

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) COMMISSIONERS
August 6, 2013 – 1000 Main Street, Veterans Memorial Building

1A. Commission Chair Steve Kniffen called meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Present: PROS Commissioners: Adolph Atencio, Ben Bouldin, Joyce Renshaw, Tim Roche, and Chair Steve Kniffen

Parks & Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Gail Robinette

CCSD Staff: General Manager Jerry Gruber, Facilities and Resources Supervisor

Carlos Mendoza, District Clerk Kathy Choate

Ex Officio Members: FFRP (Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve) – JoEllen Butler trails meeting with Carlos and Joyce, looked at wetland trails.

CUSD Lee Wight

Also in attendance CCSD Directors Jim Bahringer and Michael Thompson

1B. Established quorum of five commissioners present.

1C. **Chair Report** – Chair Kniffen reported no report.

2A. **Ex-Officio Member Reports**

Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) – Jo Ellen Butler reported she, Carlos, and Joyce met to evaluate the wetland trails. A group of retired college Fresno professors are scheduled for a walk on Ranch of the forest loop trail. Some history of the Ranch will also be given. Working with CCC to perform ice plant removal on Bluff Trail. Invasive weed removal is scheduled for Wednesdays. Kitchen tour was a \$14,000 success.

2B. **Coast Unified School District** – Lee Wight reported approximately \$43,000 from State funds has been received and allocated to deferred maintenance for CUSD. All parking lots are being washed, the District office lot is being resurfaced and striped, painting at high school has been contracted out and staff has painted Leffingwell. He is also working on installing new televisions in classrooms.

3. **Public Comment on Topics Not on the Agenda** –

Taylor Hilden, Cambria. Commented on Pickle Ball currently being played on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday 8:00 AM at the tennis courts. It is like ping pong on a badminton court. They are looking for a place to build Pickle Ball courts. Would East West Ranch be a possible location? They would secure a grant to build the courts. Eight courts would be built on the same space as two tennis courts. The courts require electricity and water (to wash courts). Minimum two years to complete when approved. It is about \$100,000 project. JoEllen expressed a concern about Asphalt being used for the courts and the fact that tennis courts are not in the original plan.

4A. **Ranch Manager's Report** – Carlos reported on fire breaks along Ranch and has finished abating District lots. Staff is working on moving facilities and resources to water yard. The blue tanks will be dismantled and entire facility painted. There has been a greater influx this year in homeless using facilities and Ranch. Carlos will check "no smoking" signs on the Ranch and signs on Bluff Trail regarding cycling. The Huntington gate issue has been resolved. Chair Kniffen inquired on the possibility of restrooms on CCSD property.

5. **Regular Business**

A. **Commissioner Renshaw moved to approve the June 4, 2013 minutes. Commissioner Roche seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent – 0**

B. Discussion and consideration of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Wetland Restoration Project. Commissioner Atencio reported trails were examined and best solution may be to put grape stake with rope covering about 150' area; it is an inexpensive solution that would work over time. There is a need to finish the trail from the south Windsor gate towards Marine Terrace trail; people coming back are cutting across the boardwalk. Seasonal wetlands are subject to weather and some years appear dry. Make trail farther north of wetlands which could be used to access the Marine Terrace trail. The project is budgeted for fiscal year 2013/2014.

C. Discussion and consideration regarding Community Park Master Plan. General Manager Gruber reported there is \$10,000 in fiscal year 2013/2014 budget for this and dialogue is needed to determine the next steps? The Park Master Plan is designed with no costs estimates associated with program levels. David Foote with FIRMA could assist with the environmental element. He also seems the man for the job of deciding the monies needed for the park. He is intimate with the County rules and regulations. Funding options could include grants, assessments, and board's annual budget. PROS Commission may want to prioritize the project elements and take recommendations to the Board for consideration. PROS Commission discussion followed. It was suggested PROS Commission and Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Board hold a joint meeting, have David Foote estimate the entire Plan and from there determine priorities. General Manager Gruber, will schedule a meeting with Carlos Mendoza, David Foote, and Chair Kniffen.

D. Discussion and consideration of PROS engaging in conversation with Historical Society regarding Center Street Pocket Park. General Manager Gruber reported on CCSD's pocket parks and the request to PROS to engage in conversation with the Historical Society and the Lions Club regarding the Center Street pocket park property as a potential area to relocate the schoolhouse. The Lions own the schoolhouse and rent the building. If the school house moves, the Lions could consider selling the property. When the Library moves to its new location, the old library site could also be sold. It could be a potential future office site for CCSD. PROS Commission discussed and agreed to engaging in conversation with the Historical Society regarding the pocket park location. Research on the location will be needed because of flooding possibilities.

General Manager Gruber will work with Carlos to clean up the Moonstone Beach Drive pocket park for public access. It was suggested a sign notifying the public that this is a public park and not private might be in order.

E. Discussion and consideration to approve and provide direction to staff regarding proposed letter to SLO County Board of Supervisors regarding Burton Drive and Eaton Road pedestrian safety issue. Chair Kniffen presented the item and provided

background information on the existing safety issues at the Burton Drive and Eaton Road intersection. The Cambria Pines Lodge would like to install a culvert tunnel roadway to the nursery and build a bike path on the side of the Lodge property. General Manager Gruber suggested traffic calming devices such as a four way stop and crosswalks to start the process to improve safety.

Commissioner Renshaw moved to request CCSD to send the letter to the County Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Roche seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 5, No – 0, Absent - 0

6. Comments, Concerns, Other Future Discussion Items

Commissioner Roche added to Community Park Plan with regards to meeting with David Foote regarding cost estimates; the dog park estimates have been done.

7. Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.

Next PROS Regular Meeting: October 1, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main Street, Cambria