

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission

(PROS)

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 - 10:00 AM

MINUTES

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, Johansson, Atencio, Cooper, Renshaw, Bahringer, and Lord was absent

Staff present – General Manager John Weigold, Facilities and Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, District Engineer Ray Dienzo, Board Secretary Ossana Terterian.

C. CHAIR REPORT: Steve Kniffen’s Chair Report was as follows: “Life is short. Two hours is too long for a meeting. Talking eats up lives; so make your point and let us move on. 15 minutes is the average attention Span”

D. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS

A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report:

Kitty Connolly, Director of FFRP, report was as follows:

- * Monarchs are returning which is good news. More than 100 at a time have been sighted on the Ranch. Last year very few were sighted at one time.
- * There are four Docent Walks on Web site for November. Weed abatement on the Bluff Trail has taken place.
- * The Ravine trail has had wood chips spread on it. This was very difficult for volunteers as it is very steep in areas.
- * Ice Plant is being removed from the Bluff Trail.
- * Progress is being made in planning for a native plant nursery.
- * Storm relief work is finished.
- * Bike bells are out and are working.
- * \$78,000 has been spent on Direct Support for the Ranch so far this year
- * 2,735 Hours of Volunteer labor has gone to the support of the Ranch so far this year.

3. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Facilities and Resources Supervisor, Carlos Mendoza report was as follows:

- * Monte Soto reported on the restroom design, the final design. It was reviewed. A recommendation from PROS to rotate the building; so it was facing the parking lot was incorporated into the design. Another minor change was making sure the light on the bathroom was pointing down. The design, with the changes, were approved by the board. The final design was then reported to the County to show how their grant of \$20,000 awarded to the design of the bathroom was spent. It came in under budget at \$16,820.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on October 5, 2021

Commissioner Johansson moved to approve the October 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Atencio seconded the motion.

All approved with one correction made by Carlos Mendoza. The lions club will donate a \$1000 a year for five years for the upkeep and maintenance of the skate park.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Consideration of PROS Master Plan

A motion was made by Commissioner Renshaw to instruct the General Manager to tell his board that we would like them to advertise for a consultant to rewrite the PROS Master plan with input and guidance by PROS Commissioners.

Seconded by Commissioner Johannson. It passed unanimously.

Some discussion followed about how we should proceed but it was decided to let the consultant guide us in that decision.

- B. Receive Update and Discussion and Consideration of the Skate Park Design

PROS was given a motion to consider:

The Motion: PROS Commission consider, evaluate and bring back to the board a recommendation related to the skatepark design and where it should be sited.

During board discussion, several Directors had suggested various areas for consideration by PROS during its review process. Although not part of the motion, these may be used for points of reference during the requested evaluation.

- a. PROS is not being asked to determine or answer how the skatepark is funded.
- b. Setting aside potential additional costs, review the Exemptions needed and Requirements outlined in the permitting process and consider the practicality of options offered in the Spohn Ranch Presentation and Mr. Dienzo's presentation.
- c. Determine any possible maintenance areas beyond the general visual and hardscape maintenance of the site itself (e.g., Storm Water swale, reservoir, and piping)
- d. Review areas designated as TBD in the Spohn Ranch Report for potential areas of impact; identify the unknowns
- e. What costs are site specific for location
- f. Reasonableness of cost estimates
- g. Need for contingency incorporation
- h. Active discussion between PROS and SkateCambria in review process
- i. Levels of CCSD Staff in Project Management
- j. Time to Completion (when available for use)

A motion was made by Commissioner Johannson and seconded by Commissioner Renshaw that The PROS Commission would like the skatepark built in its current location, across the street from the Vet's hall on Main street for visual, safety and historical reasons.

Public comment was then taken on the motion. 13 people spoke all in favor of putting the Skate park on Main street across from Vet's hall.

A vote was then taken on the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cooper then shared his pictures taken in Hawaii of a crosswalk powered by solar and described how it worked. It could be used in the building of the Skate park if we needed to have the bathroom and parking at Vet's hall.

Commissioner Johannson felt we should walk through each of the suggestions that came from the board. Some discussion followed. The outcome of the discussion was that these are all points which the Project Manager and Aaron Spohn should be addressing as they negotiate with the County on this project. It was suggested by the project Manager, Ray Dienzo that a second round review was needed to look at exceptions and project costs. The costs can go down as Design is refined. The Commissioners all agreed that we will back up Ray Dienzo and support him in this

project. We all will work together Ray, Spohn Ranch, Skate Park Cambria and Pros as we move through the Design Process.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Commissioner Kniffen did not ask for any future agenda items.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.