



Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission (PROS)

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 - 10:00 AM

MINUTES

1. OPENING

- A. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Commissioner Steve Kniffen
- B. ESTABLISH QUORUM: Commissioners Present: Atencio, Lord, and Renshaw. Absent Commissioner Johannsen. Alternates present: Bahringer. Absent Cooper
- C. CHAIR REPORT: None

2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS

- A. Jo Ellen Butler to Provide a Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report :
Improving the water sheds
 - Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) volunteer workdays – members of the community are invited to help on Sunday May 19, from 9 am until 1 pm.
 - We will continue removing invasive vegetation and planting native plants near Santa Rosa Creek.
 - We will be planting 30 plants, mulching and watering them.
 - Meet at the Hiway One entrance near Santa Rosa Creek either or both days to help.

Monitoring the Ranch

- Each year we walk the Ranch, take photos and describe what we see to monitor for compliance with the conservation easement.
- We will do that in May depending on the weather.

Ice Plant Workdays

- We had 3 successful workdays removing ice plant along the Bluff Trail. Students from Leffingwell and Students from Cal Poly helped and volunteers recruited through ECOSLO added a day on May 4.

Wildflower Show

- We had another wonderfully successful show this year.
- There were 502 gorgeously vased specimens and the room was breathtaking to walk in to!
- The crowd was delighted and enthusiastic - 631 including 80 students this year.
- 37 show volunteers and 18 flower collectors logged in just under 500 hours (and not all hours were turned in!).

Trails

- An extension of the arch bench trail up to the ridge is being worked on to replace a straight up trail that is prone to erosion.
- The new trail will be more sustainable and have a gentler curving route up the hill.
- The old steep and straight trail will be closed and restored to grassland.

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- We will do that in April/May depending on the weather.
- The 2018 report is now available.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: Jim Bahringer reported on the Bike Lease Program put on by the Chamber under the leadership of Gayle Jenkins. So far there are three places where the bikes will be available: Castle Inn, Skate Park and the Blue Bird. They need one more to meet the Criteria of the proposal. She would like PROS to give their seal of approval for a bike rack to be placed at the Kingdom Hall. Since it was not on the agenda, we could not take a vote. However, there was no objection to this choice and that will be reported to CCSD by Steve Kniffen.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 2, 2019: Motion made and seconded Renshaw/Lord and passed unanimously.
- B. Discussion Regarding Development of the East Ranch and Options for Financing: Carlos reported that PROS still has \$20,000 in its budget; as he did not need to touch it for the Homeless clean up. FFRP, kindly offered to contribute \$5,000 to the clean up effort. So there was no need to access these funds.(However, there are still 27 sites that need to be cleaned up.)

That was very good news, we still have money; so we asked Carlos to ask Monty from Civil Design to attend our next meeting. We can start to pursue a plan for Phase 2. These topics will be discussed:

- 1. The need for a bathroom, which the county said must happen first before any thing else. The dog park is sitting on the sewer line and there are two wells near by which could contribute non potable water to facilitate a bathroom. Maybe it will not have to be a dry bathroom? Jim says this can be mitigated at the County level?
 - 2. Circuit training exercise equipment for the outside on at least a small part of trail around East Ranch.
 - 3. Carlos reported also that the field has been mowed and could be useable for playing? He mowed the trail and people are now using it. He reported he is looking into hiring a shepherd with goats and sheep to mow down some of the cape ivy by the creek, which will make it easier to keep an eye on the homeless. It might make it less friendly for them. It was also stated that the more people that use the park the less friendly it will be for the homeless?
- 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Civil design to come to next meeting
- 6. ADJOURN** at 10:50