

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission
(PROS)

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - 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 Kniffen, Atencio, Johannson, Bahringer and Renshaw. Alternate present Aimee Wyatt

C. CHAIR REPORT

Chairman Kniffen didn't have a report.

D. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

Committee public member Shannon Sutherland and PROS ad -hoc members Johannson and Bahringer reported on the ad-hoc's findings so far. They then expressed their concerns which are, what is allowed on East Ranch and what is not allowed on the East Ranch. They do not want to suggest something that can not be built.

A meeting is going to be set up between member's of the Ad-hoc committee and FFRP director, Kitty Connolly. This meeting will include going over the management plan, the EIR and the Open Space Community plan which include the development of the East Ranch. They will then look at the 3 items that are being presented as development on the East Ranch and see if they meet the criteria of being buildable. These 3 items are Multi -use trails, Exercise circuit and Frisbee -disc golf.

Commissioner Johannson expressed his other concern which is, shouldn't there be some kind of a follow up response to written comments to the Commission? Alternate Aimee Wyatt will pursue this matter and report back at the next meeting.

A concern was also expressed as to what is the policy that the district has on Social Media? Aimee Wyatt will look into this concern too.

2. EX - OFFICIO REPORT

A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report

Kitty Connolly reported:

There has been 132 hours of volunteer labor. There is much time that is unreported.

The Forest trails have required much work because of the storms, Over 100 trees fell and many more had to be taken down because of storm damage.

Americorps volunteers weeded the dog park trees and staked up last years plantings because of the rain and wind.

90 hours of Education. Two groups of 4th graders from Fresno, and an Ag teacher from Colorado with about 50 students walked and learned about the Ranch from qualified docents on separate days.

Leffingwell students participated in removing Ice Plant.

There are 2-4 docent walks each month. Check website for information.

103 hours of Outreach.

A volunteer recruitment event was held Tuesday , February 28th at the FFRP office.

An Earth Day event will be held with Greenspace at the Creekside Reserve on April 22nd.

The Wildflower show will return after a 3 year hiatus on April 29-30.

We are waiting to see if smaller footings can be used on the new boardwalk.

B. Skate Cambria

Juli Amodei reported actually at the beginning of the meeting, as she had another meeting to attend. Her report was as follows:

50/50 grant from California State parks/OGALS is coming along. It is a match grant and will be ready to send by or before June 1st/currently under review with the Finance committee and will be going in front of the CCSD board for discussion and consideration.

The grant with the Skatepark Project/The Tony Hawk Foundation is complete and being submitted this week for consideration. Many Thanks to Kitty Connolly, Jeff Smith and Carlos Mendoza in working with Skate Cambria and Juli Amodei to get the grant ready for submitting.

The Pancake breakfast fund raiser was a success and earned \$7,100 net profit. Skate Cambria will be at the event in Arroyo Grande this Saturday called Skate Safari and May 13th at SK8 Love Project at the SLO Skate park to support and participate in the event. Monster Skate starts in April . We will work to be at as many Park events in the series as possible.

Regarding AD Hoc REC Committee/ The petition has been handed out at the Farmer's Market on Fridays by PROS ad-hoc committee, has 300 signatures. it will be used as a recommendation and for consideration to the board of CCSD.

The Saturday meetings have gone well and last Saturday's meeting had 16 in attendance. The three recommended and considered projects are , a Frisbee Golf Course, Multi-use Trails and Exercise Circuit. I am representing as an elevated Community Member on the Committee.

The next meeting will be held April 1st at the Chamber at 9:00. We welcome all to attend or email getoutdoorsadhocrec@gmail.com with suggestions or comments.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

Written comments were received from the following:

Linda Prentiss
Kermit Johannson
Holly Ludwigson

4. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR

No report as he was absent.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on February 7, 2023 and Special Meeting Held on February 14, 2023

Commissioner Bahringer moved to approve the minutes with corrections. They were: The grant is due June 1, 2023 in Juli's report and the minutes for the meeting held February 14, 2023 should read Special Meeting.

Commissioner Atencio seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Kniffen asked for any future agenda items.

They are: Identify Confines for recommendations for Park, Social Media Policy and a report from Aimee Wyatt on answering written Comments.

7. ADJOURN

Chairman Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.