

CITY OF PACIFICA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee

FROM: Lee Diaz, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: **Minutes of January 8, 2014**

In attendance were members Paul Jones, Jim Cordeiro, Noel Blincoe, George Frank, Lisa Villasenor, Julie Lancelle, Alison Sanders, GGNRA representative Christine Carey, Council Member, Sue Digre, staff liaison Lee Diaz, and guests Jim Sullivan, Ron Maykel, and Sam Casillas. Members Allan Federman and Michael Pacelli were absent.

Call to Order:

Paul Jones called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Administrative Business:

Approval of Order of Agenda

It was moved by Jim and seconded by Lisa to approve the order of the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2013

It was moved by Lisa and seconded by Noel to approve the minutes of December 18, 2013. The motion passed 7-0.

Discussion Items:

1. Dog Management Plan

Lee mentioned that the Joint Study with the City Council to discuss the Dog Management Plan is scheduled for January 29, 2014.

Christine Carey talked about the recommendations and changes contained in the Dog Management Plan relating to Milagra, Mori Point, Sweeney Ridge/Cattle Hill, and the Pedro Point Headlands.

Paul suggested that each Committee member be given an opportunity to comment on the Dog Management Plan.

Jim Cordiero talked about the need for multi-use trails, the importance of on-leash dog access and the need for a loop on the Mori Point Trail.

Alison Sanders agreed with Jim's comments.

George Frank also felt that there should be a Mori Point loop.

Lisa Villasenor mentioned the need for education and signage about Dog Management and Mori Point bluff should be included as well as Pedro Point on the comment letter.

Noel Blincoe felt that before any comments are made there should be field trips to the subject park sites. He also said that there should be no access to dogs on the Baquiano Trail because of the presence of endangered species and the difficulty of policing.

Julie Lancelle talked about critical habitat being present on the Lishumsha Trail. She also said that at the end of the point of the Mori Bluff Trail dogs should be allowed to be walked unless there are habitat issues. Julie also felt that it is important that dogs should be walked in large visible areas.

Paul Jones felt that the measures proposed by the Park Service are too restrictive.

Paul asked if any of the guests present had any comments.

Jim Sullivan said that access should not be restricted to Pedro Point, and access should be provided at Sweeney Ridge and Sheldance.

Ron Maykel also said that the Baquiano Trail is hard to police and should be kept closed to dogs. He also said that Mori Point and Lishumsha Trails should be free of dogs. He further said that there is an opportunity to preserve the garter snake.

Sam Casillas stated that the GGNRA has neglected to observe the Coastal Act. He also said that dogs should be allowed on the upper areas of Pedro Point.

The Committee further talked about the need for increased on-leash access. Most of the committee members agree that the parklands were set aside to protect important natural resources. The majority of members felt that the current proposal is too limiting in the amount of on-leash dog access and these limitations may have unwanted economic impacts. The majority of the committee agreed that there should be on-leash dog access on the Mori Headlands Trail. A few members agreed with the proposal regarding the Baquiano Trail. The majority wish to see that opened to on-leash dog access. There was also a unanimous recommendation to suggest opening the trail from Sheldance Nursery up to the Nike Missile site to on-leash dog access. Additionally, there were a few members who felt the current proposal on Pedro Point was fine; however, most felt that it was too limited and recommended opening up the South Middle and Valley Ridge Trails to on-leash dog access.

Paul Jones also talked the proposed presentation for the January 29th Joint Study Session.

2. Work Plan

Tabled for the next meeting

Items for Next Agenda

1. Work Plan
2. Election of Chair and Co-Chair

Committee Communications:

Paul mentioned that the State/County Parks are looking for monitors.

Staff Communications:

None

Oral Communications:

Jim Sullivan said that the Devils Slide Trail allows on-leash dogs.

Ron Maykel said he had samples of past Open Space Committee agendas and talked about volunteering opportunities for counting birds (raptors). He also gave some historical information on the San Francisco Garter Snake and trails.

Sam Casillas requested that the Open Space & Parkland Advisory Committee discuss the Highway 1 widening project.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.