

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission

(PROS)

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 5, 2016 - 10:00 AM
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428

AGENDA

1. OPENING

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ESTABLISH QUORUM
- C. CHAIR REPORT

2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

5. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Consideration to Approve the December 1, 2015 PROS Minutes
- B. Discussion and Consideration regarding the process for PROS Commissioner Interview
- C. Discussion and Consideration of Improvements at the Current Dog Park
- D. Discussion and Consideration of Proposition 84 Grant Funding and the Reallocation of funds relating to the East Ranch Park improvements.
- E. Discussion and Consideration of the Review of Public Comments on the Phase 1 Park Plans
- F. Discussion and Consideration to change the location and/or date of the PROS June 7th meeting. The Veteran's Hall is not available due to the Election.

7. COMMENTS, CONCERNS, OTHER FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. ADJOURN

***NOTE:**

Members of the public wishing to address the PROS Commission on any subject that is not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Commission will have the opportunity to do so during agenda item three (3) when recognized by

the chairperson.

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Cambria Community Services District
Minutes of Pros (Parks Recreation and Open Space Commissioners)
December 1, 2015 10:00 A.M.
Veterans Memorial Building
1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428

1 Opening

A. Commission Chair Steve Kniffen called meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
Present: PROS Commissioners: Adolph Atenco, Joyce Renshaw, Tim Roche and Chair Steve Kniffen. one vacancy still to be filled
Parks and Recreation Liaison &CCSD Board: Michael Thompson represented CCSD
CCSD Staff: General Manager Gruber was absent, Facilities Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza was present and District Clerk Monique Madrid was absent.
Ex Officio Members: FFRP JoEllen Butler was present
Absent CUSD Lee Wright absent
Other CCSD members present: none
Visitors from Public: Teri Lord and Stan Cooper both applicants for the vacancy on the board. They spoke to their experience and desire to be on the board.
B Established Quorum of four commissioners .

C. Chair Report: Chair Kniffen: He has a check for \$5,000 dollars for the soccer fields from CYAA.

2. Ex- Officio Member Reports:

A. Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve
JoEllen shared the planting of 200 trees on the Ranch at Thanksgiving time. A thank you to Carlos and Alberto for their help with water etc. during the planting. Songs of the Seasons, fund raiser, will be held December 12, 2015 at Fog's End Barn. Work has been done on some of the trails in anticipation of El Nino. The bridge off of Trenton was reconstructed under the guidance of Carlos and done by FFRP volunteers.

3. **Public Comment on Topics Not on the Agenda:** None

4 General Manager's Report: Absent, General Manager Gruber's concerns came in an email and are under regular business'

5. Facilities and Resources Supervisor Report: Tree removal, the permit was for 300 trees to be cut, at this date 220 have been dropped. The second phase of clean up is waiting on the availability of the Three Cs. The trash can project was very successful. All are sponsored and the old cans that were still useful went to Camp Ocean Pines. The Three Cs day on the Ranch was successful. 60 Corp members tackled a trail reconstruction, Chipping and removal of Ice plant along the Bluff Trail.

6. Regular Business

- A. Consideration to approve the Minutes from the November 3, 2015 PROS Commission Meeting. Commissioner Roche made the motion and Commissioner Atencio seconded and it passed.
- B. Consideration to receive update on filling the Commissioner vacancy: it is on the CCSD Website and has been in the Cambrian. It is also outside the Vet's Hall in the information area.
- C. Consideration to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct interviews of Commissioner Applicants to fill the vacancy of Ben Bouldin's seat: Commissioners Atencio and Roche will conduct the interviews.
- D. Consideration to reappoint Commissioners Steven Kniffen and Adolph Atencio for another term. Commissioner Renshaw made the motion and Commissioner Roche seconded. It passed. This will be sent to CCSD Board for their approval.
- E. Consideration to Receive an Update on Circulating the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Phase 1 Park plans. This has already been done. A copy is in the Library and it is on the Website and David Foote has already turned the plans into the County. We are waiting for the fee waiver. So far Carlos has only received two comments on the Phase one plans for the Park and it was not on grading etc. of Phase One.
- F. Discussion of PROS meeting schedule for 2016. We will continue to meet once a month as decided last month. However to cement it into place, Commissioner Atencio made the motion, Commissioner Renshaw seconded and it passed.

7. Comments, concerns, other Future Discussion Items: None

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45

Next PROS meeting will be January 5, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., at Veterans Memorial Building

From: Claudia Harmon Worthen [mailto:ecoplanners.llc@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 9:04 PM

To: Carlos Mendoza

Subject: Fiscalini ball park ++

Hi Carlos,

Comments about the proposed ballpark on Fiscalini East Ranch.

- a. This project needs to be postponed until our forest plan is in place.
- b. Replacing the meadow with a HUGE parking lot is not the best plan for phase II
- c. Phase one of the park plan was to remove a lot of eucalyptus trees—that may not have been a wise decision for several reasons. One is the destruction of a long time wind break that adversely affected the wind draft down Main Street.
- d. The parking lot is too large.
- e. The parking lot need not be made of rock. It's expensive and chalk markings will work like it does at El Chorro Park. El Chorro has had huge events with dirt parking for many years without drainage problems or adversely affecting habitat.
- f. Personally, I'm against any construction on the ranch. I know it was part of the original agreement, but the people, like myself, who worked so hard to preserve the open space never wanted the land to be developed, including parking, ball parks, dog parks and other high density uses.
- g. The East Ranch needs to be groomed for natural trails and benches only. Save money and abandon the plans until the forest problem is resolved and the drought is over.
- h. The plans are not set in concrete. There is time to re-think the development plan for a more prudent use of man power and money. Save the land and re-think the project.
- i. Please pass along my thoughts to the PROS and other people making decisions. I speak for myself, but I've spoken to many many people who feel the same way. Maybe a survey in the newspaper would reach a larger audience for community consensus?

