

Minutes Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission City of Pacifica

REGULAR MEETING - 7 PM

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 City Council Chambers 2212 Beach Blvd. Pacifica, CA 94044

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Abbott.

II ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Tabor, Abbott, Murphy, Cochran, Finnegan, Sambrailo, Urie

Commissioners Absent: None Commissioners Excused: None

Staff Present: Director Michael Perez, Recreation Specialist Beth Phipps

III <u>COMMISSION REORGANIZATAION:</u>

Assignment of terms by drawing of lots

Commissioner Tabor	5/2017
Commissioner Abbott	5/2014
Commissioner Murphy	5/2015
Commissioner Cochran	5/2015
Commissioner Finnegan	5/2014
Commissioner Sambrailo	5/2016
Commissioner Urie	5/2016

Election of Chair and Chair Pro Tem

Chair Cochran called for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Abbott moved that Commissioner Murphy be elected Chair, seconded by Commissioner Sambrailo, motion carried 7-0.

Chair Cochran called for nominations for Chair Pro Tem. Commissioner Murphy moved that Commissioner Abbott be elected Chair Pro Tem, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan, motion carried 7-0

Commissioner Cochran thanked the Commission and Staff for giving him the opportunity to serve the city of Pacifica, and for being such a good commission. He also thanked the staff for making his job easy.

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Cochran called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/29/13 meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan, motion carried 7-0.

V ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Chair Cochran called for a motion adopting the order of the agenda. Commissioner Finnegan made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sambrailo, motion carried 7-0.

VI ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Oral Communications

VII ITEMS for CONSENT

Chair Cochran called for a motion adopting the items for consent. **Commissioner Tabor made a motion to adopt the items for consent, seconded by Commissioner Sambrailo, motion carried 7-0**

VIII ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Poet Laureate

Chair Cochran noted that the Pacifica City Council directed the PB&R Commission to work through the process of picking a Poet Laureate. Commissioner Abbott, Commissioner Urie and Commissioner Tabor volunteered to head up the subcommittee for coming up with the process for selecting a Poet Laureate. Mike Perez will be in contact with the sub-committee members to set a meeting date.

Discussion of Off-Leash area at Sharp Park Beach

Chair Cochran and Director Perez spoke to the history of both the Off-Leash area and the Dog Park

Commissioner Tabor – Commented that he never realized that it was not already an off leash areas. He felt that the birds and people fishing need to be taken into consideration.

Commissioner Abbott – Asked for clarification of the ranger enforcement of off leash at Pacifica State Beach. Director Perez verified that the off leash enforcement would be part of the rangers duties. Commissioner Abbott asked whether the report from 2007 would move to planning or stay with PB&R. Director Perez stated that he believes that the report would stay with PB&R.

Commissioner Murphy – Asked for clarification of the PB&R commission's role in the process of establishing the Off Leash area. Director Perez stated that he felt that the City Council would direct the PB&R Commission to make it happen. Commissioner Murphy asked whether or not a negative declaration would be necessary to which Director Perez responded that he felt it would. Commissioner Murphy stated that public hearings would need to be held.

Commissioner Finnegan – Agreed with Commissioner Murphy and stated that this was a good additional off leash area and she supports any actions necessary to move forward.

Commissioner Sambrialo – Stated that she was in favor of whatever we can do to get more off leash areas.

Commissioner Urie – Stated that having the Ranger enforcing the off leash rules at Pacifica State Beach puts pressure on the commission to come up with additional off leash areas.

Chair Cochran – Recommended that the commission direct staff to research whether or not a negative declaration would be needed and suggested that a subcommittee be formed to gather more information and bring it back to the commission so that the commission can make a recommendation. He also agreed with Commissioner Murphy regarding public hearings.

Commissioner Abbott moved to direct staff to determine further action needed to move forward with an off leash dog area at Sharp Park Beach including and understanding a negative declaration is required and any other steps that may be needed. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Dog Park Update

Director Perez updated the commission on the Dog Park

Commissioner Tabor – Commented that he saw the Dog Park for the first time and liked what he saw, and is not sure whether moving the entry ways would mitigate much but thinks putting water on the dirt would be a good idea.

