

**Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission  
(PROS)**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 1, 2020 - 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, Cooper, Renshaw, Bahringer and Lord was absent.  
Staff Present – General Manager John Weigold, Facilities and Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, Board Secretary Ossana Terterian.

**C. CHAIR REPORT:** none

**2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS**

- A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report: Kitty Connolly reported:Volunteers removed kikuyu grass from the boardwalk, cut lupine back from the Bluff Trail, and pulled ice plant from the bluffs. They prepared the Ravine Trail for winter rains and are obscuring secondary “social Trails”. On Nov. 28, a group of more than 70 people planted about 350 Monterey pine seedlings to the SE of the Dolphin Bench on the Ridge

Trail . Our Thanks to Carlos and CCSD for supporting all these activities.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: none**

**4. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR:**

Carlos gave a very comprehensive report with pictures. Trees continue to be maintained on the Ranch and at Vet's Hall. Davy Tree cut a dead tree at Vet's hall. The parking lot at Vet's hall was re-stripped. The stage was was patched, textured, painted and new base board was installed. 40 dead trees were removed on the Ranch. The Cambria Fire Department held a chainsaw training event on the the Fiscalini Ranch. Thanksgiving tree planting on the Ranch went well and Carlos's crew were a part of this event. The pocket park was cleaned up. CCSD Staff is coordinating with Beautify Cambria to re-sand and finish the trash cans on Main St. They will be replanted. This will be an ongoing project. The homeless continues to impact the resource and facilities crew. Carlos philosophy on handling the homeless is compassionate and not heavy handed. The toilet and trash bin is a two edged sword. It does encourage more homeless, but it is the humane thing to do. This issue is not going away and continues to take money and man power of the facilities and resources department. Carlos said if not for FFRP's support in volunteer work and trails and money for forest projects their Department would be worse off. He is so appreciative for the help. A suggestion from Commissioner Cooper was a "Go fund Me" project to raise money. Commissioner Bahringer suggested once again supporting a non profit to help pay for Ranch expenses. He suggested maybe it could be an objective for 2021. Kitty spoke up and said FFRP is a non profit.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)**

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 3, 2020

Commissioner Atencio moved to approve the November 3, 2020 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Johansson second the motion.

All approved.

## 6. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Consideration of 2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission Meeting Dates

Commissioner Renshaw moved to approve

Commissioner Johansson second the motion.

All approved.

- B. Discussion Regarding PROS Commissioner Alternate Vacancies and Application Process

Commissioner Renshaw moved to extend the alternates time to the year 2021. Commissioner Atencio second

All approved.

- C. Receive Update on the Cambria Skatepark

**The update on the Cambria Skate park** led to a lengthy discussion. Some of the points made were as follows: We have to still apply for the grant of \$177,000 which can be used for Skatepark. We have \$14,000 for the initial **Concept Design** and we should get started with that design. The Spohn Ranch Organization will do that initial Concept Design and would like to build the skatepark also. Steve would like to push forward on the project and has appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Commissioners Cooper and

Renshaw to facilitate this push. Commissioner Johannsson it also helping with advice on this project. Carlos is also responsible for seeing this project through to completion.

**Julie Amodei then made the following report:** She is pushing hard for the Design and build Concept. The District needs to use the Design, Bid and Build concept because they own the property and you must put things out to bid before you can build. The Cambria Initiative has raised \$100,000 already for the project and Julie is pushing to build. She believes that we can do it without the Bid process under the organization called Source Well which CCSD is a member of. Shara Tathan then weighed in that Spohn Ranch does not want the bid process and wants to go ahead and build .They have lots of experiences building skate parks across the country and their web site is filled with examples. Julie then asked the ad hoc Committee and Carlos if they would be available to have a zoom meeting with the Spohn Ranch Organization. The answer was in the affirmative .

D. Receive Update on the Cambria Restroom

The bathroom Up date was as follows: Civil Design has submitted a revised initial proposal to the CCSD. There are many issues that have to be resolved before a final design can be formalized: eg. water, sewer, ADA to name just a few. Carlos feels sure Civil Design will guide us through these issues. Contract with the County ends June 30th. We have 3 months after that to provide the County with a final product to satisfy the grant.

E. Discussion Regarding Parks, Recreation and Open Space Projects, Priorities and Costs: We will continue with the Skate park and the bathroom as priorities and add the right away at Piney Way and

work on a 5013c to help pay for Ranch  
Costs.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** See priority list

**8. ADJOURN**

Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:33