



Minutes
Surf Camp/School Policy Advisory Task
ForceCity of Pacifica

REGULAR MEETING – 6 PM

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

VIA Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91956994341>

CALL TO ORDER:

Facilitator Cindy Abbott: called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. She welcomed the members and thanked them for attending.

Recreation Specialist Kenda Seeley: read the COVID announcement and took Roll Call.

I Roll Call:

Surf Camp Task Force Members Present: Cindy Abbott, Kevin Kellogg, Cynthia Knowles, Cliff Hodges, Johnny Irwin, Stefan Mayo, Kimberly Williams, Malcolm Carson.

Members Absent: Nia Rivers

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Director Michael Perez, Recreation Assistant Supervisor Beth Phipps, Aquatics Coordinator Anthony Schriver, and Recreation Specialist Kenda Seeley.

II Administrative Business:

A. Operating Procedures:

Cindy Abbott: advise that the City is still utilizing the Closed Captioning option and reminded members to use the raise hand features if there are comments. She gave brief updates on Written Comments, the Recommendation Chart, Fist-to-Five, and Public Comments.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Cindy Abbott: called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 06/15/2021 meeting minutes. **Motion was made by Kevin Kellogg, seconded by Cynthia Knowles, motion carried 8-0**

III Task Force member Updates and Communications:

Cindy Abbott: announced to all members of the Task Force how much she appreciated everyone's commitment to being open and honest throughout the duration of this process.

Cliff Hodges: advised that the last month has been difficult participating in this Task Force. He felt the last meeting was adversarial and mentioned his employees are concerned with their livelihoods. He received a recent anonymous email threat stating he was a roadblock to this task force, and

the email mentioned his family and was threatening by nature. He stated for the record that he has supported the CAPP process 100% since day one and that the comment that he is a roadblock is absurd. He feels he has represented himself and the community professionally and feels he has never acted according to the accusations while serving on this task force. He hopes that they can all move forward with respect until the end.

Cindy Abbott: voiced her concern about the email threat and advised that she hopes people on this task force can respect each other moving forward.

Kimberly Williams: commented to Cliff Hodges that she was sorry to hear about the threat and what he has experienced.

IV CAPP Program Update – CAPP Operators – 10 minutes:

Cindy Abbott: introduced Johnny Irwin and Adriana Guerrero and asked them to give updates on how the CAPP Pilot programs have been running down on the beach this summer.

Johnny Irwin: recapped that they are coming to the end of their summer program. They run every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with about 8-12 students per session. Youth coaching sessions are operating at a 1:1 ratio. The numbers have been a success and have been constant.

Adriana Guerrero: recapped that Brown Girl Surf has not been able to use the permit this summer. They hoped to have run an adult program from July 14, 2021, through August 3, 2021, but did not due to COVID safety reasons. They plan to continue programming in the Fall depending on COVID regulations.

V Public Comments:

Cindy Abbott: reviewed the public comment requirements.

Sabrina Brenna: introduced herself as a resident of Moss Beach and is calling on behalf of Surf Equity. She gave a brief description of Surf Equity and the equity base at Linda Mar Beach. She is an advocate for the CAPP Program and hopes that the issue of color and women will be included in the application progress.

Abby Golden: introduced herself as calling on behalf of Surf Equity. She is in favor of the CAPP program.

Olivia VanDamme: introduced herself as calling on behalf of the Ohlone Land. She wanted to address the fact they are operating on native land. She advised that the task force needs to remember that when speaking about space management on the beach. Finding things in common is important moving forward.

Cindy Abbott: thanked Olivia VanDamme for including the important part of the historical background of Pacifica, the Ohlone natives.

Sue-Jean Sung: introduced herself as a resident of San Francisco calling on behalf of Brown Girl Surf and Black Girls Surf Santa Cruz. She is in favor of the CAPP program and believes that there needs to be more equitable beach access in the beach community.

Megan Hanebutt: introduced herself as calling on behalf of Brown Girl Surf

and City Surf Project. She briefly described that being a part of Brown Girl Surf and City Surf Project has given her confidence in the water where she has been able to withstand extreme conflict at the line-up. She is in favor of the CAPP program.

