



CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 16, 2018
MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Approval of Order of Agenda: Unanimously approved

Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2018: Unanimously approved

COMMUNICATIONS

Oral Communications: None

Committee Communications:

Jim mentioned that the staff at the Police Department had sent an email to Planning staff, regarding the need for strict adherence to the 7:30 adjournment of the OSPAC meeting. He suggested that Committee Communications be permanently moved to the end of the meeting, starting tonight, and to try wrapping up the rest of the meeting by 7:10pm to allow time for the Committee to give their communications at the end. All agreed, and it was decided to have Committee Communications after Staff Communications, moving forward.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discuss Annual Report and Preservation Award

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor noted the two new nominations that had been received, and reminded the group of the previous "runner-ups" from other years. She wrote these names on the white board, which included Michael Ayala, The Pacifica Beach Coalition, Paul Jones, Hal Bohner, Cynthia Mitchell, Julie Lancelle and Ken Miles. Discussion took place about the possibility of having more than one recipient each year, as well as the need to have everyone's biography prior to voting. Allison suggested that one recipient per year was appropriate. Ron Maykel offered to provide Julie Lancelle and Ken Miles nomination to Bonny O'Connor. Michael Pacelli offered to write up a nomination for Paul Jones. Planning Staff will be sending the nominee information to the OSPAC Committee prior to next month's meeting for review.

2. Discuss and update items on the OSPAC Workplan

Cattle Hill – Jim said that the dog waste container is being used regularly. He then mentioned that someone reported overgrowth of poison oak, which Jim is planning to discuss with Public Works at a meeting he has scheduled with them next week.

Cattle Hill Parking – Jim said he was overjoyed that the City Council had placed this on their list of goals for the year.

Wildlife Preservation – Ellen reported that the Forest Service indicated that they would be willing to come talk to the OSPAC about alternative ways to raise awareness about wildlife, besides just having new road signs. Ellen said she will approach them about coming to speak to OSPAC, or perhaps arranging a meeting at the Forest Service office with some of the OSPAC members.

Ohlone Portola Heritage Trail – Amy Brees from the GGNRA reported that there is a newly-formed Event Interpretive Subcommittee, and she will be bringing updates to OSPAC as she has them.

Dog Management – It was decided that until there are significant updates, this item will be removed from the work plan for now.

Community Outreach – JoAnne spoke a little about the EcoFest Event, which she felt was successful overall. Discussion took place about perhaps presenting the Preservation Award at EcoFest next year, as it is attended by many people and there is a stage set up where the presentation can be made. With reference to Fog Fest 2018, Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor indicated that it is probably too soon to get details from the City about their plans for this event, and about the OSPAC Committee participation. She will provide updates as she has them.

Jim mentioned that on June 30th, the Devil's Slide Ride Event and Pup Walk and Whale Talk will be happening.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

Amy Brees from the GGNRA said that at Mori Point, needle-eye fencing has been installed to help the wildflowers grow, and to help hikers know where they should be walking. She went on to mention that grassland restoration is continuing in the fall to help our endangered species. She noted that for now, she is the Acting Chief of Communications, which is taking time away from her position of Community Liaison, as they continue the hiring process for this position. Amy reported that there will be repairs and upgrades occurring at Chrissy Field, and she will be bringing ideas for change to OSPAC for review. In closing, she mentioned that the Nike missile site at Sweeney Ridge is going to be taken down.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

4. Development project updates

Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reported that the Planning Commission's decision on the project at 801 Fassler had been upheld by City Council, and that they approved all of the legislative actions. The second reading is scheduled for the 5/29 City Council meeting. She then noted that on May 21st, there is going to be a Planning Commission Study Session to discuss a proposal for 721 Oddstad Blvd., to create a new housing development. In closing, Bonny reminded the Committee that the OSPAC reorganization is going to be next month, and to begin thinking about nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Committee Communications:

JoAnne talked about the OSPAC report to Council that she gave at the May 14th City Council meeting. She mentioned that she would like to have the OSPAC "wish list" agendaized, so that it can be presented to City Council at a later date, and possibly result in a new OSPAC resolution being written. JoAnne went on to report that she had been on the levee recently, and she spoke with staff from the San Francisco Recreation Department. They told her that plans to put stairs and benches leading down to the beach are underway, to create better beach

access there. JoAnne noted that she invited the San Francisco Recreation Department to attend a future OSPAC meeting to speak to the group.

Alison mentioned that the Pedro Point Headlands celebration is occurring from 1:00 – 4:00pm on Friday, May 18th at the firehouse.

George Frank announced that as his term is over, he has regrettably decided to leave the OSPAC Committee. The committee thanked him for his years of service, and Staff Liaison Bonny O'Connor reminded him that if he wishes, he can continue to attend the OSPAC meetings until his replacement comes on board.

Ron suggested that with regard to upcoming Sea Level Rise community meetings, the OSPAC members should consider attending to encourage the protection of our natural assets in Pacifica.

Jim noted a recent conversation he had with Amy Brees (who had left the meeting at this point) to discuss the installation of a sign at Sweeney Ridge, and she said that it can be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jim Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm.