



CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2024, REGULAR PROS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the PROS Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 2:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with all Committee Members present: Michael Thomas, Steve Kniffen, Jim Bahringer, Shannon Sutherland, Jeff Wilson, and Juli Amodei.

Staff members present: Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson was present at the start of the meeting; GM McElhenie and F&R Manager Aguirre were in attendance.

Public present: Tony Church, Laura Swartz, Harry Farmer

Public on Zoom: Dennis Dudzik, Karin Argano, Kitty Connolly, Claudia Harmon Worthen

1.C Chair Report

Chair Thomas clarified that the PROS Committee does not have flood risk reduction within its purview, and briefly reported on recent CCSD Board meeting resolutions and topics that PROS should be aware of.

1.D Agenda Review

Chair Thomas briefly reported that the Agenda has slightly rearranged, moved FFRP and the Skatepark from Reports from Affiliated Community Groups to Reports and Project Updates.

1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports, 2:06 PM

Signage Ad Hoc: Member Sutherland had no update report.

Community Park Ad Hoc: Chair Thomas briefly updated status, noting that more details to follow in the meeting with Agenda item 6.B PROS Goals report on the Park.

Open Space Ad Hoc: Member Wilson had no update report, while F&R Manager and committee discussed idea of "Adopt a Park" concept for CCSD Open Parcels.

1.F Committee Member Communications

There were none.

2. REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED COMMUNITY GROUPS

Greenspace – Karin Argano, 2:09 PM:

- Greenspace office will be relocating soon as lease is up in current location.
- Speaker Series starting this Sunday at Creekside, with Chris Cameron speaking.
- Will be working to implement an “Adopt a Space” concept with the community to caretake various Greenspace parcels.
- the USLT Resource Conservation District will be donating native plants for planting in Strawberry Canyon.

Cambria Forest Committee – Laura Swartz, 2:13 PM:

- Christine Heinrich’s invasive weed handbook is being revised and will be re-printed soon.
- Found unused fireworks in Fern Canyon.
- Expressed concern about CCSD easement in Strawberry Canyon, with weed abatement activity not being followed up to ensure invasives are not filling in. Concern is not just with Strawberry Canyon, but with any CCSD parcel where water/wastewater easement exists.

Member Wilson recommended Cambria representative on the SLO County Parks and Recreation Commission, Pandora Nash-Karner, be invited to speak during this agenda item. There was general agreement, and Chair Thomas will send her an invitation.

Member Amodei shared that the School District has assembled a task force to address the graffiti, racing, and illegal fireworks.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA, 2:23 PM

Beautify Cambria – Claudia Harmon Spoke to the issue of vandalism/graffiti, and that they have been cleaning up some near the Library.

She also reported that at the corner of Bridge and Main, by the liquor store, that the smoking receptacles have disappeared and cigarette butts are now being disposed on the sidewalk/street. Conveyed the need for those to be replaced.

Beautify Cambria has implemented a “Good Neighbor Lighting” award, part of the Dark Skies Initiative.

REPORTS & PROJECT UPDATES

4.A Facilities & Resources Manager’s Report, David Aguirre, 2:31 PM

- F&R has been very busy with CCSD parcel weed abatements, and other tasks.
- One of the tractors has broken down while clearing in Fern Canyon.
- Reported on schedule for upcoming parcels to be cleared such as Fern Canyon, Trenton, etc.
- Biologist Kevin Merk is helping F&R staff learn about biology and ecology and what to look out for when weed abating.
- Light pole down on Main Street with \$18,000 replacement cost, but able to contract with a welder to repair for \$2,000. Indicated as before there are many more light pole problems.
- F&R will be losing one of their Maintenance Technicians, so down to 2 again.
- Public restrooms are now being opened, closed and cleaned by F&R; hours are 8am-5:30pm
- Report of Ramsay Street being used as a “trash bin” by various public and private entities, such as SLO County and CalTrans dumping dead carcasses from Hwy 1.
- Claudia Harmon discussed need for F&R to power wash/clean the village trash receptacles, as was agreed to by CCSD with Beautify Cambria.

4.B Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Report, FFRP Executive Director Kitty Connolly, 2:59 PM

- Past Monday FFRP crews did a Main Street clean up from Pine Knolls to Hwy 1.

- New linking boardwalk construction meeting took place July 10, with construction to be completed sometime this fall before rains.
- Poaching on FFRP continues to be a problem and Kitty conveyed that is an illegal activity subject to arrest and steep fines.
- CSU Bakersfield will be on the bluffs doing a plant survey, as well as one by the California Native Plant Society.
- Pinedorado parade planning is now starting.
- FFRP Office has been rearrange with an improved look.
- There was a successful Pop Up store on the Ranch July 4.

4.C Skatepark Project Update Report, Juli Amodei, 3:03 PM.

- Working with CCSD to define the maintenance fund.
- Progressing well with the skatepark grant, and recently applied for another grant

4.D East Ranch Community Park Restroom Project Update Report, Jim Green, 3:06 PM.

Utilities Manager Green reported that the delivery of the pre-fab restroom is on track for late January, with discussions now taking place with contractors for pad and other infrastructure needed to do final installation.

5. CONSENT AGENDA, 3:09 PM

5.A Consideration to Approve the June 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Committee member Bahringer moved to approve the minutes.

Committee member Sutherland seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

6.A Discuss Recent Rodeo Grounds Road and Burton Drive Pedestrian Improvements, 3:10 PM

- Chair Thomas introduced the topic by reporting recent successes with the County on grading of Rodeo Grounds Rd., the clearing of weeds by the guardrail from Cambria Nursery to Rodeo Grounds Rd., and along Windsor from Hwy to Shamel Park.

- Discussion ensued regarding various ways to accomplish these tasks with volunteer community groups, FFRP Wednesday Weeders style. We will need to come up with creative other ideas to accomplish these and other trails. Adopt a Road concept was brought up.

- Regarding longer term solution for Rodeo Grounds Rd, the idea of a special coating/solution was raised, which F&R Manager is Aguirre is familiar with and will research.

6.B Discuss and Update the PROS Goals Progress Report, 3:40 PM

- Chair Thomas introduced the topic with Member Sutherland summarizing status of various Goals on the Goal Matrix, including the Community Park Plan Phase 3, with objective to have an update and presentation to PROS Committee at our August meeting.

- Member Sutherland reported no progress or return communications from CalTrans on the Hwy 1 crossing at the East/West Ranch connection.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, 3:57 PM

Depending on progress, the Community Park Planning Ad Hoc Committee hopes to bring the preliminary Phase 3 Community Park Plan, along with the draft community engagement plan on the August 20 PROS Committee agenda.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 3:57 PM.