



Minutes Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission City of Pacifica

REGULAR MEETING – 7 PM

Wednesday, December 4, 2013
City Council Chambers
2212 Beach Blvd.
Pacifica, CA 94044

CALL TO ORDER:

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

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cochran.

II ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Tabor, Abbott, Murphy, Finnegan, Urie, Cochran
Commissioners Absent: Sambrailo
Commissioners Excused: None
Staff Present: Director Michael Perez, Recreation Specialist Beth Phipps

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Murphy called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/30/13 meeting.
Motion was made by Commissioner Finnegan, seconded by Commissioner Abbott, motion carried 6-0.

IV ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Chair Murphy called for a motion adopting the order of the agenda. **Commissioner Tabor made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cochran, motion carried 6-0.**

V Special Presentation

Presentation regarding the Snowy Plovers at the Pacifica State Beach by Margaret Goodale of the Pacifica Shorebird Alliance

VI ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ron Mackle – Was interested in seeing a natural resource conservation element added as part of the package of concerns for the parks and beaches in Pacifica. He worked with a similar program in San Francisco. He wondered whether the commission could place this on the agenda for the next meeting considering the commission's jurisdiction over the beaches. Frontierland Park might even have some potential for some considerations in this area.

VII ITEMS for CONSENT

None

VIII ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

A) Poet Laureate Appointment

Director Perez gave an overview of the Poet Laureate process beginning with the City Council's direction to the PB&R Commission to handle the selection process, the establishment of a subcommittee for this purpose, and the development of selection process. Director Perez gave a brief description of what a Poet Laureate is as well as the qualifications and duties for this position.

Director Perez reported that 3 candidate applications had been received, with one candidate withdrawing their name from consideration, leaving 2. The two candidates were interviewed by the selection committee and the committee came to an agreement and made their recommendation to the Poet Laureate Subcommittee. The Subcommittee then met and selected Dorsetta Hale as their nominee for the position of Poet Laureate for the City of Pacifica. Director Perez gave a brief overview to the commission regarding Dorsetta's qualifications.

Commissioner Tabor – Stated that his wife knows Dorsetta from when Dorsetta volunteered in her classroom at Pacific Heights School and felt that the city could not do better.

Commissioner Abbott – Stated that it was a rough decision since they had two really interesting and wonderful Pacifica women who met with them on Monday. She also stated that they really appreciated the other community members, although some were not able to attend, who were part of the selection committee. There ended up being 3 members of the community as well as the San Mateo Poet Laureate.

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to appoint Dorsetta Hale as Pacifica's Poet Laureate, seconded by Commissioner Tabor. Motion carried 6-0

B) Dog Park Update

Director Perez gave an overview regarding the various meetings that have been held to discuss issues related to the Dog Park since it has been open. At their April Commission meeting it was recommended that in addition to being closed on Tues. that the park would also be closed on Sundays and that this closure should be revisited in 6 months. These closures began on May 12th. Commissioners voted at their last meeting, 10/30/13, to continue with these hours.

The Commission held a study session on 11/20/13 with Public Works Field Services Manager, Ray Biagini in attendance as well as park neighbors Stephanie Poloni and Jeff Tiedje, and Sanchez tenant Stephen Johnson and Fiona McDonnell from Stephen Johnson Photography in attendance. Topics discussed were signage at the property to help keep cars from speeding such as a 5 mph or slow down, etc., there was also discussion about the curb your leash dog signs and that maybe they are not quite clear, to get the message across that dogs should be leashed in the non-dog park area, such as the sports field and walking to and from the dog park. Commissioners were encouraged to take a visit to the site to

see the signage for themselves. Also discussed was the gate entrance area and potentially relocating it. It was thought that if the two areas (large dogs and small dogs) were separated that neither would be adjacent to the other side of the park that this could help eliminate some of the dog barking, because dogs will rush the entrance when they see other dogs and bark at them. Field Services Manager Ray Biagini brought a proposal from Northern California Fence Company to move the large dog entrance making it twice as large to the north, the bid was for \$2,200 dollars, after discussion it was thought that moving both entrances would be more effective and that it was not necessary to make the entrance any larger than the existing one. Staff contacted the vendor to get a follow-up bid on the two entrances, both the size of the existing one. Staff has not received a bid yet but is estimating that it might be a little more expensive in the \$2,500-\$3,000 range.

Commissioners talked about covering the fencing with materials which has been considered as another way to decrease instances of dogs barking at one another as they approach the park as well as dogs barking at each other between the two sections. Slats have been discussed to cover the middle section and the West side of the large dog park area. Slats would cost approximately \$1,382 for the middle section and \$2,600 for the large area for a total of \$3,982. Since the fence was not originally designed for slats there will be a gap every other space.