Commissioner Abbott – Hopes that we can continue the Matrix and keep adding to it as it is a good record of things. Commissioner Abbott was also interested in whether or not POOCH was still active and if we had any communication from them. Director Perez informed the commission that he had communication with POOCH in June. Commissioner Abbott suggested that we add to the matrix if not POOCH do we need to have a Friends of Sanchez Dog Park to take the place of POOCH. She was not surprised by the findings of the acoustical engineer and asked about the status of the sprinklers to control the dust. Commissioner Abbott asked if Mr. Johnson would be interested in moving the gate at his cost.

Commissioner Murphy - Stated that the problem with the gates is that they are next to each other and that separating the gates may help the problem.

Commissioner Finnegan – Asked about the sprinklers. Director Perez stated there was no update on the sprinklers at this time. Commissioner Finnegan had no further statement.

Commissioner Sambrailo – Stated that it is hard to go through the entryway and get into the Dog Park quickly.

Commissioner Urie – Stated that putting some water down to mitigate the dust was a good idea but is not sure that moving the gates will make a difference in the noise factor.

Chair Cochran – Stated that the gates need to be in separate areas.

Commissioner Murphy moved to direct staff look into the possibility of separating the two gates at Sanchez Dog Park as well as to move ahead with the installation of the sprinklers, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan, motion carried 7-0

IX REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Erie – none **Commissioner Sambrailo** – none

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Commissioner Finnegan – Reported that Coastal Clean-up is coming Sat. Sept. 21. She is recruiting strong people with strong personalities ages 15 and up for waste collection. You can adopt a site around your neighbor that needs attention and the beach coalition will work with you to help.

Commissioner Murphy – none

Commissioner Abbott – Reported that on July 13th she attended the beautification dedication of the Grace McCarthy overlook; she reported that it is planted with native plants with irrigation to maintain it. This is the first project the Beautification committee has completed and they are looking for other projects and organizations to take on another spot. The last meeting of the Fireworks Task Force will be on Mon. July 29th at the Pacifica Police Station at 6:00 pm if you would like to attend.

Commissioner Tabor - none

Chair Cochran asked for each commissioner to briefly state to Commissioners Abbott and Sambrailo any issues that they would like to bring to the Fireworks Task Force.

Commissioner Abbott – Stated that he would like the groups that sell fireworks to return to pick up fireworks debris more than one day. He would like to see them come and clean up the beach a couple of hours a week over a two or three week period.

Commissioner Tabor – Stated that he agrees.

Commissioner Murphy - Agreed

Commissioner Finnegan – Stated that she also agreed. She suggested that we hand out receptacles of some kind for people to put their litter in. She thanked City Councilwoman Karen Ervin and her daughter who came to Commissioner Finnegan's Sharp Park Beach clean-up

Commissioner Urie – Stated that the groups selling fireworks should be responsible for not only the beach but also around town.

Commissioner Sambrailo - none

Commissioner Abbott – Groups agreed to extra hours of clean-up. They each committed to two extra days.

X REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Director Perez gave his reports and highlighted the following:

Director Perez reported that the STEM program in Pacifica has received all of the funding it requested, which comes to \$49,000. He also reported that we have increased our partnership to include Ravenswood school district in Palo Alto, 49er academy, a South City School and a San Carlos middle school in addition to Half Moon Bay and Pacifica.

The Fall Play brochure is finished and was delivered to the Tribune.

Director Perez invited Commissioners to visit Wet & Wild Water Camp the week of Aug. 8th.

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Director Perez asked the Commissioners to "Like us on Facebook". We have a goal to get 1,000 likes, we are up to 929. He asked Commissioners to send us information they would like posted.

Director Perez reported that parking passes went on sale Mon. July 22. Everything is running fairly well, we are working through small problems. Signage will be going up at both the beach and Community Center parking lots. The rear parking lot at the Community Center is for Skate Park and Community Center only.

Director Perez informed the Commission that the Coastal 5K, which benefits the resource center, is coming up August 3rd.

Commissioner Abbott added that there are many divisions in this event including a stroller division.

XI CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

XII ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Cochran called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sambrailo made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Finnegan. The motion passed 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Phipps Recording Secretary

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Greg Cochran, Chair