

CITY OF PACIFICA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Open Space Committee
FROM: Lee Diaz, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: **Minutes of November 16, 2011**

In attendance were members Dyer Crouch, Noel Blincoe, Dan Briesach, Leo Leon, staff liaison Lee Diaz, and guest Ron Maykel. Members Clorinda Campagna, JoAnne Arnos and Ferd Simons were absent.

ITEM 1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Dyer Crouch called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

ITEM 2. Approval of Order of Agenda

It was moved by Leo and seconded by Noel to approve the order of the agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

ITEM 3. Approval of Minutes of August 1, 2011

Dyer and Noel made a correction to item 12, Announcements. The sentence should read that Ferd Simons will unlikely not attend the Open Space Committee meetings.

It was moved by Noel and seconded by Leo to approve the minutes of August 1, 2011, as amended. The motion passed 3-0 (Dan Briesach abstained).

ITEM 4. Oral Communications

Ron Maykel recommended that if the Open Space and GGNRA Committees are merged the name of the new committee should be "Pacifica Natural Areas Committee."

ITEM 5. Discussion of Snake Protection Measures for the Snake Pond Adjacent to Calera Creek and make Possible Recommendations

The Committee reviewed and discussed the letter provided by Maria Aguilar of the City of Pacifica Wastewater Department.

Dyer stated that he was concerned about the City getting sued over an incidental take and recommended that the streambed alteration permit cover the City from any liability.

ITEM 6. Discussion on the Steeltrout and Placement of Signs at San Pedro Creek estuary

Dyer stated that the issue with people placing rocks on the creek to cross over is no longer a problem and recommended dropping it from the agenda. The Committee agreed to drop this item from the agenda.

ITEM 7. Discuss and Recommend the placement of interpretive signs relating to Endangered Species and Ohlone Indian remains at the Wastewater (new) Plant

Noel said that he was reluctant about placing signs identifying Ohlone Indian remains but is fine with placing educational signs relating to endangered species.

Ron Maykel stated that he will investigate funding sources for the signs.

ITEM 8. Discuss and Recommend Possible Changes to the Density Transfer Ordinance

Lee said he will follow up regarding the Density Transfer Ordinance being rolled into the General Plan update.

Leo talked about the City Council allowing the "Bowl" to have transfer development rights as part of the update to the General Plan.

ITEM 9. Subcommittee Reports (Reports may address results of Subcommittee meetings, progress on Committee goals, or any other matter relating to the Subcommittee since the previous meeting)

Bikes/Trails: None

Creeks/Special Areas: Dyer mentioned that he wrote a letter to the City relating to the proposed Assisted Living Center on Oddstad that recommends mitigation for the trout on San Pedro Creek.

GGNRA: None

Preservation: None

ITEM 10. Announcements

Leo mentioned that a letter from the City Council to Jackie Spiers was on the last City Council agenda supporting the acquisition of Millwood Ranch by the GGNRA.

Leo also mentioned that the Oddstad Assisted Living Center is on the next Planning Commission agenda. He further said that the Final EIR is available on-line.

Dan said that the lawsuit against the Sharp Park Golf Course filed by the Center for Biological Diversity will be heard in San Francisco on Friday at 9:00 AM.

Noel stated the US Fish and Wildlife sent the City recommendations to protect the snowy plover. He also mentioned that the US Fish and Wildlife wants the City to police the beach.

Lee asked the Committee if they wanted to hold their December meeting. The Committee agreed to cancel the December Open Space Committee meeting.

ITEM 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.