Since the study session staff has investigated two alternative products that could possibly be used to cover the fence. The first one is called coroplast which is a material that is used in lawn signs. The cost for this would be about \$935 dollars. We could also have messaging put on this, such as getting a sponsor or some sort of advertising. If this was done the cost would go up to about \$1,500 (this would be printing on almost every piece of it). Ray Biagini is concerned about the material holding up. The second option is a banner material, this material could be purchased in sections (8' - 10') and attached with zip ties. We could get banners with grommets in it the size of the fence 4' high and 8' or 10' long. They can go in sections and you could overlap them so that you don't have gaps and you can get banners with moon shaped slots so that the wind can blow through it so it doesn't flap. To cover both areas would be about \$1,500, printing also came up with the banners as well for about twice as much, but logistics regarding advertising at the park would have to be discussed as to the criteria of what to put on the signs and how we wanted it to look or putting our own message on it.

In terms of dust mitigation, originally we had discussed irrigation for the park as a way to mitigate dust. Staff received a bid for \$4,200 and it has been difficult to receive any other bids for a variety of reasons. Many landscapers do not meet the City's requirements for prevailing wage; several others have come out and then turned down the job without giving us a reason. We had people come to meetings that didn't want money spent on an irrigation system, the commission was concerned and wanted to wait to discuss some things further, there was concern about the cost of water, and the maintenance of the system. At the study session we presented a product that Field Services Manager Biagini found called Durasoil. This is a dust control agent that is an ultra-pure synthetic organic fluid for dust control which is formulated to meet the highest standards of environmental efficacy. It is used to control dust in a variety of settings such as

military trails, equestrian arenas, construction sites, sports fields, airport infields, orchards, vineyards, event parking lots, and unpaved driveways. The price of the product for a space the size of the dog park was reported to be \$5,200. A new bid from the company which was just received is now estimated at \$6,700. We are looking for some other companies that can offer a similarly effective product at a competitive price. Durasoil is the company that makes this product so we wouldn't find another Durasoil out there. Like with everything, unless it is a sole source we would get bids to make sure that it is competitive and that we get the best possible price; but if it is the only product then we would not have to sole source that. Waiting to apply a dust control agent until after the rainy season is also something to be taken into consideration.

Mitigation options are:

Gate Relocation		\$2,500-3,000
Fence Covering – Slates		\$3,982.00
	Banner	\$1,518.00
	Coroplast	\$ 935.00
Dust Mitigation	Irrigation	\$4,235.00
	Durasoil	\$6,750.00

When POOCH reported to staff that they would be dissolving, they also reported that they intended to donate the remainder of their fundraising efforts to the city with the intention that the money be used for the Dog Park. These funds are expected to exceed \$9,000.

In terms of the fiscal impact there are a lot of ranges depending on which combination is chosen. Director Perez passed out a spread sheet outlining the different possibilities reminding the commission that the amount left after the \$9,000 is what we are looking at.

Commissioner Cochran – Would like to have better signage regarding dogs on leash at all times, he feels that we could do a better job at this. He also feels that signage about speed through the parking lot is an absolute necessity. When he was there, there were people driving fast going to the soccer game and people driving fast going back to class. There were people driving fast everywhere. He feels that it should be made apparent. 5mph is a must and we should have 3 or 4 signs stating this. He also feels that we could put up some signs that state Children at Play since there are a lot of kids there, families and dogs. He felt that all the commissioners agreed on moving the gate. He feels that building two new gates is a waste of time. He is for relocating the large dog park gate. He is also in favor of slats since they last a long time and look good. He is not in favor of Durasoil since it is expensive and we don't know about the longevity of it.

Chair Murphy – Asked staff if there was an indication from the Durasoil Company as to how long their product would last. Director Perez responded that he was given an approximation of two years based on other areas of application, but that it was not known for sure how long it would last with a dog park.

Commissioner Tabor – Stated that people were going very quickly with children and others present. He feels that no matter how many signs you put up without enforcement it won't do much.

Commissioner Finnegan – Seconded everything that Commissioner Cochran said. Relocating the gate, using slats, and she was not in favor of Durasoil for a number of reasons.

Commissioner Urie – Stated that she went down to the dog park and agreed with almost everything that was previously stated. She felt that the leash and pick up after your dog was adequate. She is in favor of the slats, since they are longer lasting and a better looking solution and they may help with some sound. She is also in favor of irrigation instead of Durasoil. She would like to do these things and see what happens.

Commissioner Abbott – Is also in favor of gate relocation, people don't read the signs so hopefully people will get the message. She doesn't feel that the speeding has anything to do with the dog park since there were comments from the Art Center regarding speeding before the dog park was there. She is torn about the Durasoil and the possible costs of irrigation. She would like to see if we could think out what the water usage might be and see if there are any options. It seems too far away from reclaimed water sources, which North Coast has done some of recently. She is extremely concerned about the long term water bill.

