

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission

(PROS)

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 10:00 AM

MINUTES

1. OPENING

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

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

Staff absent – General Manager John Weigold, Facilities, Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza(arrived late) and Board Secretary Ossana Terterian was present.

C. CHAIR REPORT Vice chair Atencio welcomed Julie Amodei.

D. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioned Johansson made a report from his position as a concerned public member, with a focus on recreation, on the positions that NCAC takes. He is concerned that a master plan for the Community should be made concerning trails for hiking and biking. NCAC is doing research in this area and they are looking for help from Dirk Winters and others in the Motel business. Motels and restaurants reap the benefits of being in a tourist community. The thought is they should be willing to give something back to the Community. Aaron Linn is in charge of the transportation Committee for NCAC and is very interested in safe bike trails. It was proposed that we ask him to come to our February meeting. It was also suggested that we ask our Supervisor to come to that meeting also.

2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS

A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report

Kitty Connolly, director of FFRP, made the following report:

*The current count of monarchs on the Ranch stands at 1,700. Another count may be taken later in the new year.

*Docent walks are on going with a family walk just taken place.

*Work is continuing on the removal of ice plant on the Bluff. West Coast tree company carted away two semi-truck loads with more to go. Actually it was 12 truck loads of 18 cubic yards each.

*Friends and Sierra Club have pulled ice plant and the Sierra club planted 40 pine trees where we have lost so many due to lack of rain.

*A wonderful thank you letter written by President Steidel of CCSD was received thanking FFRP for their work and money in support of the Ranch.

*An on line auction is being held in lieu of Songs this year. Songs was cancelled because of the virus. You can find the auction at the bottom of the Home Page on the FFRP web page.

*Bike bells are for sale at the online store. We expect to lose 50% of the bells we put out at the end of trails, but we are not unhappy as they are being placed on bikes and being used.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: David Pierson inquired if PROS request for the hiring of a consultant had ever been presented to the Board? There was no immediate answer.

4. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR

Facilities and Resource Supervisor, Carlos Mendoza, had been away most of the meeting with General Manager and representatives from the Office of Emergency Services . The district is hoping to get reimbursements for some of the Storm Damage last year.

Carlos reported the following:

Trees are still falling in the area of Victoria Way. They can be healthy one day and dead the next. It is a constant battle to take care of them, cutting and chipping and being on top of the area for safety reasons. Although many trees have fallen in the area the Butterfly Grove is still pretty much intact.

He has also been busy with contractors who are installing two charging stations at the north side of Vets Hall. They still need an ok from the County fire Department before they are operational.

And finally, the pocket park continues to attract the homeless. He just finished having it cleaned up with all that entails,(notices, trailer for their belongings etc.) to have it to do all over again this month. This eats into his and his staff's time. It is also an added expense to his budget.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on November 2, 2021

Commissioner Johansson moved to approve the November 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion.

All approved.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Receive Update on the Cambria Skatepark

The update on the skate park was given by Ray Dienzo. Basically it is dependent on two meetings to be held on December 9 and 16. The December 9 meeting will see how much from the general fund or reserves the board will provide (173,000 is the amount to be decided upon) and the meeting on the 16th will see if the board is willing to apply for the permit? There are two items that have to be negotiated with the County for exceptions and those items are the bathroom and parking. Ray thinks that the items to be negotiated with the county will take a design engineer and about 4 months as an approximate time table. Public comment was taken from Elizabeth Bettenhausen and Julie Amodei on this issue.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Commissioner Atencio asked for any future agenda items.

These items were suggested:

- *Trails bike and hiking
- *Update on Skate Park
- *Update on Bathroom
- *Consultant for Master plan

8. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Commissioner Atencio adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m with the advice that the January meeting will have to be called as a special meeting.