the proposed sentence, specifically on the word encouragement, and on the phrasing in the sentence that would implies a requirement for the applicant to come in.

Patton extended her appreciation and thanks to the charter subcommittee for their hard work and dedication.

Arnos appreciated the study session and thankful for all of the work done by the subcommittee.

Cardona appreciated *Natesan* and City staff for their hard work.

Planning Director Murdock thanked the committee members, and commented that OSPAC has showed leadership on leading the process for the charter update.

Goodmiller move to approve the new draft authorizing resolution prepared by the OSPAC charter subcommittee. *Cardona* second the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

10. Discuss 2024 Preservation Award announcement and nomination period. (15 minutes)

Patton requested for a nominees list from previous years.

Arnos commented that having the past nominees will help consider previous nominees that were not awarded. She reminded that there are documentations from previous years that provides instruction on how to proceed with the nomination period.

Natesan reminded the committee that since this is typically announced in April, staff should begin the nomination period soon so that it may be voted on in the March meeting.

Patton announced that a member of the public had made a nomination for Julie Lancelle. She also commented that Julie has dedicated decades of service and feels that it would be a great way to honor her if she is selected.

Cardona asked if there were any precedence of awarding two awards in a year.

Natesan responded that it was considered and rejected, as sharing the award would dilute their honor. She continued saying that typically the runner ups are amongst the first considered in the following year, but it may be worth considering having two awards under certain special circumstances such as one's health.

Cardona commented that this would be an opportune moment to have two awards seeing that it may be hard to vote between Julie and any other nominee and asked about the nomination period seeing the process is being started later than usual.

Patton commented that the nomination period would follow the same protocol as years prior.

Staff Liaison Lin requested for the committee's confirmation on beginning the nomination process through social media channels.

Arnos commented that she will work with the Tribune to get the notification out.

11. Propose and Confirm Ahni Trail Workday Schedule for Calendar Year 2024 (10 minutes)

Patton announced the Ahni Trail Workday schedule for the remainder of the year, addressing holidays that may be of conflict for committee members.

Natesan commented that intermittent conflict may arise for everyone throughout the year, so keeping the schedule as is fine.

Natesan move to approve the workday schedule. *Goodmiller* second the motion.

Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Item 4

From: Lynn Adams <lynn@pacificbeachcoalition.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 12:14 PM
To: Lin, James <jlin@pacificca.gov>
Subject: Open Space Award

[CAUTION: External Email]

Good Day

I would like to nominate Russ Hartman for the Pacifica Open Space Award.

Russ has been a champion Habitat Restoration volunteer at the Pedro Point Headlands joining the monthly restoration work since 2009.

And he has volunteered with the Pacific Beach Coalition to restore the Coastal Trail from Linda Mar to Rockaway for probably as long.

But - what most people do not know is that he has silently and independently canvassed all of Pacifica - mostly along Hwy 1 to remove pampas grass, wild radish, mustard, oxtongue and wild fennel.

An eagle eye would have seen him up on the side of the Mori Point slope above Hwy 1 from Moose Lodge to Calera Creek as well as along the hiking path removing hundreds if not thousands of wild fennel. Pampas Grass patches and lots of them as big as a car have been removed by Russ. He once told me he spent 4 days on a single patch above the Quarry parking lot.

Russ has also taken it upon himself to weed the bike path from Linda Mar Blvd to the Community Center freeing the native plants there of the Iceplant, Cal Trans Buckwheat and other common weeds hampering the growth of the native plants. He has also covered the east side of Hwy one in the open space next to the hwy.

Weeds on the Rockaway Switchbacks are targeted by Russ frequently - keeping them under control.

If this is not enough to win the Open Space Award, please consider the work Russ

has done on the Rockaway Headland between the switchbacks and Linda Mar. Years ago there was a horrible infestation of thistle taking up the northeast edge of the RA Headland. It grew to heavily cover 30% or more of the eastern side with thistles spreading over the entire eastern side (above Hwy 1).

Many volunteer teams targeted the large patch for about 4 years with Russ's help. While the huge infestation was addressed and not as severe, for the past 3 or more years, Russ has monitored and nearly single handedly covered the hillside removing the thistles that continue growing there before they can set seed. Without this monitoring and hours upon hours of work, the thistle patch would again take over the entire hill.

