



**CITY OF PACIFICA**  
**OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**June 20, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

In attendance this evening were Chair Jim Sullivan, Julie Lancelle, Ron Maykel, Ellen Natesan, and Michael Pacelli. Sallye McKenzie, JoAnne Arnos, and Alison Sanders were absent. In addition, City Council Liaison Sue Digre and Staff Liaisons Tina Wehrmeister and 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 May 16, 2018:** Unanimously approved

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. OSPAC Reorganization**

The process for the reorganization included collecting nominations for the Chair position, voting on the Chair position, then collecting nominations for the Vice Chair position, and voting on Vice Chair position.

Ellen Natesan was nominated as Chair . No other nominations were proposed. Ellen was selected to be Chair with a vote of 4-0-1. Ellen abstained.

Sallye McKenzie and Jim Sullivan were nominated as Vice Chair. Michael Pacelli supported the idea of encouraging the newer committee members to take active roles in the committee. Ron Maykel withdrew his nomination of Jim Sullivan with support from Jim. Sallye was selected to be Vice Chair with a vote of 5-0.

Michael Pacelli thanked Jim Sullivan for his time and efforts of being Chair.

**2. Discuss Preservation Award Nominations**

Michael Pacelli supported the idea of awarding the Preservation Award to two recipients this year. Ron Maykel and Ellen Natesan reminded the committee that this idea was discussed last month. Ellen suggested that instead of awarding the Preservation Award to two recipients, that the award is presented more than once a year. Julie Lancelle acknowledged all the work the Pacifica Beach Coalition does for Pacifica. The Committee also discussed the appropriateness of voting for a nominee currently on the Committee, in reference to Julie's nomination. Ellen suggested that because the nominations for Julie were provided by community members outside of the Committee that it is appropriate to continue to consider Julie. After further discussion, Michael motioned that the committee award the Preservation Award to two recipients this year as an exception. The committee voted and unanimously approved.

Voting cards were provided to each committee member. Members were told to vote for two candidates, but not all members did. Additionally, staff prepared a voting card for JoAnne Arnos in her absence and by her direction. Staff Liaison O'Connor tallied the votes and reported the following:

- 5 votes for Paul Jones
- 3 votes for Julie Lancelle
- 1 vote for Ken Miles
- 1 vote for Pacifica Beach Coalition

Preservations awards will be presented to Paul and Julie this year at a future City Council meeting. Jim Sullivan and Ron volunteered to start working on the proclamation language.

### **3. Discuss Coastal Commission maps of Pacifica's coastal trail route**

Ron Maykel provided two maps to the committee; one map was showing the Coastal Trail as identified by the Coastal Conservancy and the other map was showing the Coastal Trail as identified by the GGNRA in a Mori Point brochure. Ron highlighted the Mori Point area and discussed the inconsistency between the two maps. The GGNRA map showed the trail traversing the Mori Point hillside while the Coastal Conservancy routed the trail along the existing pedestrian trail at Highway 1. Upon review Staff Liaison Wehrmeister noted that the GGNRA map identified "Future Coastal Trail" over a portion of private land that is located on the hillside.

Ron said he would report the OSPAC's discussion to the Coastal Conservancy staff.

### **4. Discuss proposed resolution updates**

JoAnne Arnos was absent so the committee decided to continue this item to the next meeting.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **5. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC**

No GGNRA or NPC representatives were present. Michael Pacelli wanted to share two items regarding the GGNRA. The first item was to report that he has seen a significant amount of poison oak on Milagra Ridge Trail off of Sharp Park Road and some of the spur trails are completely covered in poison oak. He also noted that the trail signs with pictures of poison oak are too small. He has safety concerns for children and those who are unfamiliar with poison oak exposing themselves to poison oak. He would like to see the GGNRA conduct some poison oak abatement and improve signage for the area.

The second item Michael wanted to share was that the US Environmental Protection Agency awarded GGNRA with a Green Challenge award (Energy) for working towards becoming a carbon neutral agency. Michael wanted the committee to acknowledge GGNRA's award and congratulate them.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **6. Development project updates**

Staff Liaison Wehrmeister reported that San Francisco is preparing plans for improvements to Sharp Park Berm, in accordance with CCC conditions. The improvements will include seating areas, interpretive signage, vertical access points, and bike racks. Staff Liaison Wehrmeister informed the committee that an opportunity for public input will open soon (expect to see in CWP, social media, etc.) and a presentation to the OSPAC will be scheduled (exact date TBD).

Staff Liaison O'Connor reported that OSPAC recorder Tine Gibbs is retiring next Friday. Staff Liaison O'Connor reminded the committee that the City is hosting a sea level rise workshop on Saturday June 23, 2018 at noon at the Pacifica Community Center. Staff Liaison O'Connor also notified the committee of an application that the Planning Department received a few months ago

for two hotels (total of 192 rooms) at 700 Oceana. She clarified that the project is not proposed on an Open Space Task Force Report parcel and the application status is currently Incomplete.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Oral Communications:**

Noel Blincoe discussed his support of revising the Council's resolution directing the OSPAC duties and roles to include the review of development projects. Noel discussed how the past Open Space Committee provided benefits to development projects that they reviewed. Noel mentioned that the Planning Commission has too many elements to review and as a result open space/environmental conditions are not receiving, in his view, enough consideration.

### **Committee Communications:**

Ron Maykel reported that he volunteered at Mori Point for National Trails Day. He also attended a grassland workshop at Mt. Tam and visited the grassland conservancy nursery in Marin. Ron also reported on the status of drainage ponds he observed at Fairway Park, which included trash cans and other debris in the ponds. He reported the condition to the City and said Public Works cleaned up the ponds. Staff Liaison Wehrmeister said that the City had a biologist visit the site and they found no Red-Legged frogs.

Ellen provided an update on her conversation with the roadkill specialist contact. She said that the roadkill specialist didn't recommend pursuing wildlife warning signage along Highway 1 because the signs are a distraction and traffic is moving so fast that motorists would not likely have time to react to the presence of wildlife. Her contact suggested focusing efforts on creating wildlife passageways over the highway and deflective barriers along the side of the highway. She said her contact would be available for a meeting if OSPAC were able to schedule something with Caltrans.

Jim Sullivan provided a summary of the Pedro Point Headlands event last month and a reminder of the Pup Walk and Whale Talk event on June 30.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.