

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission

(PROS)

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 - 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 and Bahringer
and Lord Absent – Commissioners Cooper

Staff Present – General Manager John Weigold, Facilities and Resources Manager
Carlos Mendoza

C. CHAIR REPORT

Chairman Kniffen reported: None

D. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS: No Reports

2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS

A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report:

Director Kitty Connolly reported as follows:

- 1) FFRP appreciation party on May 18 was a great time with volunteers and supporters getting together. Around 75 people attended.
- 2) The memorial pop up sale was successful. We have another planned for July 2,2022
- 3) FFRP is forming a task force to address education for the owners of off-leash dogs. Messaging will focus on the danger to dogs being off leash.
- 4) The proposal to State Parks Prop 68 to support the linking boardwalk (between the Marine Terrace and Bluff trails) is moving forward. The program officer made a site visit in May and requested some clarification which has been submitted. We are proceeding to get CEQA review from the County.

- 5) Invasive plant control continues with our regular Wednesday weeders. Plus on this Saturday, June 11, 10 AM- 12 noon, there will be an ice plant pulling event. Meet at the South Bluff Trail entrance. All are welcome.
- 6) As the result of much hard work and ingenuity, the restoration nursery has been completed on the East Ranch. Thanks to Carlos for the location and the many volunteers for assembling a kit of many parts with unclear instructions. We look forward to growing plants this summer. A picture of the screened nursery was then shared. It was beautiful. 550 volunteer hours were expended in this venture.
- 7) A discussion followed in how best to deal with the dog on leash problem which has been going on since the Ranch began. Many ideas were presented. FFRP is taking a new approach, as signs apparently do not work.

B. Skate Cambria

Juli Amodei reported:

- 1) Things are going well. \$50,000 has been collected so far from Brick Campaign which will end June 15. \$50,000 came in from an anonymous donor. The Lions have donated \$10,000 and another \$10,000 if they can find a match from another nonprofit. So far money collected stands at \$487,000. Skate Cambria will continue to strive and work toward the goal of \$650,000.
- 2) They have decided to start a Go Fund Me campaign starting in mid-July.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Commissioner Kniffen read into the record an e-mail from Mark and Susan Garman, dated April 20, 2022 and addressed to boardcomment@cambriacsd.org.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Cambrians for Aquatics' Update.

The PROS Commission received and discussed a written presentation that was a part of the agenda packet. Beth Yudovin's presentation was a repeat of the written presentation. Discussion followed, with several people emphasizing during public comment, that the Commission shouldn't endorse something they haven't seen the plans for Commissioner Johannson commented that PROS is being asked to support the concept. The endorsement, if it takes place, will be at the next meeting.

5. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES MANAGER

Facilities and Resources Supervisor, Carlos Mendoza's report was as follows:

- A. Weed abatement, fire breaks on the Ranch as reported last month are finished. Pictures were shown.

- B. Pictures were shown of the trucks removing the homeless belongings from last month's report. Carlos reemphasized how much time following protocol that this takes from his schedule. He always goes back to check to see if they have returned.
- C. Pictures were shown of his crew putting up the graduating class pictures on the light poles. This was the first time Leffingwell's grads were included.
- D. Pictures were shown of the Pine tree that was taken down to protect our beloved oak. It was a dangerous job and done by an outside tree removal firm. FFRP paid for this project.

6. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 3, 2022

Commissioner Bahringer moved to approve the May 3, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Johansson seconded the motion.

All approved.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Commissioner Kniffen asked for any future agenda items. Commissioner Johansson would like to be on the agenda next time. He reported that Cambria Trails Alliance did not apply for grant. They are looking into applying for non-profit status. Kitty commented that they could then get a grant from Eco Logistics in SLO if they are a nonprofit.

8. ADJOURN

Before adjourning, Chair Commissioner Kniffen showed a magazine titled California Parks and Recreation Society. He wants the Commissioners to read it. It will be delivered to our door.

Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.