



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

**May 19, 2021
6:00 – 7:30 P.M.**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Link

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 - Submitter’s Full Name
 - 350 word maximum
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CALL TO ORDER:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS *(5 minutes)*:

Approval of Order of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2021 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications:

This portion of the agenda is available to the public to address the Committee on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on the agenda (3 minutes per speaker).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: *(5 minutes)*

1. **Update by GGNRA/GGNPC**
2. **Update by City Council Liaison**

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: *(5 minutes)*

3. **Development project updates**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

4. **Review and approve OSPAC's annual report content for June 14, 2021 City Council Meeting, and discuss presentation details** *(20 minutes)*
5. **Discuss and prepare Cattle Hill trail name recommendation for City Council consideration.** *(20 minutes)*
6. **Discuss and prepare Mori Point trash and parking issue presentation content for City Council consideration.** *(20 minutes)*
7. **Reorganize the committee. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair positions.** *(5 minutes)*

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS: *(5 minutes)*

Committee Communications:

ADJOURNMENT

***Please note that timeframes were provided at the request of the Committee Chair and are meant to provide guidance and not limitations.*

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**CITY OF PACIFICA
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April 21, 2021, 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Action Minutes Zoom Link

In attendance was Chair Natesan, Vice Chair Arnos, Johnson, Kraus, Patton, and Lancelle. Sullivan and Durkee were absent. Council Liaison Mayor Pro Tem Bier and Staff Liaison O'Connor were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Natesan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of Order of Agenda Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2021 Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Oral Communications: *Sue Digre* commented regarding the Open Space Task Force Reports and Hillside Preservation District Overlay (HPD). *Cindy Abbott* commented regarding benefits of open space and application of HPD suggested updates are provided to OSPAC. *Christine Boles* commented on HPD regulations on recently approved projects. Victor Carmichael commented on HPD application. *Cherie Chan* commented on the multiple planning variances that have been issued and implementation of the goals of the of the General Plan. *Clif Lawrence* commented on the application and benefit of the HPD. *Pete Shoemaker* commented that General Plan updates should be provided to OSPAC.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. Discussion with Doug Hladky, Vice Chair of Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee, to coordinate Committees' efforts regarding wildfire prevention in Pacifica.** Committee member Hladky provided a presentation on the committee's wildfire prevention efforts. Topics of vegetation management, evacuation warning system, evacuation routes, responsibility role, WUI and weed abatement codes were discussed. Public comments were provided by *Clif Lawrence* regarding the evacuation warning/management system and *Christine Boles* regarding WUI/WUZ codes.
- 2. Vote to approve the proclamation for 2021 Preservation Award to Ken Miles and coordinate presentation of proclamation at April 26, 2021 City Council meeting.** The Committee voted to approve the draft proclamation language with revisions the PUSH date to 1975 and the spelling of Sweeney Ridge. *Sue Digre* provided a public comment supporting the Preservation Award to Ken Miles. Jim Sullivan was selected to present the proclamation to Ken Miles at the City Council meeting.
- 3. Vote to approve letter to City Council regarding funding for trail maintenance on Cattle Hill.** The Committee voted to approve the draft letter language as is. Chair Natesan will send the letter to City Council. *Sue Digre* provided a public comment regarding support of the letter. *Brad iPhone* had questions regarding Cattle Hill location.
- 4. Subcommittee to provide update on Cattle Hill trail naming survey results. Committee to vote on a recommendation for the trail name for City Council's consideration.** Kraus provided an

update of the final survey results. Ahni was received the greatest amount of votes from the public with 49 percent of the votes. *Sue Digre* provided a public comment regarding support of the Ohlone word for the trail name. Committee voted to approve the recommendation of Ahni . Subcommittee was tasked with drafting up language for the staff report.

5. Subcommittee to provide update on discussion regarding Mori Point trash and parking issue.

Chair Natesan provided an update to the Committee regarding the subcommittee meeting, recommending that the Committee present the issue to the City Council, framing the issues and providing suggested recommendations where possible. The subcommittee will work on creating content for the Committee’s consideration. *Brad iPhone* had questions regarding issue at Mori Point.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC. Darron Brown, Transportation Planner, expressed the GGNRA’s availability for the Mori Point discussion.

