



**CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 20, 2017**

MINUTES

JoAnne Arnos, Julie Lancelle, Michael Pacelli, Alison Sanders, Ron Maykel, Sallye McKenzie, Ellen Natesan and Chair Jim Sullivan were present this evening. George Frank was absent. City Council Liaison Sue Digre was also present, as well as Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jim Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Approval of Order of Agenda: Unanimously approved

Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2017: Unanimously approved

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications: None

Committee Communications:

Ron passed out a trail map to everyone, stating that he had obtained them from the Chamber of Commerce. He also shared some out-of-print books on Ohlone history that he had, mentioning that if anyone would like to borrow them, they may. He then reported that he had recently been on Hawk Hill, and that he saw about 70 raptors each hour, as it is peak raptor migration season right now.

JoAnne shared that she saw a notice in the paper that said a 145-acre hillside parcel was for sale, which is located in the back of San Pedro Valley Park, and is listed for 7.5 million.

Council Liaison Sue Digre said that San Mateo County takes care of Sanchez Adobe, and in an effort to increase attention to the site, they will soon be adding two new classrooms near the creek. They are also looking to expand education there to include an interpretive center, as well as add more opportunities for children to churn butter, and make candles and dolls as it was done long ago. Sanchez Adobe needs funding for these plans, and they've asked the City of Pacifica to donate \$10,000 toward their efforts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Cattle Hill and San Pedro Terrace Trail Name Recommendations

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that she had sent the City of Pacifica's Naming Policy to the subcommittee, which is part of the City's Administrative Code. She noted that she also found that in the previous General Plan, the San Pedro Terrace Trail was identified as the "Portola Discovery Trail," but could not find this name elsewhere and is unsure if this name was more of a "historical identification" and not an official name. Julie thought that this may have been the case.

Ellen asked about the procedure for naming this trail, specifically which agency would make the decision if it is eligible to be “renamed.” Staff Liaison Bonny O’Connor said that City Council would decide this. Ellen suggested that it would be wise to first approach City Council and get their blessing, and spend more OSPAC time on this only if it gets approved at the Council level.

Jim recommended that the subcommittee put together some information to present to City Council. He volunteered to gather information on the San Pedro Terrace Trail. The OSPAC members then discussed the possibility of honoring former City Council member Jim Vreeland by naming the trail after him. Chair Jim asked for a motion for the subcommittee to study naming the San Pedro Terrace Trail after Jim Vreeland. Sallye made the motion, which Alison seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

2. Assign liaisons for other committees

Staff Liaison Bonny O’Connor noted that there are seven Commissions and Committees in the City of Pacifica: Planning Commission, Parks Beaches and Recreation Commission, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Commission, Beautification Advisory Committee, Economic Development Committee, Library Advisory Committee, and the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee. It was mentioned that not all of these Commissions and Committees are relevant to the OSPAC focus, but four of them were identified as being important. Jim said that he would keep up with Parks, Beaches and Recreation; Mike said that he would volunteer to be the liaison for Economic Development, but would like back-up; and Ron volunteered to be the liaison to the Beautification Committee. City staff will continue to bring Planning Commission updates to the OSPAC Committee, although Julie and JoAnne volunteered to take more of an active role in keeping up with Planning Commission agendas.

JoAnne reiterated the “Open Space” aspect of the Committee, and would like to have more of an advisory role to new development by attending Planning Commission meetings and reporting back to OSPAC to discuss any input on the project. Bonny noted that the Planning Commission typically makes an action the night a project is heard, logistically, it may not likely work as intended. JoAnne reminded the Committee about the OSPAC resolution, and said that the OSPAC members had gone to City Council to change some of the wording in their previous resolution, which she said she would bring in for everyone to view.

3. Signage opportunities along Highway 1

Mike noted that coordination efforts with Caltrans and the Economic Development Committee are needed. Ron mentioned a study that was conducted, which said that over \$300,000 is spent yearly to remove roadkill from roads.

4. Update Committee Work Plan

Cattle Hill - Jim reported that a date of October 26 has been set with the Sweco contractor to reestablish drainage for the winter at Cattle Hill.

Portola Expedition Trail Updates – Jim reported that the next meeting is scheduled for October 2, which he plans to attend. He mentioned that he wants to get clarification on the San Pedro Road jurisdiction (specifically at Higgins Gate).

SMC Parks Dog Management – Jim said that three public meetings have taken place, and of the 3, the meeting held in Pacifica had the highest attendance. He said that things are moving along, and comments are being gathered.

Fog Fest 2018 and other community outreach events – Jim noted that he has a contact with a great easel-sized map that can be obtained for display at next year’s Fog Fest. Staff Liaison Bonny O’Connor added that for this year, the City of Pacifica has its own booth and there will be copies of the trail map on the City table.

As a side note, Jim mentioned that there will soon be a dog waste station at Connemara. The GGNRA will install it, but it will need to be maintained by volunteers, which Jim thought would be a great opportunity for the OSPAC Committee to get some recognition. Pacifica Pet Hospital said that they could put a plaque on it that will mention that it was installed by the GGNRA, and is maintained by the OSPAC Committee. Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor noted that she had a conversation with Planning Director Tina Wehrmeister about this, and she was directed to tell the Committee that the plaque should say specifically that it is being maintained by the 2017/18 OSPAC Committee. This would eliminate any confusion that the OSPAC Committee is forevermore responsible for the maintenance of this dog waste station.

5. Trails and funding opportunities

Mike announced that the Silicon Valley/San Mateo County Convention & Visitors Bureau has money from taxation on their hotels, and he thinks that the OSPAC should ask if this money can be applied for funding for local trails. Mike said that he will reach out to Anne LeClair, Executive Director and ask if this is a possibility. JoAnne discussed that larger corporations (e.g. Google) have sponsored days in various cities around the bay.

6. Identify next month's *Trail of the Month* Tribune Article

The Committee did not discuss this item.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that she received the following update, via email, from Christine FitzGerald:

The GGNRA has a new Deputy Superintendent. Carey Feierabend has been selected as their permanent deputy. She has over 30 years of experience working for the National Park Service, including a long history with Golden Gate. There is no update yet on the General Superintendent appointment.

The GGNRA will be at the Fog Fest in the Roving Ranger.

The GGNRA is working on an outreach campaign with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District to remind dog walkers to pick up waste and minimize the amount of dog waste that gets into the ocean.

In conclusion, Christine Fitzgerald announced her departure from the GGNRA. She reported that Sue Gardner from the Parks Conservancy is planning to attend future OSPAC meetings.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

8. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor informed the Committee that the Engineering Department received a grant for the 400 block of Esplanade, and Bonny said that she is going to invite the Engineering Department to attend the October OSPAC meeting. She went on to report that the San Pedro Terrace Development had been in the public review process, but the comment period has now ended. She then mentioned that the San Pedro Avenue development behind NorCal is being released for public comment very soon. In conclusion, Bonny said that the Fassler project is tentatively scheduled to be heard at the October 16 meeting of the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