Chair Murphy – Feels that since it is winter time there is no need to make a decision on the Durasoil at this time, but he would like to have staff continue to look for other products since he is in favor of this type of dust control as opposed to irrigation system. Maybe there is a better product out there. He is in favor of the slats and agrees with Commissioner Cochran about moving one gate for now and seeing how that works, if needed we could always move the other gate later.

Chair Murphy asked for comments from the public at this time.

Stephen Johnson – Encouraged the commission to move both gates as far away from each other as possible to help reduce the noise. The off leash dog situation continues to be a problem and the police dept. despite assurance from Captain Spanheimer does not take the leash situation seriously. He would like signs that clearly state that dogs must be on leash and he suggested putting the fine associated with the violation of this on the sign to try to get people to take this seriously. Mr. Johnson deeply appreciates that the director and commissions continued work on this.

Commissioner Cochran moved to increase the signage and emphasize the leash laws with the fine and the signage of 5 mph, That we relocate the large dog gate entrance to a separate area, that we add slats to the fencing in the middle section and west side section, and if money is available and left from the first three areas to irrigate the field to mitigate the dust.

Commissioner Abbott – Would like to hold off, as it is winter, on the dust mitigation option and continue to look at some different products. She is fully supportive of the first three portions of the motion but would like to hold off on the dust mitigation.

Chair Murphy – Agreed

Commissioner Finnegan – Had no problem with this

Commissioner Urie – Also agreed that this makes sense.

Chair Murphy - Stated that he would like to see some signage related to children at play or slow down added.

Director Perez suggested the wording “improve and or increase signage related to safety and speed limits”

Commissioner Cochran revised his motion as follows – To increase signage emphasizing the leash laws with the fine as well as improved signage related to safety and speed limits, That the large dog gate entrance be relocated to a separate area, and that slats be added to the fencing in the middle section and west side section. Commissioner Urie Seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

IX REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Urie – No Report

Commissioner Finnegan –No Report

Commissioner Abbott – Thanked everyone who were part of the Poet Laureate process

Commissioner Cochran – Reminded everyone to come to the Tree Lighting and elf market on Friday and Sat.

Commissioner Tabor – No Report

Chair Murphy – No Report

X REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Director Perez

As we move into the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Commission for all their help and guidance during this past year. It has been a pleasure working with you all. I look forward to working with you all in 2014. I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and happy new year.

Western Snowy Plover Site Plan

Staff submitted the application for the Snowy Plover protections at Pacifica State Beach to the Coastal Commission October 31, 2013. A letter acknowledging receipt and requesting additional information was received this week from the Coastal Commission. Staff are in process of putting that information together.

Beach Parking Program

At the time of this report 957 passes have been sold.

All One Ocean Beach Clean-up Station Update

Staff has talked with All One Ocean staff and provided them with our logo as well as the PBC logo. We are waiting a proof.

"Help Us Be A Litter Free Community"

Phone call from Westview neighbor

Staff talked with Alex Williams a Claridge Dr. Resident in Westview about Skyridge Park. He asked how to go about raising funds for new park equipment.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Extravaganza! This Friday and Saturday

Holiday Tree Lighting, Friday, Friday at 5:30 pm is featuring the 4th & 5th Grade Cabrillo School Chorus, refreshments and a visit from Santa!

Elf Market – This Friday 6-9pm and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

Pacifica's very own unique craft fair! Shop for holiday gifts handcrafted by local artists and community organizations.

Santa's Workshop

This Saturday, from 11 am to 2 pm for a cost of \$5 at the door; kids get to make a gingerbread house from scratch (no kits!) and use real frosting. Also, kids can do a holiday craft and have a visit with Santa!

Pacifica Senior Services' 8th Annual 2013 Meals on Wheels Gift Basket Fundraiser

Proceeds to benefit Pacifica's Meals on Wheels baskets will be displayed for silent auction bids at the Pacifica Community Center, 540 Crespi Dr. starting on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Holiday Tree Lighting and Elf Market, 5:30—9pm and continuing through Monday, Dec. 9. Last bids are taken at 10am on Monday, Dec. 9. All proceeds from the auction will be used for the Meals on Wheels "A Night Out on the Town" event to take place in Feb. 2013.

XI CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Finnegan – Announced that every year the Pacifica Beach Coalition dedicates its beach clean-up efforts to an endangered species and this year they have nominated and elected the Snowy Plover.

NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting - 1/22/14

XII ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Abbott made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cochran. The motion passed 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Phipps
Recording Secretary

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
August Murphy, Chair