Sean Knox: introduced himself as a former resident of Pacifica. He is calling in support of any program that supports equity at the beach.

VI Recommendations Discussion:

Cindy Abbott: commented that staff took a lot of time putting together the Recommendation Chart based on prior meeting discussions. She explained the chart, topics, and the voting criteria. She advised that Items 1-4 have already been agreed upon from the Recommendation Chart and that they would start with item #5.

Recommendation Chart: (No Way, Hold On, Hmm, Good, Love it)

Item #5) Permits for nonprofits through a Community Access Program and Commercial Camps/Schools are both supported at Pacifica State Beach.

Vote 1=no way, 7= love it. (total 8)

Malcolm Caron: made his position clear that he is in support of only one program and permit process for both camps. Not separate processes with different criteria.

Kimberly Williams: asked for clarification on

Cindy Abbott: suggested possibly modifying the language to read "Permits for nonprofits and commercial camps/school are both supported at Pacifica State Beach."

Johnny Irwin: is concerned because they are in support of a specified CAPP Program permit, which is a separate process.

Cynthia Knowles: is in support of the wording the way it is written.

Cliff Hodges: is in support of the wording and wants to stick with the 7-1 vote.

Item #6) Should the maximum number of surf camp participants be **at ONE time** 98.

Vote: 3= ok, 1= good, 4= love it. (total 8)

Cindy Abbott: advised that when she first started on the Commission, the number of surf camp participants was 62, then it changed to 74, and now they are considering 98.

Cliff Hodges: Does not think there should be a headcount total limitation.

Johnny Irwin: agrees there should not be a headcount total limitation based on seasonal activities and availability.

Malcolm Carson: asked if they are talking about having a total number of participants at any one time, then what does it matter to have a capped total.

Cindy Abbott: advised that by highlighting the maximum number of surf camps participants **AT ONE TIME**, should increase to 98 to clarify the vote.

Item #7) What should the ratio of students to instructors be 5:1 or 4:1.

Collectively the task force decided on a 5:1.

Vote: 8= love it. (total 8)

Items #9) Should a recommendation be made to change the small

camp size from a 12-person to a 15 person camp.

Johnny Irwin: advised that it was suggested to increase the CAPP camp size to 15 although it could also restrict them due to possibly having up to 17 people in a camp.

Cliff Hodges: advised that it really doesn't affect the commercial schools. Also, the current surf camp sizes are as follows: Adventure Out = 25, Surf Camp Pacifica= 25, University of Surfing = 12, and NorCal Surf = 12.

Cindy Abbott: suggested modifying the language to: **Item #9) Should a recommendation be made to change the nonprofit small camp size to a 15 person camp?** Vote: 1 convince me, 3 ok, 2 good, and 1 love it (total 8.)

Items 10-12) it was decided that the task force would go back and modify these items after they have a conversation about load #13.

Cindy Abbott: opened the conversation to public comments.

Sabrina Brennan: is disappointed in the way the task force is handling this voting process and thinks the public should have input. For better credibility, she asked the task force to follow the Brown Act Process. She suggested that videos of these meetings be posted vs. written minutes.

Cindy Abbott: announced a 10-minute break. Back at 7:50 pm and will resume public comments.

Sabrina Brennan: suggested creating a schedule for both profit and non-profits to maximize load.

Olivia VanDamme: suggested giving the Commission a recommendation item based on Land Management requirements of location where surf camps can operate on the State Beach.

Cindy Abbott: reminded that public comments are being taken for items 13-18 only.

Item #13) Should the permit process change to "load" vs a set number of permits. Vote: 1= hold on, 1= ok, 2= good, 4= love it. (total 8)

Cliff Hodges: commented that load should be used as a guiding principle only and not giving load the power to restrict usage or scheduling.

Cynthia Knowles: asked if working out schedules were still being considered.

Cliff Hodges: agreed that calendaring is a huge administrative burden to city staff and surf camps.

Malcolm Carson: advised that he reads #13 as, instead of using load to determine the number of permits, that using load is like switching more to a calendar system.

