

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission
(PROS)

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 - 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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: This Election was held last month. See minutes of January.

3. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS

A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report by Kitty Connolly was as follows: Leashed and unleashed dogs on the Ranch is a continuing problem. Planted 22 trees around the dog park and they all survived the storm. The money for the trees came from a County grant. A huge thank you to Carlos and the CCSD crew and their wonderful response to the storm and its aftermath. Stan Cooper complained about the doggie bag dispenser at the North end of the Marine Terrace trail. It catches his handle bars on his bike as he tries to come through. He wonders if it could be moved? Kitty said she would talk to Carlos about it.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Jim Barhinger is applying for a 5013c with Pros name on it. ElizabethBettenhusen responded from the public that, that might be a risky move for PROS. We need official action from PROS before our name could be put on the application. Julie Amodei responded from the public that the Skateboard Initiative is not interested in pursuing a 5013c.

5. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR:

Facilities and Resources Supervisor report was as follows:

General Manager, Weigold, reported the County is looking into declaring SLO an Emergency, hoping to get Federal help. If that happens, Cambria may get some funds that will help pay for the emergency costs to the District. Insurance for Buildings that CCSD owns may also help with the Costs of the emergency. There is of course no insurance on the forest or the lots that CCSD owns where there was so much tree and trail damage.

Carlos then made his report as follows: Because advance action was taken before the Storm a lot of the damage was mitigated.

Preventative measures:

- Vet's Hall: Staff placed sandbags on back of the vet's hall before the storm. Little damage reported by legion
- Additional fuel delivered for Utilities and F&R operations
- All computers, printers and documents placed on higher ground before storm. No computers were lost in the flood or important documents
- All tools on floor or lower shelves placed on higher ground. No major tools lost
- Tractors and main vehicles moved over to WasteWater yard- No major pieces of equipment lost (still evaluating chipper)

The following was the damage that Carlos reported:

- All forest trails on Fiscalini Ranch closed Estimated 50 trees down
- Additional trails closed on Fiscalini Ranch due to flooding
- East Ranch pedestrian bridge washed out
- Santa Rosa Creek Trail behind waste water plant completely washed out.
- Dog Park closed for several days do to flooding
- Emergency Rd on East Ranch washed out
- Public Restroom on Sheffield St. is flooded with 6 inches of mud inside

- Multiple tree issues on CCSD owned lots
- F&R Yard
 - Creek came over the embankment and flooded the entire yard. Water line measured at 4' at one spot
 - Offices, kitchen, restroom and entire shop full of mud and water damage
 - Back fence damaged
 - Parking lot damaged
 - One vehicle (probably a total loss)
 - One shed (probably total loss)
 - Chipper (still assessing damaged to it)
 - Back part of the yard covered in mud, debris and wood from creek

However, because the homeless had been moved previously out of the creek area, there was no loss of life. (Thanks to Carlos.) That was a blessing. There will be a huge expense when all the down trees are chipped and removed. It may be close to \$80,000. CCSD is hoping Cal Fire can get grants to cover some or all of this cost.

Carlos thanked FFRP for all of their work after the Storm . Here are some of the things FFRP have done and will do with the clean up.

Additional Assistance:

- FFRP Volunteers were utilized to inspect trail heads, signs, drainage issues, tree issues
- FFRP Volunteers made and delivered additional safety signs to CCSD Staff for trail closures
- FFRP Executive Director made notifications on conditions of Ranch on social media
- FFRP Volunteers will be assisting in trail repairs, drainage issues and cleaning out forest trails of branches and debris once hazardous trees are mitigated.

Carlos also thanked the following people:

- Water Department: A big thank you to Jim Green and his staff for assisting F&R staff in packing up, loading and moving items to Vet's Hall.

F&R Staff Office Headquarters

- With assistance from Haley Dodson, F&R staff has temporary operations at Vet's Hall.

6. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on January 5, 2021 and the Special Meeting Held on January 12, 2021.

Commissioner Johansson moved to approve the January 2, 2021 and January 12, 2021 special meeting minutes.

Commissioner Cooper second the motion.

All approved.

7. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Receive Update on the East Ranch Restroom Project:

Update on the East Ranch Restroom project was as follows: Commissioners Johansson, Barhinger, District Manager Weigold, Carlos and Monty from Civil Design met. They asked Monty to provide designs for waterless portable restroom and a design for a restroom with water. They will examine his designs as soon as they are ready. A grant from the County is paying for this preliminary step.

- B. Receive Update on the Cambria Skatepark:

District Councils review of the contract for Spohn found that they cannot design and build. They can only design the project. They also reviewed Sourcewell and decided that CCSD cannot use them. CCSD must bid out the Construction. District Manager is waiting for the Spohn Ranch to get back to the board with the signed Contract?

*Much discussion was then held on the following:

Time line for the project. District Manager Weigold said he would provide one and then Commissioner Barhinger offered to put together a timeline for the project. His offer was accepted.

Julie Amodei and Sharataham both stressed over and over that they want to be part of the decision making in this project ,because they are providing a great deal of the money and have a stake in this project. The town's children also have a stake in this project.

*Commissioner Kniffen has promised to stay on top of this project and push to get it finished. There is also the problem of how the storm affected the property where the skatepark is going to be put. There were two water channels that came down the hill. One of the streams of water came next to the library and the other one down right on the area where the skatepark would be built. There will need to be a redirection of these water channels put into the design.

* We are waiting for the Conceptual skate board plan.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 5013c

9. ADJOURN:

Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:15