Russ is involved in growing natives with the Pacifica Gardens Native Plant Nursery and also helps to plant the native plants in our open space restoration work at Linda Mar and Rockaway switchbacks and the Hwy Strip between the two. He may even have a few patches that he plants in on his own that I do not know about.

I can't speak highly enough about the work that he does and has done nor the impact he has had on the health of our local landscape from Mori Point all of the way down to Linda Mar. He has covered and weeded both sides of Hwy 1 and yet it has been mostly unnoticed because no one misses weeds that aren't there!

He is a champion restoration volunteer. He is also very modest - doing this work on his own often. He also is an amazing joy to work with and supporter of restoration work organized by groups like Pacific Beach Coalition and Pedro Point Headlands.

Russ Hartman

650-242-2679

Please feel free to call me if you wish to know more information about his work.

Freidel Cohen can also speak of Russ work

As can Steve Deiers of Pedro Point Headlands

I can connect you if you wish.

Lynn Adams

President, Pacific Beach Coalition

415-309-5856

Ocean Hugs for Sea Slugs

Learn more about [Pacific Beach Coalition](#):

The PBC acknowledges and respects the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples on whose traditional territory we now stand and whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Emailled to: James Lin, jlj@pacifica.gov and Arlene Patton pattona@ca.pacifica.ca.us

Dear OSPAC Committee Members,

I am writing to nominate Julie Lancelle as this year's recipient of the Open Space Preservation Award.

Julie became involved in environmental protection efforts shortly after moving to Pacifica with her family in 1986. Concerned about the plan to extend the Highway 1 freeway south to Rockaway Beach, she joined with merchants and environmentalists in forming the Pacifica Citizens Proposal for Route 1, eventually splitting the Council and ending the plan.

A short while later she joined the citizens' group Pacificans for Mori Point, concerned about a plan to build a conference center/hotel and 64 homes on Mori Point (now included in the national park, GSNRA).

In 1987, she became a member of the Open Space Task Force which produced the Open Space Task Force Report, which set forth the city's vision and blueprint for open space preservation. In 1989 she was appointed to the newly-formed Open Space Committee. This work led to the establishment of the nonprofit land conservation group, the Pacifica Land Trust, in 1991.

After a turbulent recall of four Council members in 1992, Julie was elected to the City Council where she advocated for the funding of the Pedro Point Headlands before the Coastal Commission. Those efforts were rewarded when the City and the California Coastal Conservancy purchased a combined 255 acres on the Headlands with grant funding from the State. The Land Trust has been stewarding this magnificent open space preserve ever since.

Julie joined the Board of the Pacifica Land Trust in 1998. In the summer of 2000 she was instrumental in the Land Trust's campaign (with the support of the Trust for Public Land (TPL), the National Park Service, and the people of Pacifica) to save Mori Point, considered by many to be the crown jewel of the Pacifica coastline. Julie helped raise \$100,000 from the community in 2 months to help fund the purchase effort, demonstrating Pacifica's strong commitment to saving the 109-acre property, which was purchased for 3.1 million dollars by the TPL and the GSNRA.

When large developments were proposed in the Rockaway Quarry in 2002 and again in 2006, Julie was again elected to the City Council, where she served for 8 years, focusing on strategies to improve Pacifica's financial situation, including the revitalization of Palmetto as a Historic District.

After leaving the City Council in 2010, Julie continued her work toward preserving Pacifica's beautiful natural areas for future generations. She re-joined the Board of the Pacifica Land Trust for several years, and most recently served as a member of the OSPAC Committee.

We can't think of anyone more deserving of this year's Open Space Preservation Award than Julie Lancelle.

Thank you for your consideration of Julie's nomination.

Sincerely,

Dinah F. Verby

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The following individuals also support the nomination of Julie Lancelle:

Michael Vasyl

Lois Marshall-Ward

Michael Cadtree

Jerry Ward

Peter Loeb

Bill Michaels

Gail Benton Shoemaker

Andrew Meiman

Pete Shoemaker

Ann Edmister

Hai Bohner

Samuel Casillas