7. Update by City Council Liaison. Mayor Pro Tem Bier provided an update on the BBIRP workshop meeting on April 29, 2021 and the parking ad hoc subcommittee that is forming.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Development project updates. O’Connor announced the Housing Element Study Session with City Council on April 26 and asked committee members to mark their calendars for OSPAC’s annual report to City Council on June 14, 2021. Development project updates included 10 Gypsy Hill Road application was found complete and the Pacifica Highlands Preliminary Application was accepted to be complete.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

Committee Communications: Patton informed the committee of the Active Application webpage that the Planning Department manages. Arnos requested that Patton’s Cattle Hill report be included in the annual report to the Council and requested that the Committee talk in the future about their involvement in development projects. Johnson provided gratitude to staff for arranging for Doug from the EP&S committee to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Natesan adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Member	Agenda	Minutes	Item 2.	Item 3.	Item 4
Ellen Natesan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
JoAnne Arnos	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kate Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephen Kraus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Absent	Yes
Arlene Patton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Julie Lancelle	Yes	Yes	Absent	Absent	Absent
Aaron Read	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total	7-0	7-0	6-0	5-0	6-0
Jim Sullivan	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Paul Durkee	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent

Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee

2020-2021 Annual Report to the Pacifica City Council

June 14, 2021



Pacifica currently has

- 6.5 acres of city parks and play fields, and
- 2,927 acres of regional parks and beaches



Benefits of Open Space

- Healthy communities
- Tourism and economic growth
- Natural beauty
- Boosts property values
- Buffers and mitigates impacts of climate change

OSPAC Purpose (Resolution 44-2015)

The Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee (OSPAC) has been established to consider issues related to:

- Natural areas that are proposed to be dedicated to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA),
- Lands that are proposed to be dedicated open space,
- Parklands that are under the jurisdiction of the GGNRA, Areas operated by the San Mateo County Parks Department,
- Ways in which these areas can contribute to the economy of the City.

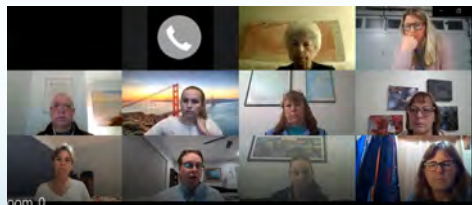
Open Space Task Force Report

(Second Edition, 2000)

- Analyzed 34 properties within Pacifica
- Led to preservation of open spaces such as Mori Point, Pedro Point Headlands, Milagra and others
- Led to new trail developments
- Led to establishment of Pacifica Land Trust
- Remains the basic reference for OSPAC
- Finds that the City should investigate methods of funding open space acquisition, including bonds
- OSPAC may advise applicants on properties listed in the Open Space Task Force report and on other open space issues

OSPAC During COVID-19

- Meetings were halted from March 2020 until September 2020.
- Meetings resumed in October 2020 via Zoom



Presentations to OSPAC

Feasibility/Conceptual Design Study for Pedro Point Coastal Trail Extension provided by Coastal Conservancy



Introduction from New San Mateo County Parks Director Nicholas Calderon

OSPAC Activities

- Participated in the Ohlone-Portola' Heritage Day (November 2, 2019) by staffing a table to promote the trails throughout Pacifica.
- Reviewed and provided input to Planning Department staff regarding the Draft General Plan Open Space Element.
- Discussed GGNRA Proposed 2019 Superintendent's Compendium regarding Pacifica Locations with GGNRA staff, which led staff to prepare a formal comment letter to GGNRA.



OSPAC Activities (Continued)

- Updated Coastal Trail signage.
- Prepared a letter to the City Council to encourage funding for trail maintenance during the 2021 City budget planning.
- Provided feedback to the applicant of the Temporary Use Permit for a church use at 650 Cape Breton Drive.



OSPAC Activities (Continued)

- Coordinated with a Raymaytush tribal member regarding Cattle Hill trail naming effort. Organized a public survey to vote on a selected list of appropriate trail names.
- Coordinated with Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee to discuss wildfire preparation efforts in the City.
- Prepared a letter to the City Council in support of Tree City Pacifica.

