MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting 2212 Beach Boulevard Pacifica, CA 94044 December 8, 2008

Mayor Vreeland called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Councilmembers:

Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.

Excused:

Councilmembers:

DeJarnatt.

Staff Present:

Steve Rhodes, City Manager; Cecilia Quick, City Attorney; Ann Ritzma, Administrative Services Director; Michael Crabtree, Planning Director; Van Ocampo, Deputy Director Public Works/City Engineer; Mari Brumm-Merrill, PB&R Director; Jim Saunders, Police Chief; Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk.

Mayor Vreeland led the Salute to the Flag.

Commission Liaison:

None.

Chamber Liaison:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

City Attorney Quick stated that the Closed Session Meeting was canceled.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle moved approval of the Consent Calendar, as amended, as follows: Approval of disbursements dated 08/28/08 to 11/21/08 in the amount of \$1,140,615.02, regular and quick checks numbered 81755 to 81756, 81777 to 81779, 81781 to 81782 and 1884 to 2066, as set forth in Item #1; Approval of Minutes of regular City Council meeting of November 24, 2008, as set forth in Item #2; Authorization of San Mateo County Office of Education Offer of Expansion of the City's State Preschool Program, The San Mateo County Office of Education Will Be Asking the Childcare Division to Increase the State Preschool Contract from \$276,940 to \$358,336, an Annual Increase of \$81,396. The Increase in Funds Will be Used to Open an Afternoon State Preschool Program at Fairmont Park Recreation Center, as set forth in Item #3; Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the Efforts of the Pacifica School District and the Jefferson Union High School District to Recover Funds Lost as a Part of the Lehman Brothers Bankruptcy, as set forth in Item #4; Approval of Side Letter to the Memorandum of Understanding with Miscellaneous Unit, Teamsters 856 Regarding Agency Shop, as set forth in Item #5; Adoption of PERS Health Resolution for Miscellaneous Employees (Teamsters 856), as set forth in Item #6; Approval of Agreement between the City of Pacifica and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for the Distribution of Measure A Funds for Local Transportation Purposes in Accordance with the 2004 Measure A, as set forth in Item #7; Approval of Purchase of Police Patrol Cars from Serramonte Ford, as set forth in Item #8; Adoption of Notice of Completion for the Sharp Park Pump Station Solar Project (Roof Seismic Upgrade - Phase 1), as set forth in Item #9: Authorization of Award of Contract to Trinet Construction for the Olympian Sussex Drainage Improvement Project and Authorize Budget Authority in the Amount of \$67,000, as set forth in Item #10; seconded by Councilmember Hinton.

Councilmember Hinton commented on Item #7, asking if there was a typo in the date of the term for the Measure A funds as being passed by the voters in 1998, ending 2008, a 20 year term.

City Clerk O'Connell confirmed that it was a typo, and it should have stated that it was 1988 when it was passed by the voters.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion carried: 4-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Vreeland read the proclamation honoring Mari Brumm-Merrill upon her retirement.

Mari Brumm-Merrill expressed her thanks for the honor and appreciation for her staff and the Council. She stated that she has made a lot of friends and was looking forward to being part of the community.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he had been privileged to observe all the recreation departments since the formation of the City and felt she had done an outstanding job, as well or better than anyone who has served in that position. He felt she had turned the department around during her tenure as director.

Mayor Vreeland mentioned some of the specific projects such as the Christmas tree lighting, Elf Markets, Meals on Wheels, etc., and stated that those projects were the foundation that made this a stronger community.

Councilmember Digre added that she also kept staff and Council supplied with goodies.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle added her appreciation, stating that she was a great person to work with and she had accomplished a great deal.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Digre wished everyone happy holidays. She mentioned that a few military would be home for the holidays. She stated that the Finance Committee was meeting on the 10th and it was open to the public. She mentioned that she had been at Florey's Bookstore and noted many interesting items for gifts. She also mentioned Christmas by the Cove, as well as other small stores. She commented that San Francisco residents were encouraged to shop in their city, and she encouraged everyone in our community to shop in Pacifica.

