



**CITY OF PACIFICA
OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of December 16, 2015

All Committee members were present. In addition, City Council liaison Sue Digre, GGNRA liaison Christine Fitzgerald, and staff liaisons Tina Wehrmeister and Kathryn Farbstein were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda

GGNRA Liaison Christine Fitzgerald asked if item 5 could be moved up the agenda, and if the GGNRA update could be given before the Consideration Items. Julie made the motion to change the order of the agenda, and Ron seconded. This change to the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2015

The approval of the minutes was approved 8-1, with Alison Sanders abstaining.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC

GGNRA liaison Christine Fitzgerald passed out copies of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Muir Woods National Monument General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. She also passed around a report titled Golden Gate National Recreation Area Report to the Community for the group to view, as well as some bike ride cards she had purchased.

She then spoke briefly about the Mori Point Trailhead, behind the Moose Lodge. She noted several changes on the horizon, such as removal of the porta-potty and installation of a new system, the addition of 2 accessible parking spaces and 2 regular spaces, as well as a kiosk. She also informed the group that there are 2 cypress trees that are probably going to come down during construction. Construction is scheduled to begin on January 20, 2016.

Christine then mentioned that the Draft Rule (preferred alternative) to the Dog Plan should be released in January, and will have a 60-day comment period.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

- 2. Milagra Battery Trail Project** – review and comment on CEQA/NEPA documentation prepared for the project. Recommended Action: Receive report and provide comments.

GGNRA liaison Christine Fitzgerald passed out copies of the Milagra Battery Trail and Signs DRAFT CEQA/NEPA Environmental Compliance Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion report. She made special note that the trail will avoid the butterfly habitat. She said that the document should be finalized by year's end. They are planning on beginning construction in February 2016, contingent on weather, and she said they expect construction to take about 4 months. She mentioned staging areas that will be set up during construction, and said that the lower parking lot will be closed during this time.

Paul asked about alignment, specifically the trail from Oceana. Christine said that fencing will be in place to help pedestrians stay in the correct areas. Noel talked about the view, and said that it would be unfortunate for the trail to not incorporate viewing areas for people to enjoy. Christine mentioned that their primary purpose was to connect the Connemara development to Milagra Ridge, and although the social trails will not be eliminated, fencing will be in place to encourage people to stay in those areas. Julie asked about the problem of motorcycles in this area, and wondered how this would be policed. Christine talked about grants for damaged sites, and although they applied they did not receive a grant. She said that they might apply again next year. She said that because the GGNRA does not own the land, only the easement, this area is not a high priority for them but they will look into obtaining funds that could specifically be used to address the damaged areas that the motorcycles have caused. She noted that they have tried to make the access areas that the motorcycles are using less accessible for them.

Christine mentioned that making official comments via the website is the best way for comments to be considered, but that there is only about a week left to do so. Chair Sanders asked if it would be possible for Planning staff to draft a letter from the OSPAC Committee, giving their support and comments. Staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that she would be happy to see that this gets done. Paul then mentioned his thoughts on the way the letter should be drafted, noting that an intro paragraph should mention Christine's report and the Committee support, the second should mention that it's understood that the project is limited by funding, and that it cannot address the social trails that are an attractive nuisance for motorcycles, and lastly that the OSPAC Committee would like to keep in touch about larger access issues and that the opportunity to comment is appreciated.

Paul made a motion that Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister draft a letter on behalf of the OSPAC Committee to reflect the Committee support of the project. Mike seconded, and the Committee unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 3. Article in the Pacifica Tribune to promote trail of the month**

Jim noted that he just submitted his latest article to the Tribune, which was written about the Milagra Battery Trail. There was discussion amongst the Committee about the content of the articles, and Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister suggested that maybe it would be nice for the Committee to know a month ahead what trail Jim will write about for the following month, as many Committee members have history and useful information that will be helpful to Jim as he prepares his articles. Jim and the rest of the

Committee liked this idea, and beginning with the next OSPAC meeting in January, Jim will let the Committee know what trail he plans to write about the following month.

4. Portola Anniversary

Ron brought in a copy of Portola's signature for the Committee to see. Ron then went on to comment that perhaps that since the anniversary is not until 2019, that maybe this item should be moved down the agenda to the Items for Future Agendas section. Paul agreed with his thought. After discussion, the Committee agreed, and future agendas will have this topic in the Items for Future Agendas section. Staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister noted that there will be opportunity for Sanchez Adobe Master Plan fundraising, and that she plans to ask Mitch Postel to come to a future OSPAC meeting to speak to the group.

5. Ways in which the Open Space & Parkland Advisory Committee can contribute to the economy of the City

Ron passed out a visitor activity map of the Presidio and the Committee had discussion about creating something similar for Pacifica. Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that she will speak to appropriate staff about this idea, potentially partnering with other agencies such as the Pacifica Chamber of Commerce.

Committee discussion about trail signage took place. Paul and Mike mentioned Measure A funding, and Julie spoke about the idea of having Terra Nova High School woodshop students create signs as a project.

Staff Liaison Tina Wehrmeister spoke briefly about the quarry, and that the owner of the quarry wants to come and speak to the OSPAC Committee sometime during the first half of 2016.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Paul mentioned his unsuccessful attempts to contact someone at the North Coast Water District. He said he will continue to try and contact them.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

- Changes made to OSPAC resolution and Planning Department process guide that reflect Council action.

Staff liaison Tina Wehrmeister said that the Colt property purchase is complete, and that work is still being done to finalize the OSPAC Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.