

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) COMMISSIONERS
October 07, 2014 – 1000 Main Street, Veterans Memorial Building

1 Opening

1. A. Commission Chair Steve Kniffen called meeting to order at 10:07 AM.
Present: PROS Commissioners: Joyce Renshaw, Adolph Atencio, Ben Bouldin and Chair Steve Kniffen, present. Absent: Tim Roche
Parks & Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Michael Thompson present.
CCSD Staff: District Clerk, Monique Madrid, Facilities and Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza: present and General Manager Jerry Gruber Absent. Ex Officio Members: FFRP (Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve) – JoEllen Butler absent,

- 1B. Established quorum of four commissioners present.

- 1C. **Chair Report** – Chair Kniffen reported that Commissioners Renshaw, Bouldin Atencio, and Roche terms were expired. They all asked to be recommended to CCSD as willing and wanting to serve another term.

2. **Ex-Officio Member Reports**
Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) Commissioner Atencio reported that FFRP is concerned about the Spider Web of Trails on the Ranch. Commissioner Renshaw reported that Beautify Cambria is working on some “Stay on the Trails” signs. No other report; as JoEllen was absent.

3. **Public Comment on Topics Not on the Agenda** – Crosby Swartz and Laura Swartz, Forest Committee, reported on the lack of maintenance at Fern Canyon. They are concerned that it will remain as open land in future years. How can they find money for maintenance was the major concern? CCSD can not handle any more lots at this time. Assessment might be a way to go?

4. **General Manager’s and Facilities and Resources Supervisor Report–**
 - A. Facilities and Resources Supervisor, Carlos Mendoza reported that work was done at the Tipton Entrance to the Ranch to haul away debris from down trees. It was a fire hazard and an eye sore.
Died and dying trees is a real problem now with the drought. In the past he use to remove 2 or 3 dying and dangerous trees a year. It has now grown to about 15 to 20 trees a year. If they are next to property they are a liability. Trees are very expensive to take down if you have to hire a tree person do the work. The cost for one recent tree was \$5,000. He only has \$ 4,000 in the Budget for lot maintenance. Some of the tree work is being done by Facilities and Resources staff.

A bid has gone out to fix a price on taking the Phillips house down. There is an option to keep it as storage but it would take a lot of work to fix the building. It

would also be expensive. It was suggested, to get the General Managers input. FFRP has taken a vote and has given permission to tear the building down. FFRP wants to emphasize that a great deal of public notification is needed before the destruction of the Phillips house proceeds.

5 Regular Business

A. The minutes were corrected to read: Commission Renshaw reported instead of JoEllen reported in several places in the minutes. It also should have read one person is still sending emails about the cutting down of the Eucalyptus Trees on the East Ranch

Commissioner Atencio moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 2014 as corrected. Commissioner Bouldin seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 4, No – 0, Absent – 0

6. **Comments, Concerns, Other Future Discussion Items** Carlos reported that a Trash can Committee has been appointed and they are looking into grants and design. He is chair of the Committee with other people from the organization Beautify Cambria.

Laura Swartz asked why the PROS Budget had been reduced since 2005? It was explained that PROS has always been a funnel for grants. That is why it appeared to have more money at times, example: It was a funnel for the grant for the Bianchini House.

Laura also asked where one could find the PROS Master Plan. The answer, it is on the CCSD Web site.

7. **Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.**

Next PROS Regular Meeting: November 4, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main Street, Cambria