Councilmember Hinton added that an individual shopping in Pacifica was a greater benefit to our City than the individual shopping in San Francisco, and he encouraged everyone to take advantage of what was here. He mentioned that the Pacifica Athletic Club had moved to Crespi when a supermarket was planned at the Pedro Point location. He stated that they were forced to close but it was now open again under the jurisdiction of NorCal. He then stated that he was still

hearing from people who felt it was a waste of money to get an RFP because it was almost impossible to design an RFP for our needs, when we can negotiate with the local scavenger company to fit our needs. He stated that they were willing to accommodate the City's needs.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle stated that she and the Mayor attended a Pacifica Golf Task Force meeting and they were feeling cautiously optimistic about San Francisco not changing the use of the golf course. She stated that they were waiting to hear back regarding San Francisco's controller's report. Following that report, the committee would be submitting their report to the San Francisco Golf Task Force which would represent Pacifica's concerns. She reported that the Pacifica Historical Society was having holiday tours of the Castle the following weekend and she encouraged anyone interested to contact them.

Mayor Vreeland thanked the PB&R staff for putting together the 10th annual holiday Christmas tree lighting at the Community Center. He also mentioned the Library Foundation's book sale at the Hilton Way Library on the weekend. He attended the Transportation Authority meeting, and reported that they had adopted the Measure A funding for the next 20 years which included specific projects in Pacifica. He stated that they tried to make sure that our transportation tax dollars were spent in Pacifica. He also congratulated the Spindrift Players for their successful run of "It's a Wonderful Life." He reported that the company moving into the store at Pedro Point was still going ahead, but was still working it into the overall expansion plan. He thought the group trying to get the Pacifica Athletic Center was the Log Shop, not NorCal as mentioned by Councilmember Hinton.

Councilmember Hinton acknowledged that they had taken over the ownership and they were still in the same location, but the owner of NorCal now owned it.

Mayor Vreeland reiterated that the Log Shop was the owner, not NorCal.

Councilmember Hinton acknowledged the correction, stating that he was not clear on that.

Mayor Vreeland thanked the new owner, Tate, for working on another business in town. He mentioned that the Pacific Swim League had their event at Oceana pool, adding that they would be closing the pool in a few months to do major renovations. He stated that he had been approached to have a meeting with someone from the school district and the two swim groups to talk about the closure and address a variety of items that may have an impact on the final product. He thanked the Council for their assistance over the year, and he looked forward to someone else helping them move through the agenda.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he had received a letter from Roseanne Foust who was requesting the Council's support for her reappointment to the Traffic Authority adding that she was very supportive of Pacifica. He recommended that the City endorse and vote for her reappointment to the Traffic Authority.

Mayor Vreeland stated that he had spoken to her and told her the same thing. He added that he had asked the Transportation Authority to respond to two individuals, Ms. Meeh and Mr. Anda, who had brought in comments during the strategic planning process that were more specific to Pacifica.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Vreeland opened Oral Communications.

Bernie Sifry, Pacifica, clarified a comment made by a Councilmember regarding Coastside Scavengers being delinquent in their franchise fees. He stated that 1,458 clients were delinquent in paying their bills, amounting to approximately \$229,000 for the last 60 days. He questioned how they could be up to date on their franchise fee if people weren't paying their fees to Coastside. He questioned whether something had to be done by the Council to help Coastside get the delinquencies removed. He stated that Coastside needed Council's help to put the pressure on these delinquencies.

