

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

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 - 10:00 AM

**MINUTES**

**1. OPENING**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kniffen called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Commissioners present: – Commissioners Kniffen, Atencio, Johansson, Bahringer and Renshaw. Lord was absent.

Staff present: Acting General Manager Ray Dienzo and Administrative Analyst – HR & IT Haley Dodson were both absent

C. CHAIR REPORT

Chairman Kniffen reported that he attended The County Parks and Recreation Board on Thursday February 2, 2023. He was welcomed and invited to participate. They have a trails ad hoc committee and need members.

D. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Johansson did not report at this junction.

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman Kniffen opened the nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Commissioner Atencio declined the nomination.

Commissioner Johansson accepted so the slate of Commissioners Kniffen President, Johansson Vice president and Renshaw Secretary were nominated by Commissioner Johansson and seconded by Commissioner Atencio and elected unanimously.

**3. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS**

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

Kitty Connolly reported FFRP held its annual and January meetings on Saturday, Jan 28. We passed our 2023 goals and objectives, added two new board members (Jose Luis Sanchez and Barbara Bronson Gray), and adopted a 2023 budget.

On Feb 21, an engineering firm will do some test drilling along the route of the linking boardwalk to assess the size of footings needed. We are hoping to minimize footings to reduce excavation and disturbance. They will park on the fire road that morning.

Weeding has begun again, even while trail work continues. Regular rains mean the trails need maintenance but also brings a bumper crop of weeds.

In addition to regular Wednesday weeding, Michael Thomas is planning ice plant pulling parties for the third Saturdays of the month starting in March.

FFRP is holding a Volunteer recruitment event at FFRP's office on Tuesday, Feb 28, from 2 to 5. Come on by!

The Wildflower Show will return to the Vets Hall the last weekend in April.

Greenspace is organizing an Earth Day event at the Creekside Reserve for April 22.

Last Saturday, 6 AmeriCorps volunteers worked under Brian Morgan to maintain the native trees around the Dog Park on the East Ranch. They put in a total of 40 hours.

## **B. Skate Cambria**

Juli Amodei reported a fund raiser will be held by the American Legion on February 25, 2023 from 8-10. It will be a pancake breakfast for \$5.00. The Skate Park will also be participating in San Luis Obispo's Park and Recreation SLO loves to Skate event. Juli also was so happy to announce that with Carlos direction they will be applying for a grant from California State Parks. It is a 50/50 grant. The Cambrian Skate group easily can meet that requirement. The grant is due June 1, 2023. This grant will push them over the finish line. Because it was not on the agenda to approve, we will hold a special meeting to meet this requirement. Juli thanked Carlos for alerting them to this grant and helping them in the application process.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Public Comment:  
Lauren Younger, Cambria (submitted a written comment for the record)  
Stan Teliczan (submitted a written comment for the record)

## **5. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES MANAGER**

Carlos Mendoza reported the Storms once again caused many trees to fall or become hazardous to houses and trails. The storm caused trails to become flooded with water and mud. Carlos showed photos of the work that had to be done. The trails were shut down, but were reopened fairly quickly when the work was accomplished. Over 90 trees needed to be attended to on the Ranch and other CCSD properties. There was a landslide of mud on the East Ranch. The emergency road across the Ranch is still useable if needed, but is filled with ruts and holes. The parking area at Vet's hall was flooded and flowed with mud. It had to be power washed. Luckily there was no major damage to the American Legion kitchen and hall. Unfortunately, there were many major homeless encampments found in many different areas including the Ranch, ten to be exact. The homeless were warned about the creek flooding and 3 or 4 camps

were washed away. A contractor, law enforcement and Carlos and crew cleaned up camps along Highway 1, Pocket park and along Ramsey. Over 80 yards of trash was carried away. (Crosby and Laura Swartz had a public comment)

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

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 3, 2023

Julie Amodei stated the previous minutes needs to be corrected to include the Pancake breakfast should be 8:00-10:00 am not pm.

Commissioner Bahringer moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting with the noted correction on January 3, 2023.

Commissioner Johansson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**7. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Discuss Asking CCSD Board to Adjust PROS Budgeted Money for the Consultant to be Used for Projects on East Ranch

This business was not discussed. We did discuss the ad hoc committee meetings about what people want on the East Ranch and Friday Farmer's market solicitation for the petition regarding the same.

Public Comment:

Aimee Wyatt, Cambria

Michael Calderwood, Cambria

- B. Discussion and Consideration of 2023 PROS Goals

We were told that the CCSD directors did not accept our Goals.

Chair Kniffen is going to talk to Director Dean to see what we need to do to correct this.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Kniffen asked for any future agenda items.

We will meet about the Grant on February 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

**9. ADJOURN**

Chairman Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.