

Cambria Community Services District  
Minutes of Pros (Parks Recreation and Open Space Commissioners)  
March 7, 2017 10:00 A.M.  
Veterans Memorial Building  
1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428

## 1 Opening

A. Commissioner Steve Kniffen, Chair, Present: PROS Commissioners: Adolph Atenco, Joyce Renshaw, Tim Roche, Stanley Cooper were present and Kermit Johanssen and Teri Lord Alternates were also present. Parks and Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Michael Thompson was Present  
CCSD Staff: General Manager Gruber was absent. Facilities Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza was present  
Ex Officio Members: FFRP JoEllen Butler was absent.  
Other CCSD members present: Jim Bahringer  
Public present : Crosby and Laura Swartz

B Established Quorum of Five Commissioners .

C. Chair Report: Chair Kniffen was very upset about the playing field at middle school and its artificial turf and the rule of no cleats.

## 2. Ex- Officio Member Reports:

Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve: No report except there is a Pine tree walk led by Sarah Bisbing from Cal Poly on the 11th.

3. **Public Comment on Topics Not on the Agenda:** Laura asked is their a budget for the 52 lots that were given to the CCSD? Carlos replied that they receive \$3,000 for weed abatement from Land Conservancy but \$4,000 is actual cost which the District pays. She was concerned that there was no additional money to pay for upkeep of lots since they were free and figure into the build out reduction project.

Later in meeting Laura asked if it had been considered to put grass creek pavers where needed outside the Dog park? They are probably not ADA.

#### **4. General Manager's Report: No Report**

**5. Facilities and Resources Supervisor Report:** There was a training exercise on the East Ranch for the fire department working with a chain saw for 8 or 9 entry level firefighters. They cut many eucalyptus saplings. Beautify Cambria purchased Cigarette tubes which are attached to trash containers and are getting great reviews. They are working with the trash company to empty them. "Is there a chance they could be established at some of the motels on Moonstone was asked?" Maybe, was the answer. The packet for bids for the project on the East Ranch will be put out again next week with the cuts the PROS Commission asked for. ( See minutes of February 7, 2017)

Michael Thompson commented:

The grant that was received to hire more fire fighters expires next March. It was a two year grant. CCSD is considering putting it on the ballot to keep these fire fighters. It would cost \$250,000 a year. The average citizen would see an extra \$5 a month.

The ambulances have been parking at Park Hill since the hill slipped behind the Health Center on Main Street. They will be moving to Lodge hill, but will eventually park at the vacant lot next to the fire department.

#### **6. Regular Business**

A. Consideration to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting held on February 7, 2017 Motion was made by Commissioner Lord and seconded by Commissioner Roche to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review and Discuss Recent Storm Events and the impact it has had on the Ranch: The recent storm caused a lot of damage to trails There has been major erosion and flooding on the Ranch. Forty trees fell. About 15 have been cleaned off the trails so far. The gully that was worked on four years ago behind houses on Sea Cliff Estates received major damage. We will have to wait until things dry out to work on it. CCSD is hoping for financial help from the County's Disaster Packet: The following are projects that need financial assistance:

1. Santa Rosa Creek Trail \$15,000
2. Erosion Control \$20,000

3. Damage to Vet's Hall/ American Legion \$? Cal trans will not work on Dam that is causing water to back up. They will have to find another solution. All of these problems are taking up lots of Staff time and has had an impact on the Community Park work.

Carlos introduced Brian Morgan from FFRP Trails Committee who is working with Carlos as a team on trails. He reported the following:

- FFRP AND CCSD MOVED, PLACED, AND COMPACTED BASE MATERIAL ON THE TRENTON TO THE BRIDGE TRAIL. THAT TRAIL HAS ALSO BEEN COVERED WITH COMPACTED CHIPS. THIS WAS ONE OF THE CLOSED TRAILS, SINCE REOPENED.
- FFRP AND CCSD MOVED, PLACED, AND COMPACTED BASE MATERIAL AND INSTALLED OUTFLOWS ON THE CREEK TO FOREST TRAIL. THIS IS ANOTHER TRAIL THAT WAS CLOSED AND, FOLLOWING OUR LAST HEAVY RAIN, REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL IT DRIES ENOUGH TO REWORK. JO ELLEN AND I WALKED THIS TRAIL AND DISCUSSED RELOCATING THE STEEP PORTION UP-HILL TO THE WEST TO AVOID FUTURE WASHOUTS.
- FFRP VOLUNTEERS EXTENDED THE EAST FOREST LOOP TRAIL CHIP SURFACE TO A POINT PAST THE MUDDY SECTIONS. IT IS NOW VERY INEFFICIENT TO CONTINUE-WE ARE PAST A 15 MINUTE ROUND TRIP TO DEPOSIT 6 CUBIC FEET OF WOOD-CHIPS. CARLOS DOESN'T HAVE A TRAILER THAT CAN TOW BEHIND THEIR ATV THAT IS NARROW ENOUGH TO HANDLE THE TRAIL CURVES. WE ALSO WERE ABLE TO KNOCK DOWN SEVERAL LARGE CHIP PILES AND MAKE AREAS MORE NATURAL.

Steve asked Brian to speak to CCSD about Trails on March 23, 2017.

**7. Comments, Concerns, other Future Discussion Items:** None

**8. Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45. Next PROS meeting will be April 4, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at Veterans Memorial Building.