Tod Schlesinger, Pacifica, objected to the Mayor saying that what he was saying was nonsense, referring to specific issues, such as being instrumental in getting the General Plan addressed, getting the Manor over crossing fixed and installing a Milagra access road to Highway 1. He also stated that Peter Loeb lied in Superior Court when he said he didn't threaten him. He also objected to Chief Saunders stating that what he did was shenanigans when it was his first amendment right. He then commented that Mayor pro Tem Lancelle had a hard time making decisions, and he offered to help her analyze and decide.

Fred Howard, Pacifica, commented that Mari Brumm-Merrill had done one heck of a job. He then addressed the RFP, mentioning that it had been a topic of discussion at his Thanksgiving dinner. He also had received many phone calls. He stated that saying there was no company that could come in and be ready to do the job was incorrect. He understood the concern about the employees, but they were in a union, and had two processes available to them and then mentioned several options available to the City, including a citizen's committee.

Mayor Vreeland closed Oral Communications.

CONSIDERATION

11. Construction of a Dog Park on the East Side of Pacifica Center for the Arts (Sanchez Art Center) 1220 Linda Mar Blvd.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill presented the staff report. She then introduced Beverly Kingsbury then spoke on the different work they had done.

Beverly Kingsbury explained their process, doing research and reach out to the community through different venues, about 18 or 20 sites then explained why they settled on this site and what ideas helped in reaching that point as well as creating a website to communicate with the public. She summarized that no site would be perfect and nothing in Pacifica would get 100% agreement but they felt that the entire community benefits from a well run dog park and their POOCH group was dedicated to making this a success.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill stated that the group had been a pleasure to work with, coming with ideas and solutions and not asking for much outside of support.

Councilmember Digre asked if they had contacted the 4-H area at Linda Mar School.

Ms. Kingsbury responded that they had not contacted them through POOCH.

Mayor Vreeland opened public comments.

Judy Parnell, 1324 Avila Ct., stated that she was speaking for both her and her husband who lived adjacent to the proposed dog park. She explained that her husband was ill and was in bed most of the time, requiring quiet and constant care. She stated that their objection was the proximity of the park, with the prospect of the smell and noise. She felt it would greatly impact their lives.

Joan Thompson, 1320 Avila Ct., agreed with the truth of the comments made by Judy Parnell. She felt it would be a problem for her with her cat and dog. She stated that her son worked for San Bruno parks and he felt it was a lot of maintenance to keep up a dog park.

Monica Woodworth, Pacifica, stated that she lived near this proposed dog park. She stated that she was a dog and cat owner and was in favor of a dog park but was opposed to this location. She stated that most were located in open space areas or attached to large parks, and not located behind residential homes where they would impact the residents' privacy. She was also concerned about the smell and attraction of flies, fleas and ticks. She mentioned that the open space areas of lower Frontierland Park, Oddstad School and Linda Mar School would not directly impact residents and were more suitable for a dog park.

Ian Woodworth, Pacifica, stated that he lived directly behind the proposed site and he had attended the study session with the PB&R Commission. He was frustrated that this was moving forward without many of their questions being answered. He acknowledged that POOCH would try to pick up all the poop but commented that urine could not be picked up. He questioned what mitigation was planned to protect San Pedro Creek and the endangered steelhead. He mentioned that a neighbor who worked for San Bruno stated that daily maintenance was required with ongoing costs. He mentioned other possible problems, including the impact on the neighbors' home values. He suggested that they look at a different site for the dog park.

JoAnn Alonzo, Pacifica, stated that she lived in an adjacent area, and had discussed the dog park with her neighbors, and had gotten letters in support of the park. She made the observation that she didn't hear barking from the area when she walked her dog. She then pointed out the various other sources of noise, such as the Fire Station, the garbage trucks, airplane flight paths, playing children, etc., but mentioned that everyone was always respectful of each other. She concluded that she and her neighbors were in support of the proposed dog park at this location.

Valerie Malliett, Pacifica, stated that she felt dogs were important to the human community and the community using the park would be responsive to the neighborhood. She mentioned that there were several communities already in that area, such as the Sanchez Art Center, the sports program, and the dog park would be an additional blessing to the site and the community.

