

Parks, Recreation And Open Space Committee Meeting Report

The PROS Committee held its first meeting Tuesday October 3, 2023, in person at the Vets' Hall and via Zoom, following the recent transition from the PROS Commission to a Standing Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

A quorum was established: with Chairman Michael Thomas, and Committee members Jim Bahringer, Kermit Johansson, Steve Kniffen, and Shannon Sutherland present. There is currently one open seat on the Committee.

Staff attending: Facilities & Resources Manager David Aguirre attended in person, and General Manager Matt McElhenie attended on Zoom. Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson attended the first portion of the meeting in person.

Public attending: Harry Farmer, Kitty Connolly, Crosby Schwartz, Laura Schwartz, Dick Clark, Tony Church, Jim Townsend, Alan Dean, Alita Francis,

Chairman's Report: Chairman Thomas expressed that it's an honor to have the opportunity to work with the members of this committee, and that 4 candidates have applied for the open seat.

Committee Member Communications:

Committee Member Johansson discussed the need to explore possibilities for improved pedestrian walkways, and the need to work with various agencies, the County, Caltrans, etc.

Public Comments: Chairman Thomas read written comments from Aleta Francis regarding the Community Park Plan, and written comments from Bryant Lum and from Elizabeth Simonds expressing desire for a pool in Cambria.

Consent Agenda: The minutes from the August 1, 2023 Regular Meeting, the August 8, 2023 Special Meeting, and the September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting were approved with minor spelling corrections.

Regular Business:

PROS Committee Kickoff: Using a set of slides handed out at the meeting titled PROS Committee Kickoff Orientation, Chairman Thomas provided a discussion on the purpose of the PROS Committee and how the Committee will be working together by reviewing key elements of the CCSD Strategic Plan, the Standing Committee Bylaws, the Brown Act, and Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

Ad Hoc Committee Updates: The Committee Members agreed that the former Recreation Ad Hoc Committee had completed its scope, and that there are no Ad Hoc Committees of the former PROS Commission with scope of work continuing on as part of the PROS Committee.

Community Park Plan and the Current State: The PROS Committee just started discussion on this topic. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Thomas, Director and PROS Committee Chair