



**Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission  
(PROS)**

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - 10:00 AM

**MINUTES**

**1. OPENING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kniffen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**B. ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

Present – Commissioners Johansson, Atencio, Kniffen, Renshaw, Bahringer and Lord.  
Commissioner Cooper was absent.

**C. CHAIR REPORT**

**2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS**

**A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report**

Kitty Connolly reported that Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve has a new Mission Statement which she read. It is as follows: "Our mission is to protect and sustain the diversity of life and the beauty of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve for everyone." A discuss followed as Commissioner Johansson did not think the statement was inclusive enough. After a brief discussion, the Chair said he did not believe PROS had any right to suggest to FFRP any concerns or changes about their Mission Statement. Kitty also reported that there really was no reason to open the gate to the Ranch the day a pole went down on Windsor as it was not an emergency. According to the fire chief, it was not an emergency. He said it was quite unsafe as traffic was going both ways and it is only supposed to go one way on that emergency road. There was no one there to direct traffic. The Fire Chief is going to make a report to CCSD on this issue. Kitty also reported that Leffingwell is pairing with FFRP to grow native plants for FFRP's use on the Ranch. It is also the 20th anniversary of the purchase of the Ranch this year.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Public Comment: 1. John Ehler, representing himself, presented the case for the Historical Museum buying the pocket park on Center street. He would like to see the old jailhouse moved there that is on the Lions land near Vet's hall. He has yet to get an approval from the Historical Museum board. When he obtains that approval, he is to email the CCSD general manager, John Weigold about the purchase. 2. General Manager Weigold reported that the bike event that was held here last year will be renting the Vet's Hall facilities and the parking lot for \$,7500 in April. This money is 30% of the money needed for Maintenance of the Vet's hall. 3. Laurel Stewart reported that they are seeking approval from the county to put the driveway in by the old schoolhouse. Phase two of their project has begun.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)**

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 7, 2020

Commissioner Renshaw moved to approve the January 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Atencio seconded the motion.

All approved.

**5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and Consideration of Appointment of Commission Secretary

Commissioner Kniffen moved to appoint Commissioner Renshaw as Secretary.

Commissioner Johansson seconded the motion.

All approved.

- B. Discussion Regarding the Design for the Proposed Community Park Restrooms

It was decided to apply for money from The Beautification/Infrastructure Grant from the County of San Luis Obispo to get the design and permits on the road for the bathroom on the East Ranch. Commissioner Kniffen is going to write the Grant. There are state rules as well as County rules pertaining to bathrooms, for example the baby area must be by a sink, that need to be followed and permits applied for. We plan to ask for \$20,000 to cover design and permits needed. We want to be shovel ready when or if we get the money for the construction of the bathroom. The construction cost will run around \$275,000.

- C. Discussion Regarding the Cambria Skateboard Park and Unincorporated San Luis Obispo County Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) Tourism Infrastructure/Beautification Guidelines and Application

After discussion, Commissioner Johansson moved that we tear down the remaining ramp and set on the skatepark for the time being. Commissioner Lord seconded it and it passed unanimously. The Ranch Manager with his crew, will jack hammer the remaining ramp. The fence will remain up for a time. We plan to repurpose that area when a need arrives.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Commissioner Kniffen asked for any future agenda items: Commissioner Kniffen suggests that we continue to pursue a nonprofit foundation to cover the costs of the Vets Hall and other PROS projects. The Commissioners were in oral agreement. Before we adjourned Commissioner Kniffen alerted us that our swimming pool document/survey has been requested.

**7. ADJOURN**

Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.