Josie Johansen, Pacifica, stated that her business was dog walking and pet sitting and she was a co-founder of POOCH. She mentioned the concerns of the neighbors about the proximity of the dog park to their property, and stated that she had visited parks in the greater Bay Area, and found a beautiful park in Santa Cruz with a fence directly against the resident's fencing. She contacted the neighbors and no one had any concerns about noise. She mentioned the various groups that supported a dog park.

Claire Zvanski, San Bruno, thanked the Council for their support. She stated that she helped with the San Bruno dog park, and met many Pacificans who used their park. She then joined Pacifica POOCH to help them get a park in Pacifica. She commented that the dog park in Berkeley, established in 1979, was in the middle of a busy neighborhood, abutting a number of

homes. She also mentioned another park in San Francisco in a residential area, stating that most concerns had been addressed in these areas.

Mark Higuera, Pacifica, stated that a dog park was more than a recreational facility and was an asset to everyone who benefits from the companionship of a dog. He pointed out the fact that service dogs were on duty all the time and needed a break, and their owners needed a location that was accessible to the handicapped. He thanked the Council for considering this location.

Anne Farrow, Fairmont, stated that the people worried about noise should visit a place where dogs congregate because playing dogs do not bark. She mentioned that she walked at Ft. Funston, and it was quiet. She stated that the owners pick up their dogs poop, and she thought the urine smell was inconsequential if the park was large enough. She commented that dog parks were for the owners, not the dogs, adding that 40% of Pacifica families were dog owners. She thanked Pacifica POOCH and felt they had done a good job.

Connie Campbell, Paloma Avenue, stated that she goes to Stern Grove with her dog, and she was looking forward to having a park here in Pacifica. She agreed that it was a community thing, and they kept track of each other. She mentioned that they should also talk to Jefferson Union about having a dog park near Oceana. She commented that Ms. Brumm-Merrill's successor might be able to add the dog park to her list of accomplishments. She stated that going to the various parks was a social thing, as well as promoting responsible dog ownership. She felt it was a good thing for a community to have a dog park.

Anne D'Angelo, Pacifica, stated that the beauty of Pacifica drew her to this community. She stated that a dog off leash was not something that you could do legally. She was using the Sanchez area and, when she felt she was a nuisance to the area, she found San Bruno's dog park. She enjoyed meeting friends at that park and at Fort Funston, but she would like to keep more of her money in Pacifica, as well as bringing her friends here.

Nancy Cummins, Pacifica, stated that she and her husband were deaf and she has had three service dogs. When she got them, she had to sign an agreement that they could be off leash for periods. She stated that her dog gets so excited when she nears San Bruno's dog park. She hoped that she won't have to wait until she is 80 for the dog park. She also mentioned the physically disabled who needed a place to walk, sit and let their dogs run free.

Loring Slivinski, stated that she was a dog trainer, pet behavior consultant, owner of Pacifica Pet Hospital and dog owner, and expressed the belief that a well run off leash dog park in Pacifica would be a great benefit to the community, with the potential of decreasing dog-dog aggression and would decrease behavior problems. She commented that there were a lot of unofficial dog parks in Pacifica, and having one place to take their dogs would address that issue. She supported this dog park because of the importance of socialization and exercise for dogs. She read a quote regarding the need for exercise for dogs, as well as social skills. She stressed the importance of health for dogs by having an opportunity to be off leash and interact with other dogs.

Elizabeth Marshall, Pacifica, stated that she was a co-founder of POOCH and stated that they had a group of members who were educated and dedicated to making sure this park would be a model for Pacifica and San Mateo County. She was in a program for master gardener and her class project would be the dog park, mentioning that one area that would be addressed was the issue of drainage. She stated that they had the support of the Vice President of the Peninsula Humane Society and SPCA. She stated that POOCH cared about the community, mentioning

some of the various outreach activities. She also stated that the park was dear to their hearts and they would make sure it was maintained properly.

