

Cambria Community Services District  
Minutes of Pros (Parks Recreation and Open Space Commissioners)  
January 3, 2017 10:00 A.M.  
Veterans Memorial Building  
1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428

## **1 Opening**

A. Commissioner Steve Kniffen, Chair, was absent. Commissioner Adolph Atencio called meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Present: PROS Commissioners: Adolph Atenco, Joyce Renshaw, Tim Roche were Present and Kermit Johanssen as substitute Commissioner was present.

Parks and Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Michael Thompson was absent.

CCSD Staff: General Manager Gruber was present. Facilities Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza was present

Ex Officio Members: FFRP JoEllen Butler was present.

Absent CUSD Lee Wright absent.

Other CCSD members present: Jim Bahringer

Visitors from Public were: John Eskelin, Rachel Anney, Lauren Younger, Barbara Jewett, Samuel Shalhoub, and Colin Schehl most of whom made public comments.

B Established Quorum of Four Commissioners .

C. Chair Report: none

## **2. Ex- Officio Member Reports:**

Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve: JoEllen Butler reported: The 10,000 that FFRP had budgeted for forest clean up was not used as Fire Safe Council paid for it out of a grant. The protection and the monitoring of the Monarch butterflies is on going. On September 20th Liberty continuation school from Paso Robles participated in a field trip on the Ranch. Their trip was paid for from a Explore the Coast Grant. A field trip for our Middle School was held December 6, 2016. Both Field trips were very successful. On December 17, 2016, 270 trees were planted on the Ranch. They were suppose to be planted over Thanksgiving holiday but because of rain the planting time was postponed until the 17th.

The Mushroom walk of January 8, 2017 is filled.

**3. Public Comment on Topics Not on the Agenda:** Lauren Younger asked why there is not more publicity about the Butterflies? JoEllen replied we are keeping it low keyed because we do not want another Pismo and parking is a problem. Jim Bahringer made a comment about the minutes saying their was no money for the infrastructure from the Tourism board. However, he let it stand in the minutes. He also wanted the word inserted in 4 D "MAY be available"

**4. General Manager's Report and Facilities and Resources report:** Jerry Gruber said it was nice to see people from the public attending our meeting. He also reported on the following"

- a. Cogeneration plant may be bought if a Green house Gas Grant is approved. It would offset electrical cost for the Waste water plant.
- b. Sustainable water project went off line for billing as of September 28, 2016. It is still in the process of being shut down.
- c. A schedule will soon be available for when the office will be open on Fridays.
- d. Amanda Rice was elected President of the Board and Harry Farmer was sworn in as a new member of CCSD. Director Rice is putting her committees together.
- e. 220 comments from the EIR are in the process of being answered.
- f. The CCSD Website is in the process of being redone.
- g. If anyone has a question etc. the direct line to Jerry is 927-6230

**5. Facilities and Resources Supervisor Report:** Carlos said he would hold off on his report until 5 D of the agenda

## **6. Regular Business**

A. Consideration to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting held on December 6, 2016. Motion was made by Commissioner Johanssen and seconded by Commissioner Renshaw (see comment above by Director Bahringer) that they be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review and Discuss 2016 PROS Commissioners Goals. They are not available at this time.

C. Discussion and Consideration of the 2017 Goals for the PROS Commission. Because our President Steve Kniffen was absent it was decided to wait until our next meeting to discuss our Goals.

D. Discussion and consideration from the PROS Commissioners on a Recommendation on How to Proceed with the Phase 1 Park Improvement, Carlos Mendoza summed up the findings.

1. We only have \$130,000 in our budget to work with for Phase 1.
2. All of the Bids came in higher than that amount.
3. The bids covered : a. grading, drainage and Swales. b. Parking lot c. Dog Park d. demolition of Phillips house.
4. A lengthy and interactive discussion with the public and Commissioners was held on what our next steps would be, what do we eliminate etc.?

Some of the public's comments and concerns were:

**We need the park to be rural in nature and not urban.**

**We have not seen the plan. We do not know what it entails. Do you have a picture of it?**

**Concern over Noise.**

**Need to protect the Creek.**

**Is the County asking us to have a Park?**

**Will our community have a chance to use the park if there are sign ups as to whom may use it? (This was a remark someone heard that there would be sign ups)**

After much discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Johanssen and seconded by Commissioner Renshaw that:

"We go back out to bid with just the grading, drainage and swales only. We will call this Phase 1 A The next phase as we can afford it will consist of the parking lot and we will call this Phase 1B. The third and final phase will be the dog park or Phase 1C. Both Phase 1B and 1C will be bid separately. We will also seek funding from the Cambria Community Council and the Cambria Tourism Board." The motion passed unanimously.

It is important that PROS continues to move forward on this project. It was suggested that we should ask for the difference from our current funds of @130,000, if the bid comes in at Phase 1 higher than that amount, for an internal loan as identified as part of CCSD existing Reserve Policy. Once the bids are received PROS will bring the matter back to the CCSD for consideration

**7. Comments, Concerns, other Future Discussion Items:** Director Gruber said we will establish Goals at the February meeting

**8. Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 Next PROS meeting will be February 7, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at Veterans Memorial Building.