



CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 15, 2017
MINUTES

Present this evening were Alison Sanders, JoAnne Arnos, Ron Maykel, Julie Lancelle and Chair Jim Sullivan. Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor was also present, as was City Council Liaison Sue Digre. We had no GGNRA liaison, and George Frank, Michael Pacelli and Sallye McKenzie were absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS (*5 minutes*):

Approval of Order of Agenda

Unanimously approved

Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2017 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

After Alison Sanders abstained, the rest of the members unanimously approved the minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS (*10 minutes*):

Committee Communications:

Ron reported that he attended a resilience workshop about sea level rise, as well as a City goal-setting meeting, where he spoke to City Council about pedestrian infrastructure near Shelldance Nursery and other areas. Jim noted that he is working with the Portola Expedition group about the gaps in the trail.

JoAnne suggested that the Committee write a thank-you letter to Paul Jones, and Ron reminded the group that writing a similar letter to Noel Blincoe had been discussed previously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Annual Report/ Preservation Award

Chair Jim Sullivan directed the Committee's attention to the printout of the draft annual report.

JoAnne cautioned that with her experience with the Preservation Award sub-committee last year, she is afraid that the timeframe to select the recipient is very tight. Committee discussion took place about timing and advertising to garner nominations, including alternatives to the Pacifica Tribune. JoAnne then reminded the group that another component of the decision-making process is interviewing the candidates, which takes time. It was decided that Ron will work with some other members of the Committee to write an advertisement for the Pacifica Tribune to get the process started.

2. Higgins Road Trail Maintenance

Chair Jim Sullivan pointed out the photo that had been printed, and mentioned that he and some others had put cones around the affected area to try and protect people from injury. He went on to report that he had been in contact with several people and agencies about the damage. Jim told the Committee that he is passionate about these trails and will continue to work toward awareness and maintenance. More Committee discussion took place about the affected areas and what can be done. Jim said that he will continue to do what he can, but it would be good to keep this topic on the minds of the OSPAC Committee.

3. Update Committee Work Plan

Items 1 and 2 – Cattle Hill. Chair Jim Sullivan reported that sustainability had been improved because of recent work, and parking improvements might be tied-in with the Portola Expedition event.

Item 3 – Bay Ridge Trail signage. Chair Jim happily announced that the signage is complete. He said that he will take photos and send some to Horace at the Tribune.

Item 4 – Esplanade Trail. No update.

Item 5 – Pampas Grass. No update.

Item 6 – Preservation. Ron said that he wanted to wait to discuss Deer Crossing signs later in the meeting.

4. Trails and funding opportunities

Jim said that Measure K monies won't be available for quite a long time. JoAnne mentioned that the Committee should not wait too long and miss out on opportunities to obtain grants.

5. Status of *Trail of the Month: San Pedro Valley Park* Tribune Article

Ron passed around the draft article for the Brooks Creek Trail and asked the Committee to review it and get back to him with comments. He then passed around some brochures he had acquired there on a recent hike.

6. Installation of Deer Crossing signs Highway 1

Ron stated that he wanted the OSPAC to vote to send the City a letter about installing Deer Crossing signs. Bonny reported that she had reached out to Caltrans about signage, as they would be the ones to install them, not the City. She will report back to the group as she has information to share. Bonny then showed the Committee a photo of the area, and asked Ron to mark the specific areas in which he is interested in seeing Deer Crossing signs installed. She said that when she talks to Caltrans, she will share the suggestions with them. Chair Jim Sullivan recommended asking for 3 signs northbound and 3 signs southbound. After marking the areas on the photograph, Chair Jim Sullivan then asked for a vote to have Bonny take their suggestions to Caltrans. This was unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

As there was no GGNRA Liaison present at the meeting, no update was given. It was noted that contact had been made with them prior to the meeting, and it appeared that they did not have anything to report.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

8. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor announced that the Caltrans pedestrian overcrossing had recently been approved by the Planning Commission, but that construction will not begin for several months. She went on to report that the San Pedro Terrace project is still in environmental review, as is the Fassler condo project. She then mentioned that there will be a Planning Commission study session on Tuesday, February 21st to discuss Accessory Dwelling Units, commonly referred as in-law or granny units.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.