Fred Howard, Glacier, stated that he wasn't against a dog park but he was concerned about the people who bought homes near the area and never expected a dog park to be there. He also mentioned the concerns about run off into the creek. He felt they needed to take the residents' concerns into account.

Mary Ann Nihart, 146 Hilton Lane, stated that she was impressed with the organization of POOCH, mentioning that they had done their research and were committed. She stated that it touched her heart. She stated that this proposal was merely to move forward on doing the environmental reports, and some of the issues would be addressed by those reports, such as the runoff. She would want to work toward a mitigation of those problems for the homeowners. She stated that they had to consider everyone, knowing that multiple people had multiple issues. She would, therefore, support moving ahead on the environmental approach but being careful to attempt mitigation with regard to the neighbors.

Jeff Simons, 231 Beaumont Blvd., commented that they had heard a lot of reasons for why the project should go forward, as well as hearing good concerns from the neighbors. He reiterated that this step was just to approve the site, but the environmental concerns would be addressed with the process. He assured the neighbors with concerns that he had worked with POOCH and was most impressed by their commitment to the process, being open and public. He hoped that the neighbors would see this as a collaborative effort and their concerns would be addressed. He felt the importance of the project was not just for the socialization of the dogs but the socialization and education of the owners. He felt this was a huge step forward for Pacifica and he hoped the Council approved moving forward.

Bernie Sifry, Pacifica, stated that this was a fabulous project with so much potential and community involvement, but it had problems because of neighbors who say this would inconvenience them. He agreed with the last speakers that this was just a step in the process, and he recommended that the Council approve moving on with an EIR. When they come up with the objections raised, they can also come forward with the solutions.

Joni Lorraine, Pacifica, stated that she had two dogs and had used the beach for exercising her dog and when they cracked down, she began going to San Bruno but it was hard. She walked with her dogs here, but she felt they needed to socialize with other dogs. She mentioned that the neighbors had legitimate concerns but she also thought that it would help if people had a place to exercise their dogs. She mentioned that deer and raccoons were probably doing their business in their backyards. She did acknowledge that there might be other locations that were better.

Mayor Vreeland closed public comments.

Commissioner Digre thought it was evident that the research has been very thorough. She also thought their commitment to scooping up the poop for others and not complaining was very impressive. She would like to see something very strict and concrete for the greenery and the creek. She mentioned that she has been by the San Bruno dog park, but she was still afraid to go into a dog park. She acknowledged that she had only seen a few aggressive instances that lasted about five seconds. She mentioned that she would like to see the wording mention "very strict" environmental conditions and be very explicit about all those conditions, and she was willing to move forward because of the commitment of POOCH.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle acknowledged everyone who came, as well as the excellent job done by POOCH. She thought the steps she would like to see the project go through were addressed already, but she would like to reiterate them, specifically that they monitor the drainage and urine issues into the creek, She was sensitive to the concerns of the neighbors. While she was aware that POOCH had passed out flyers to the neighbors, she didn't know if they had met with them. She felt that might be important to do.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill stated that the neighbors present tonight had come to the PB&R study session.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle mentioned visiting with the neighbors before the skate park was built. She was impressed by Ms. Brumm-Merrill's skills in incorporating their concerns into the project. She felt there was more work that could be done. She also saw this as an opportunity to abate off leash at Linda Mar Beach. She thought the two sides could educate each other about their respective concerns. She was aware there was a lot of work to be done in starting this process. She also thought they should check back in a year to see how things were going and whether they needed to make any adjustments. She also assumed that the hours would be addressed at some point.

PB&R Brumm-Merrill stated that there would be a series of meetings to develop rules and regulations, and they were sensitive to the hours.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle asked if lower Frontierland Park was taken off the table or was it still a possible location at a later date.