Warm Regards,

Claudia

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From: Seagull28@aol.com [mailto:Seagull28@aol.com]

Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 12:44 PM

To: Carlos Mendoza

Subject: Fiscalini Park

Dear Mr. Mendoza,

In response to the Cambrian article of November 26th, 2015 in regards to the plans for the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve:

- A. Is this REALLY needed in Cambria?
- B. With the CSD going in the hole financially, so much that they are raising our water rates again, is it REALLY time to even be considering any such frivolous expense?
- C. With such a severe drought in this state, is it REALLY a good idea to even consider ANY facility that is going to add to our water consumption?

In my opinion the entire project is at best ludicrous, let alone at this particular time in Cambria's history!!\

Rich Harker

25 year resident of Cambria

TO: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission

FROM: Kermit Johansson, Cambria Resident
805-794-8869

DATE: 12/20/2015

RE: Public Comments on Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Phase 1 Plan

Although I am not familiar with all the State, County environmental regulations which could drive some decisions made in this plan, I have the following comments on the face value of the plans.

Sheet 200: Work Item 10 -Removal of stumps – Cutting of these trees months prior to finalizing plans to avoid including them in the environmental impacts is a travesty. These trees were a historical artifact and esthetic artifact as stable as most large pines and oak surrounding the site. I realize they were removed for grading purposes and this is a moot point, but the imaginary final goal of possible ball fields was hardly sufficient at this time to justify cutting.

Sheet C300: Although there are good reasons to do everything at one time in the total area, but with as much flat space as exists that is currently usable and stabilized with cover, it baffles me as to why you would want to spend the money to develop the area just to establish the drainage in the current concept proposed. Ball fields are probably not the most likely development scenario.

The parking area with playground is the only feature worth modifying the site at this time until you have a need and purpose as to how to develop the remaining area, if ever. The drainage could be made to accommodate the parking area to the creek as it currently does and later still changed to the current concept should ball fields ever be desired.

Sheet C301: Suggest that the parking area be made more multipurpose than currently envisioned. Since this parking may end up as a functional use area for events that will enhance the Cambria Community, it is not a flexible design as configured. A more flexible shape would allow consideration of access by larger vehicles such as Command trailers, larger trucks, etc made possible by changing the parking lot configuration. By

slightly changing the parking, it could be more easily rented / licensed for special events. There will be a demand for any parking usage in Cambria and could pay for itself. The president has been set by rental of the annual bike race.

- a) By widening the west end of the parking to an oval radius with a 100 ft outside turn radius, larger vehicles could use this area as a turn-around and stack easier in the parking area.
- b) Most parking areas are comfortable to drivers by entering a lot on the right and not having cross traffic at the entrance.
- c) The space reserved for the contractor possibly could be driving the parking area entry to the left bay instead of the right. Since the public will not be allowed in the area anyway, or confined to certain corridors, it seems contractor space might better utilize portions of the vacant rodeo drive road.
- d) The parking location seems to waste some land space and seems it might be more efficient in land utilization by moving the parking area more west.
- e) The square lot is unbecoming to a natural area, and a more flowing shape to fit the outline line of the space would be more fitting.

The contours indicate two areas where the toes of natural slopes are steepened to accommodate the drainage swales. The plans show no reason to steepen slopes of any naturally stabilized slope since the swales have room to move out without changing anything. Accommodating a drainage swale to save slope run or a curvy line is not a good for the following reasons.

- a) The cut slopes will probably not vegetate readily and will probably ravel continuously thereby filling the swale with slough and debris screwing up any slope run advantage gained by the action.
- b) Stabilization of cut slopes is probably more expensive than expanding the run of swale.
- c) The cut is noticeable and ugly for a very long time, unless you are one that enjoys road cuts in a park.

Sheet 302: The proposed drainage slopes of rise over run of Details X (1:2) (4'wide); Y (1.5:3) (10' wide) and Z (1:2) (10' wide) to me are a slope edge vegetation issue. In my experience, slopes of 1' rise over 3' run are easier to plant, and maintain over time. Also they can be easily mowed and driven over when need arises.

Sheet C600: Suggest a gate in place of a wire rope or chain. Gate is more visible to drivers and pedestrians.

***End ***



December 21, 2015

Cambria Community Services District
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Carlos Mendoza at cmendoza@cambriacs.org.

RE: Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Park Phase 1 Park Plan

Greenspace -the Cambria Land Trust, agrees with the overwhelming number of members of the Cambria community who commented in 2008, that a sports field complex, with the accompanying grading and change of drainage patterns near Santa Rosa Creek, is not the best use of this land. Moreover, it appears that sports fields are not needed or wanted in Cambria. This pristine open space and wetland area provides incredible wildlife habitat, a quiet and dark place in which people and wildlife can retreat from the downtown noise and lights, and amazing visual beauty. The resources should be preserved for future generations to enjoy. Once lost, this rare wildlife habitat can never be replaced.

After spending today rereading all the thoroughly researched comments that were made in 2008 to the Community Park Master Plan on your website, it is clear Cambrians want more trails for hiking, jogging, and picnic tables or perhaps exercise stations, and a dog park and very little other disturbance should occur at this site. We encourage the board and agencies to reread those 2008 comments.

Thanks for considering our comments,
Mary Webb, President
Greenspace - the Cambria Land Trust

cc: FFRP, Cambria CSD Gen. Mgr, CA Fish and Wildlife, CA Coastal Commission, Dist. Supervisor 2