



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

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 - 10:00 AM

**MINUTES**

**1. OPENING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Kniffen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**B. ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

A quorum was established.

Commissioners present via Zoom – Commissioners Atencio, Kniffen, Johansson, Cooper, Renshaw, Bahringer and Lord was absent.

Staff present via Zoom: General Manager John F. Weigold IV, Facilities & Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza and Deputy District Clerk Haley Dodson. A member of the public Donn Howell

**C. CHAIR REPORT: None.**

**2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS**

- A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report: Kitty reported for the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve: She commended Carlos Mendoza and his crew for his work on the one way trail established on the Bluff Trail and the Marine Terrace trail. His giant signs added to the compliance and safety of the walkers. Carlos also widen the Cross trails by mowing the grass; so people could safely pass by other walkers. This fact has kept the Ranch open to the general public where other Parks and Trails in the County have been closed. 2. She reported that the dog leash signs are being destroyed. 3. There are no other public programs at this moment, except the Ranch is open. Friends are uncertain at this point if there will be a Kitchen Tour.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Public Comment:

1. Commissioner Cooper reported that the hand sanitizer he bought for the dog park was well used, but one was also stolen. No answer or solution for that problem.
2. Commissioner Johansson wanted to talk about the gate at Piney Way, but Chair Kniffen recommended that we put it under Future agenda items
3. Commissioner Cooper asked if Carlos could do something about the bushes that are crowding the South Bluff trail passage. Carlos responded that he would try, but didn't want to shut the trail down at this particular moment to be able to work on that area.

#### **4. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR**

Carlos reported: All activities at Vet's Hall for March and April have been cancelled and probably May and June will be too. He also reported about the one way trail and the mowing that was done to widen the trail. They had used small machines and weed wackers to do the work in the forest trails. The public restrooms have been closed due to safety concerns for his cleaning staff. However, porta potties have been installed along with a hand washing station. He has also installed a porta potty, washing station and a dumpster where the homeless are on Cal Trans property. This is a two edged sword. Because the homeless are there and so close to the creek, it was the humane and hygienic thing to do. He had a local contractor take down some dead trees behind Victoria way and Warren as they were causing a safety concern.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)**

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2020

Commissioner Bahringer moved to approve the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Johansson seconded the motion.

All approved.

#### **6. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion Regarding the Cambria Skateboard Park and Financial Options to Support the Urban Soccer Plan: Carlos showed some excellent pictures of the proposed soccer and basketball court and how it would look. Discussion was held whether to have the public vote on what project they would like to see. Maybe a flyer could be sent home in the water bill; as to what they would like to see on that land? a. skate park b. soccer and basketball court or c. a bathroom on the East Ranch. We need some public input. However, Chair Kniffen felt the timing was off right now to find out. He would prefer that to happen 60 or so days from now, because of the financial conditions at the moment. There would definitely be a funding issue. Kitty commented, "if you let the people vote and they chose something and then we can't do it because of finances, they will be doubly mad."

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Under Future Agenda Items the problem of Piney Way was discussed: A gate has been placed across the land saying no entrance, private property. We have never found out who has a legal right to the land. Commissioner Johannson thinks we need to pay a land Title Company to do a search. We definitely need an exit there for emergencies eg. a fire. Carlos said we have a sewer easement there, but is not sure it that qualifies for the ownership of the land. It might also be a County road. It was decided to do some in-house work first with legal counsel. We need to look at the fire and sewer issues. It will be on the agenda next month.
8. **ADJOURN**

Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Meeting was held on Zoom, which turns out to be a very good device and format for meetings.