

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission
(PROS)
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 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, Bahringer and Lord. Cooper was absent.

Staff Present – General Manager John Weigold, Facilities and Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, Board Secretary Ossana Terterian was absent.

C. CHAIR REPORT Commissioner Kniffen expressed in no uncertain terms his unhappiness with the porta potty on the East Ranch, his frustration at getting things accomplished for the Skate Park, his general unhappiness with being Chair and not liking to be the one to report to the board.

D. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS

- A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report:
Kitty Connolly, Director of FFRP, report was as follows:

Docent Walks

Aug 14: Bluff and Forest

Sept 11: Bluff

Sept 25: Forest and Prairie

Sept 25: Astronomy

Oct 30: Astronomy

Please check website for more information.

Pop Up /sale was highly successful Sept 4

Linking Boardwalk

Engineers at Wallace Group will produce an alignment study in two weeks

Other projects that will be accomplished or already completed

Replace damaged fence at north bluff entrance

Install puncheon at Dolphin Trail crossing of seasonal creek

Install bike bells at trail heads

A question was raised about the legality of the sale at the South End of the Bluff Trail. The answer was: It was not held on Ranch property.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

3. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES MANAGER REPORT:

Storm Recovery projects since January have taken up much of Carlos and his crews time, 8 months, and

they are still not finished. Some of the projects have been the following:

The office of Carlos and work station facility has had a make over. Mud and debris such as logs have been removed. A base was laid out and compacted The facility was power washed. The facility was completely rebuilt which involved dry wall, floors, cabinets remade, electrical, painting etc. etc. The mud was removed at the public restrooms and they were power washed. Bridge on the East Ranch which had been washed out was replaced. 80 trees near houses that were dangerous were taken down and chipped. Other trees on the Ranch roughly between Victoria Way and Marlborough trail that were down or in danger of falling were cut and chipped. Crews, were thanks to a grant from Fire Safe Council. Of course before this could happen, preparation work had to be done, such as marking trees to retain for monarch habitat and dead trees to support other animals. A biological survey looking for bird nests, woodcut nests and signs of animal burrows on the site had to be done. None were found. Santa Rosa trail repaired. Carlos estimates they are 80% finished. He is very proud that he and his crew met the challenge and were successful.

A question was brought up about the porta potty on the East Ranch. It was donated, it is totally free, and the cleaning is done by volunteers. Bathrooms are allowed on the East Ranch.

Carlos and his crew saved the district between \$275-\$300,000 by doing the work in house. The Governor has approved, The California Emergency Services Act which the district can apply for and receive money for the \$400,000 worth of damages that the District received during the storm. Well earned congratulations were given to Carlos for the great job he and his crew accomplished.

4. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on August 4, 2021

Commissioner Bahringer moved to approve the August 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Lord seconded the motion. All approved.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Discuss and Consider Revisions to the 2021 PROS Goals and Objectives and the 2020 Project Priority List

A lengthy discussion was held. It ended with a motion made by Commissioner Atencio and seconded by Commissioner Johansson that our number one priority is the Skate Park .

B. Receive Update on the Cambria Skatepark

An update on the Skatepark was then discussed. The General Manager, John Weigold, reported that he had heard from Spohn Ranch that morning and they are studying the Geo technical report. Monte Soto from Civil Designs is reviewing the initial design concept and the Storm Water Analysis . He will be holding a virtual meeting with the County. All this is being done to see if this site if feasible for building the Skate Park.

The public then weighed in. Chelsie Foster, Elizabeth Bettenhausen and Tina Dickason. Comments: Generally, they were concerned about the time it has taken to proceed with the Skate Park. They were also concerned about the lack of communication about the project.

C. Receive Update on East Ranch Restroom

An update on the East Ranch Restroom was then held. The recommendation from last month that we go with the most expensive option will be discussed at this coming CCSD board meeting. A reminder, the design process was paid for by a separate grant from the County.

D. Discuss and Consider Revising the Master Plan and Hiring a Consultant

A very lengthy discussion was then held on the revising of the Master plan of 1994 and the hiring of a consultant to do the revision. A motion was finally made by Commissioner Johansson and seconded by Commissioner Atencio. It was as follows:

“I move that we hire a consultant to update the Master plan, that the consultant review subsequent documents that relate to the plan eg. Management plan and that PROS will be in the advisory position in this process.”

It passed with one dissent made by Steve Kniffen.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Commissioner Kniffen asked for any future agenda items. Agenda items are:
Do we need to appoint an ad hoc member from the Skate park committee to be on PROS?
Continue with Skate park and bathroom updates.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 12: P.m.