City Manager Rhodes stated that it was one of the number of sites considered and was eliminated for a number of reasons, location as one. He stated that they were beginning work on a northern site for the second park in order to have one in each end of town.

Councilmember Hinton commented that people sometimes come to the City with a request and expect the City to work it out, and it was refreshing to have POOCH come forward with a thoroughly thought out, fully developed plan. He then mentioned his experiences with dogs, then expressed his views that dogs would not be allowed to escape from the dog park and go in the neighbors' backyards. He also stated that the environmental concerns would be addressed, adding that we didn't allow pollution of the creeks. He commented that the plastic sleeve of the newspaper was excellent for picking up the poop. He thought it would be the responsibility of the people using the dog park to take pride in it and do a lot of maintenance, adding that if they didn't, the City can easily lock it up. He thought lower Frontierland Park would be more appropriate for a bicycle park. He also stated that almost everywhere they considered, someone said it was too close, but he thought the EIR would address the concerns. He stated that, if the conditions were not adhered to, the park would be discontinued. He was hopeful that the dogs won't make any more noise than kids in the school.

Mayor Vreeland hoped that it would not be a full EIR.

City Manager Rhodes stated that they were also hoping the same. He stated that the first step would be a biological review which they thought was the pass/fail for the site. Then, they could move forward from there with a negative declaration that would address all the other issues, including noise, odor and traffic. He acknowledged that they needed to explore the issues raised by the residents because they were valid concerns and they would be addressed in the documents.

Mayor Vreeland thought the process would be a series of reports, then public meetings, with comments on the reports and a return to the PB&R for a recommendation back to the Council.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill felt the operational part would need to go back to the Commission.

Mayor Vreeland agreed, stating that if the decision was made to move forward, then all that needed to be addressed, as well as a discussion with POOCH and the PB&R Commission similar to the process with the skate park.

City Manager Rhodes agreed, stating that they had a multistaged process to go through and they had to go to the Planning Commission for the environmental document with a final decision from the Council.

Mayor Vreeland stated that there would be at least two public hearings on the environment document with the Planning Commission and the Council.

City Manager Rhodes agreed, adding that they would also be working through the PB&R.

Mayor Vreeland stated that this was the step that starts to answer some of the questions and mentioned how the process had been handled with the skate park. He was supportive but mentioned that it would probably be changed and they needed to allow everyone to work together toward the final package. He felt it had great promise, but they needed to allow things to move forward and build it together. He hoped the PB&R would have an agenda item about dogs in general, mentioning that a judge overturned a ticket because of inconsistent enforcement. He thought that they needed to evaluate how this park fit into the overall management of dog issues in Pacifica with PB&R looking at how the pieces fit together to assure that dogs have access to what they need. He reiterated that they were just evaluating whether this site can actually work. He again thanked POOCH for their work, and also thanked the neighbors for coming out. He hoped that, through the process, their concerns would be aired, identified and addressed.

Councilmember Digre asked if the biological review would involve keeping to live greenery rather than fake greenery, and whether she needed to have it included in the motion.

City Manager Rhodes asked that she not, stating that they would get into that and there were reasons why they might not want greenery. He asked her to allow the process to come back by identifying some options and how they deal with it.

Councilmember Digre asked if they might not want greenery because it would look ugly with brown marks.

City Manager Rhodes stated that it got down to maintenance and management of the facility.

Councilmember Digre stated that she was alerting them that she would be picky about this.

City Manager Rhodes stated that he would like them to be able to explore all the options, adding that they weren't at the point where they needed to get into the details.

Mayor Vreeland hoped that the Council would not tie any hands but allow that it be open and transparent through the process to let the experts and those involved dictate how this was going to look.

Councilmember Hinton admonished staff to absolutely notify the neighbors every step of the way and keep them informed as to what was happening. He felt it was important that the neighbors not miss any meetings so that they can attend and give input.