Cliff Hodges: commented that Load is restrictive, he can't see how a small business can operate under load, and that he doesn't know what the answer is except to use it as a guiding principle.

Johnny Irwin: advised when they initially thought about load, the commercial schools were not included. The CAPP schools were focused on load and a split should be used for the 98 number.

Kevin Kellogg: advised the load system in theory looks nice but in practice, it wouldn't work. He thinks a hybrid system would work best using a priority system.

Cindy Abbott: recapped the original CAPP proposal and advised that the goal is to increase diversity at the beach by opening up to more camps on a two-

year permit system and receive permits based on load. Place nonprofits in the under-utilized times and spaces and give commercial their spots.

Kimberly Williams: asked what kind of system will be utilized to keep track of all of the numbers that everyone will be able to use. She liked the rolling calendar idea in Malcolm Carson's proposal.

Director Perez: advised that administratively he doesn't see the number of permits being an issue. He asked the task force to concentrate on the concept and direction of the votes. He explained that the chart they have is a recommendation and can be changed. The commission and PB&R Department will have to deal with the administrative piece, and if the task force were to come up with something difficult, they would try to make it work. He appreciates all the work the task force is doing.

Item #14) If moving load, should there be a maximum number of permits given. If yes, how many? **Modified Language** =The PB&R Commission will determine the number of permits based on usage, qualifications, and load. Vote:2= ok, 3= good, 3= love it. (total 8)

Cindy Abbott: suggested the max number of permits should be 15.

Malcolm Carson: advised the number should be based on qualification, not a random number.

Stefan Mayo: commented that he is not in favor of putting a max on the number of permits. There are people giving lessons on the beach now who are not permitted that are not being monitored. It will be tough to monitor more permits and police for unpermitted schools.

Cynthia Knowles: commented that they haven't seen the big picture of how everything is going to work and doesn't know if putting a max at this time should be recommended.

Johnny Irwin: wanted to caution the task force into falling backward and asked to keep the meeting open to moving forward.

Kimberly Williams: suggested leaving it up to the discretion of the Commission to decide on the max number of permits that will be given in any permitted year.

Cynthia Knowles: suggested voting on a max number and then working with the Commission on a case-by-case basis.

Cliff Hodges: proposed letting the PB&R Commission determine the number of permits based on qualifications and load with no obligations to the number of permits.

Cindy Abbott: asked for a vote with the modification in language to what Cliff Hodges just proposed.

Johnny Irwin: asked that if the max is reached with this proposal, that the 98 number be looked at with the possibility of change.

Cindy Abbott: reminded the task force that even the number of permitters can change with a two-year program application process. She commented that she is for the calendaring system. She took a time check at 9:15, advised the task force that the next set of questions are very detailed regarding load, and asked them if they wanted to proceed or extend the meeting to next month. All members of the task force agreed to continue the conversation on August 17, 2021.

Stefan Mayo: asked if they should read through the remaining questions and

try to answer them before the next meeting to help move the process along.

Cindy Abbott: stated that the next meeting would be held on 08/17/2021.

Director Perez: confirmed that the meeting would be held on 08/17/2021. He also advised the members to look at the chart over the next month and make some decisions regarding the questions and mark yes or no by them so that they can move swiftly through the remaining questions at the next meeting.

Cynthia Knowles: asked Director Perez if the videos of these meetings are publicized.

Director Perez: answered that the Council and Planning meetings are televised but all other meetings for the City are not. The minutes are available for public knowledge and public record. This is how the City operates.

Cindy Abbott: opened the floor to public comments.

Sabrina Brennen: briefly explained her opinion and participation regarding outreach, minutes, newspaper stories, and published links for these meetings. She hopes members of the LGBTQ, women, and people of color (communities) will all be included in permitting and application process.

Cindy Abbott: commented that this is included in this conversation and decision. She thanked everyone for all their hard work and advised that they will see each other at the August 17, 2021 meeting.

XI ADJOURNMENT:

Cindy Abbott: Adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:35 pm.

Next Meeting: 08/17/2021

Respectfully submitted by,
Kenda Seeley, Recreation
SpecialistParks, Beaches, and
Recreation

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Facilitator, Cindy Abbott