Preservation Awards

- Preservation Award honors individuals or groups who have contributed to preserving or maintaining Pacifica's open spaces, parklands or other areas adjacent to Pacifica.



2019
Pacific Beach
Coalition



2020
Pacifica Land
Trust



2021
Ken Miles

Thank you!

Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee:

Name	Term
• JoAnne Arnos	5/21
• Paul Durkee	5/24
• Kate Johnson	5/24
• Stephen Kraus	5/24
• Julie Lancelle	5/21
• Ellen Natesan	5/23
• Arlene Patton	5/22
• Aaron Read	5/23
• Jim Sullivan	5/22

Item 6. Discuss and Prepare Mori Point Presentation (Draft)

DRAFT Talking Points for OSPAC Presentation to City Council about Mori Point

The problem

The Fairway West Neighborhood has brought to OSPAC's attention that there are many impacts associated with recent increased visitation of Mori Point. Mori Point and other Open Space destinations in Pacifica have many benefits to Pacifica residents including to the Fairway West Neighborhood, however, recent increases in use have also brought impacts to Pacifica's residents that should be addressed.

Why this is Pacifica's problem

The problems associated with increased visitation to Mori Point are impacting Pacifica residents and therefore OSPAC recommends that Pacifica City Council allocate resources to addressing these issues. Pacifica needs solutions to manage the recent increased influx in visitors to our beaches, trails, and parks to protect these Open Spaces and to protect Pacifica's neighborhoods and their residents.

Examples of Ongoing Problems Associated with Increased Visitation at Mori Point:

- Impacted street parking throughout adjacent neighborhoods because Mori Point does not have sufficient designated parking for visitors (only five spots are provided by GGNRA at Mori Point Road)
- Illegal parking blocking driveways, corners, fire hydrants, etc...
- Illegal parking blocking emergency vehicle access, particularly on Mori Point Road (behind Moose Lodge, this road belongs to GGNRA)
- Sanitation – lack of trash cans, overflowing trash cans, litter, lack of restrooms, lack of restroom usage (there are several reports of public open urination/defecation)
- Noise and nuisance issues including public drinking, smoking, and “partying”
- Theft and vandalism (bonfires, things disappearing from people's yards)
- Off-leash dogs
- Speeding bicycles
- Lack of signage
- Pedestrians attempting a dangerous crossing across Highway 1 from Fairway East Neighborhood to get to Mori Point
- Inadequate patrol and enforcement of existing laws

Recommendations from OSPAC

- Increase patrol and enforcement by Pacifica Police of existing laws including nighttime patrols of the Fairway West Neighborhood to prevent theft, vandalism, littering, public urination/defecation, illegal parking, etc...
- Coordinate patrol with GGNRA and SF Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD)

- In coordination with GGRNA and SFRPD increase and improve signage and public outreach (for example ask GGNRA to post interpretive staff near entrance to Mori Point or other key locations) to encourage “good behavior” to protect the environment (including the endangered species present at Mori Point) and be considerate of the neighbors and fellow visitors.
- Increase sanitation – add more wildlife proof trash cans and increase frequency of pickup – one possible solution is to ask GGNRA to contract with Recology or provide funding to Pacifica to manage Recology to pick up trash frequently at Mori Point and also add more signage to discourage littering and encourage people to “pack it out” and discourage dumping
- Improve restrooms – restore functioning of GGNRA restroom on Mori Point Road and/or improve routine cleaning and maintenance of porta-potties which will hopefully increase visitor use of these facilities
- Improve parking
 - Possible short-term solutions - work with Moose Lodge to use their parking area for Mori Point visitors, use other existing alternative off-street parking areas, enforce illegal parking including towing of cars parked in front of driveways or blocking emergency vehicle access
 - Possible long-term solutions to explore – parking structures or increased parking structures, improved public transportation or shuttles, improved bike access, pedestrian crossing over highway 1 to allow access from Fairway East Neighborhood
- Conduct a review of primary safety issues including risk of fire, emergency vehicle ingress and egress, evacuation, etc... and make improvements or changes in management (ex. enforcement of illegal parking) to ensure safety of neighborhood residents and Mori Point visitors