Councilmember moved that the Council approve the east side of the Pacifica Center for the Arts site (1220 Linda Mar Blvd.) as a location for consideration of a Dog Park and direct staff to proceed with environmental reports and reviews. Authorize budget authority of \$60,000 for reports and reviews from Fund 22, Capital Expenditures); seconded by Councilmember Digre.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

Mayor Vreeland encouraged everyone to work with the neighbors.

12. Adoption of Resolution Dissolving the West Sharp Park Advisory Committee.

Planning Director Crabtree presented the staff report.

Mayor Vreeland opened public comments.

Trish Moran Sholl, Palmetto, thanked the Council for her opportunity to serve on the West Sharp Park Advisory Committee, stating that it was a privilege to make a positive contribution to the City and the Palmetto neighborhood. She stated that she had regrettably resigned because she could not serve on a committee whose chairperson published an editorial column as the WSPAC Chairman had done without notifying anyone, especially not receiving any permission from the other committee members. She personally apologized to the staff, adding that the WSPAC Chairperson's comments did not represent her. She also thanked Mayor pro Tem Lancelle for her continued dedication to improving Palmetto and West Sharp Park. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of the upcoming public meetings and presentations regarding the proposed Palmetto Avenue streetscape, adding that she planned to participate with great enthusiasm.

Mayor Vreeland closed public comments.

Councilmember Digre observed that this Committee had existed for three years, and the POOCH group had been in existence for one year. She thought meeting more often had its merits. She thanked those who hung in there, and she was looking forward to the January meeting for the public. She liked what she had seen and was looking forward to moving forward.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle also thanked everyone who worked on the West Sharp Park Advisory Committee over the past three years and devoted their time and energy into bringing this closer to reality. She also invited the public to participate in the roll out meetings. She stated that they were close to completion and expected the full project to be presented in March.

Councilmember Hinton acknowledged that it was an arduous task. He mentioned that the original direction to the Committee was to advise staff as to what they felt was appropriate for Palmetto Avenue. He was supportive of the improvement, mentioning that giving it an identity would be helpful, and he had suggested that the West Sharp Park area be designated as Old Town

to give it a sense of a destination. He hoped that name would catch on and it would be helpful. He understood that the Committee wasn't receptive to input and several left the committee because they felt they weren't appreciated or listened to. He stated that, when a committee became autocratic, it lost its value. He didn't think he would say what was attributed to him in the paper but thought he said that a small group was not appropriate to determine the destiny of one of the major economic engines in the City, specifically the waste water treatment site. He felt that would have a fiscal impact on the entire City and everyone was entitled to make a comment about what should be placed on the site or how it should be utilized. He felt the site should provide funding for the services and amenities that the City needed and deserved. He stated that, if Mayor pro Tem Lancelle chose not to, he would be happy to make the motion or second it. He thought it was appropriate that the professional staff be given direction and have the opportunity to work with the consultant on a professional basis to come forward with a reasonable and practical approach to the design.

Councilmember Hinton moved that the City Council of the City of Pacifica adopt the attached resolution terminating the West Sharp Park Advisory Committee; seconded by Mayor pro Tem Lancelle.

Mayor Vreeland thanked the committee for all their hard work, stating that they had taken them to the point where the product could be looked at with a broader group of people and can take it to the point of implementing some of the improvements as a City and community as identified. He commented that it was not often that they can get to a point of solving a problem and move on which this committee has helped them do.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

Mayor Vreeland stated that there would be a special Council meeting on December 17 for the Council reorganization.

Councilmember Hinton asked that the Council adjourn in memory of December 7 and congratulations to all those who served after that date.

Mayor Vreeland agreed and adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m., in the memory of everyone who served and perished on December 7.

Transcribed by Barbara Medina, Public Meeting Stenographer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk

APPROVED: 5-0; 12/17/08 Councilmember DeJarnatt abstained

Jim Vreeland, Mayor