



**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.** A quorum was confirmed.

**Approval of Order of Agenda** Unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes of February 21, 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).*

*Mike Khan (Pacifica)* commented that he works for Hilltromper and had just launched BloomTracker, which is a resource on where to go find wildflowers. The purpose of the program is to foster a recreate responsibility item, so users will have to sign a pledge to access it. This is a test case to see if it would get utilized, and it covers the San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties.

*Patton* asked if the program is using Google Map Data to show people where to park.

*Mike Khan (Pacifica)* said that the program would link directly to the GGNRA website for official information.

*Bigstycck* asked for the name of the program.

*Mike Khan (Pacifica)* said that the website is called Hilltromper, and the project is called BloomTracker. The purpose of the program is to implement the recreate responsibility and the “know before you go” principle, to keep visitors on the trail and avoid destroying flowers.

**Committee Communications –**

*Patton* provided updates from Ranger Michael Pham up on the easement portion of the Ahni trail, where eight shrubs and four California buckeye were planted, with each plant to have their own watering bag until they are established.

*Tan* announced that April 22 is Earth Day, and the Pacifica Beach Coalition is having a celebration at the Linda Mar Shopping Center. He asked if the committee would want to put anything together to display at the event.

*Patton* commented that one of the priorities should be getting the work day brochure outs at the event, and to have City staff confirm if there will be staff at the event.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (5 minutes)**

**1. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC –**

*Patton* provided an update from Darren, who is looking forward to next month's meeting, and is currently to see if the Moose Lodge or the community center would accommodate the open house prior to the April OSPAC meeting.

**2. Update by City Council –**

*Bigstych* announced that he will be absent for next month's meeting. He updated the City continues to work on the Housing Element, Local Coastal Land Use Plan, the annual goalsetting for budget next fiscal year, and as of late, the Quarry Reclamation Planning Commission on Monday but no councilmember were present. He states that it will be eventually coming to City Council that they are currently working on. He continued with an update on the proposed kiosk at trailhead of Ahni Trail, to which while a productive conversation with the San Mateo County park manager took place, nothing was promised and additional review will have to take place in the future.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: (5 minutes)**

**3. Development project updates –**

*Staff Liaison Lin* provided an update on the recent Quarry Reclamation Planning Commission meeting, to which was continued tentatively to the May 6<sup>th</sup> hearing.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**4. Review 2024 Preservation Award nominations, Vote, and Discussion of a Draft Proclamation for Transmittal to City Council. (45 minutes)**

*Staff Liaison Lin* presented this year's Preservation Award nominees, which were Russ Hartman, Julie Lancelle, Mary Petrelli.

*Arnos* asked if a list of previously nominated individuals that weren't awarded was available, as they should also be considered.

*Staff Liaison Lin* said that a list of recent nominees was immediately available from 2021-2022, however, he was not able to locate a list from the years prior.

*Arnos* responded that she has the list and will provide it to staff some time following the meeting for the future.

*Patton* asked the committee for any questions before a blind vote takes place.

*Patton* said that while she wasn't well acquainted with Russ Hartman, the nomination provided by Lynn Adams was well written and commended him for many accomplishments and hard work. She continued to say that she has met and worked with Mary Petrelli from awhile ago, and appreciates the nomination sent in by John Keener on her accomplishments and contributions.

*Staff Liaison Lin* conducts the blind vote and announces that the results were unanimous for Julie Lancelle.

*Patton* comments that she had instructed staff to prepare a draft resolution to be reviewed and revised as necessary following the result of the vote and asks the committee to review and provide feedback.

*Goodmiller* addressed that there were a couple of grammatical errors on the proposed proclamation.

*Natesan* commented that she thinks that there are many more accomplishments such as participating in the Connemara negotiations that should be included in the proclamation.

*Patton* acknowledged but stated that due to the upcoming deadline, there may not be enough time to verify them before they are due to City Council.

*Natesan* asked when it would be due to City Council.

*Patton* responded that it would be prior to the next OSPAC meeting, and the resolution will need to be voted on. She concluded that this would allow the award to be presented in accordance with Earth Day.

*Natesan* acknowledged but commented that some awards in the past may have been presented in May.

*Patton* commented that it's currently tentatively scheduled on the City Council agenda, and if we do decide to postpone it, it should be done tonight.

*Natesan* and *Tan* addressed a wording error on the proposed proclamation.

*Tan* commented that committee should vote to approve the proclamation but acknowledge the small grammatical and wording errors to be amended.

*Natesan* commented that the committee will need to verify whether the Connemara negotiations before a vote takes place this evening.

*Tan* asked if the Julie's years served is accurate and requests for City staff to fact check her terms.

*Arnos* received a public comment remotely to verify the Connemara negotiations.

*Cardona* asked for a motion to approve the proclamation requesting the proposed amendments to be addressed.

*Natesan* second the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **5. Recap of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Workday. Review New Workday Flyer. (30 minutes)**

*McDermod* provided an update regarding the past Ahni Trail workday, highlighting that a small group of volunteers conducted work on the higher parts of the trail focusing on drainage work nearby a GGNRA site.

*Tan* commended the work that everyone has done so far on the trail.

*Aaron Reif (Pacifica)* commented that the most important thing to acknowledge at this point is that if there aren't a lot of volunteers coming out to the workdays, there should be measures put in place such as only bringing out what's necessary so that there aren't wasted efforts for no reason.

*Natesan* appreciated the comment and agrees on potentially having a dedicated set of tools for the trail workdays.

*Patton* commented that this may be something that the subcommittee may be able to further discuss and plan.

*Arnos* commented that if volunteers are able to digitally confirm ahead of time of their presence it may allow for efficient planning.

*McDermod* responded that the City now has the QR/bar code which worked ahead of time, but on the day of workday it did not work, addressing that this was a technical issue.

*Tan* requested for clarification on the waiver process that volunteers will have to sign before the workday.

*Aaron Reif (Pacifica)* commented that the flyer was well done and designed, but he received comments that the flyers going unnoticed because of the number of texts that passerby will unlikely read in that environment. He suggests that the flyer should be simplified so that it only identifies the workday, date and time in large bold text.

*Tan* move to accept the current flyer with a landscape background and to discuss revisions at a future meeting. *Natesan* second the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

*\*\*Please note that timeframes were provided at the request of the Committee Chair and are meant to provide guidance and not limitations.*

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