

CITY OF PACIFICA
GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 28, 2011

In attendance were members Sam Casillas (arrived during Item 5), Chuck Evans, Paul Jones, Joe Murphy, Mike Pacelli and Jim Sullivan, GGNRA representative Susie Bennett; Chamber of Commerce representative Susan Vellone; and, staff liaison Lee Diaz. Members Noel Blincoe and Dan Briesach were absent.

Item 1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Paul Jones, acting as Chair for Co-chair Samuel Casillas, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Item 2. Approval of Order of Agenda

It was moved by Chuck Evans and seconded by Mike Pacelli to approve the order of the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2011

Typographical errors in the word Milagra under item 5 were identified. Mike Pacelli moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2011 with corrections to typos, and Chuck Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Item 4. Oral Communications

None

Item 5. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

Susie Bennett mentioned several items related to Mori Point: 1) trail work was completed; 2) the native wetland plant, *Arenaria paludicola*, was considered for reintroduction but found to be unsuitable for that location; 3) open houses related to the GGNRA GMP are in progress; 4) the truck was removed; and 5) mulching was done in preparation for the winter season.

Paul advised the group that habitat restoration work days have been announced and information is available at parksconservancy.org.

Joe mentioned that graffiti was removed from the signs at Mori Point. Durability of the fade and scrub resistant signs was discussed.

Susie explained that an analysis of cultural resources within San Mateo County had been completed. The group conveyed that they'd like to publicly acknowledge this—perhaps by doing something at the Sanchez Adobe site or publishing something in the local newspaper. Susie mentioned that she could look into this further and the group asked that this be an action item for Susie, subject to follow-up at the next meeting during approval of meeting minutes.

Action Item: Susie Bennett to consult cultural resource and public relations staff and apprise the group of their public outreach options at the next meeting.

Item 6. Presentation about Pedro Point Headlands and Trail Plan.

It was clarified that Lynn Adams of the Pacifica Beach Coalition was to present information for this item. The item will be carried over to the next agenda.

Action Item: Someone from Committee to contact Lynn Adams to coordinate.

Sam mentioned that certain trails in the headlands are not sustainable, in terms of condition and maintenance, stated that grading and drainage issues should be addressed. He suggested that related funding sources should be explored. He also mentioned that OVR funds may be a viable source of funding. He will bring trail maps to the next meeting.

Action Item: Sam to bring headlands maps to next meeting.

It was further mentioned that there has been no response from NPS concerning comments on the DMP. Susie advised the group that resolving access issues is the biggest hold up

Item 7. Discussion of Coastal Trail and GGNRA Land Connections

Suzie mentioned that the Calera Parkway DEIR is available and that the plan may allow for a trail connection across the quarry.

The group then engaged in a lengthy discussion about using the DEIR open comment period to request that a land connection for improved safety and wildlife movement be provided across Highway 1, linking Sweeney Ridge and Mori Point. Mike Pacelli made a motion to develop the following action item: The Committee write a letter, in response to the Calera Parkway DEIR open comment period, requesting that an east to west passage be provided across Highway 1, at the north end of the project. Jim Sullivan seconded the motion. Paul Jones moved to amend the motion, making drafting of the letter contingent upon getting direction from Council members. After some discussion, Mike Pacelli accepted the amendment and Jim Sullivan seconded the amended motion. The motion passed 4-0, with Chuck Evans abstaining from the vote. Letter verbiage and who should be copied were then discussed.

Action Items: 1) Sam and Paul will solicit input from Council members; 2) Staff will seek input from the Planning Director and City Manger and report to Sam and Paul.

Item 8. Discussion on Cattle Hill and Trail Work

The group discussed the presence of invasive plants and ATV use at Cattle Hill. Paul mentioned he thought that the City had received money to manage the trails at some point, but had no one on staff to oversee trail maintenance. The group discussed planning a trail maintenance volunteer day in March or April 2012. They also discussed how to recruit volunteers.

Action items: 1) Staff to find out if the City could provide coverage to volunteer workers on that day; 2) Susie Bennett to determine when would be the best time for the event, in terms of bird nesting/wildlife protection.

Item 9. Discussion on Land Bridge Connection.

Sam Casillas mentioned that Chris Nagano should speak about this topic.

Action Item: Sam will invite Chris to the next meeting.

Item 10. Discussion on Committee Membership and City Council Liaison

The group agreed that the 2 members that recently left the Committee should be replaced. Also discussed were potential recruitment methods and it was decided that, when appropriate, Jim Sullivan and Joe Murphy could write a letter to the Pacifica Tribune as part of the recruitment process.

Action Item: Staff to determine whether Pacifica residency is required in order to serve on a committee.

Item 11. Discussion on Committee Communications

The group agreed that they need a new City Council liaison. They also agreed that they'd like a regularly scheduled City Council agenda item in order to update Council on their activities. They also agreed that their item should be placed early on the agenda.

Action Item: Staff to find out if it is possible to schedule this item and whether a time limit would be placed on the item.

Item 12. Announcements

Susan Vellone mentioned that discussions about where to locate the GGNRA Interpretive Center were taking place.

Item 13. Items for Next Agenda

Items 1-11 are to remain on the next agenda. Other items include:

1. Discussion about Interpretive Center location (Mike Pacelli)
2. Discuss GGNRA GMP (Committee members to review comments prior to the next meeting).

Item 14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.