

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) COMMISSIONERS  
October 2, 2012 – Veterans Memorial Building

1A. Commission Chair Steve Kniffen called meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Present: PROS Commissioners Ben Bouldin (departed 10:30 AM), Tim Roche, Joyce Renshaw and Chair Steve Kniffen  
Parks & Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Gail Robinette  
CCSD Staff: General Manager Gruber, Facilities Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, and District Clerk Kathy Choate  
Ex Officio Members: FFRP – JoEllen Butler  
Absent: CUSD Lee Wight (excused)

1B. Established quorum of four commissioners present with Ben Bouldin noting he would depart at 10:30 for a medical appointment.

1C. Chair Report – Chair Kniffen reported no report.

2. Ex-Officio Member Reports

A. Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) – JoEllen Butler reported on invasive species weed abatement and completion of 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly report to grantors on invasive weed removal. The Erosion Control Project is progressing well with the last matting and seeding down on the West side. New Zealand spinach is being eradicated. Jo Ellen and Marian King are working to update the Ranch Management Plan. Joyce Renshaw announced the next docent walk will be a Power Point presentation, October 20, 10:00 AM, Cambria Fire Department on plants and their role in the environment. Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Board meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month, 6:00 PM, Rabobank and are open to the public.

B. Coast Unified School District – no report.

3. Public Comment on Topics Not on the Agenda – None

4. CCSD Parks and Recreation Manager's Report

A. General Manager Gruber reported the Skateboard Park (Park) is completed and will open in about one week. There are plans to acknowledge the youth fundraising effort at the October 25 CCSD Board meeting. There will be no formal agreement with Lions and Sons of the American Legion, however there is a commitment on their part for future fundraising efforts to support the maintenance of the Park. Full Commission discussion followed regarding long term solution and maintenance of the Park, a CCSD facility.

B. General Manager Gruber reported on the September 13 Planning Commission hearing on Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Coastal Development Permit. A September 24, 2012 Firma Consultants Incorporated letter regarding Summary of Planning Commission Action on the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Master Development Plan was distributed to PROS Commission and public for their information.

Equestrian use on the Ranch was revised to allow for 6 horses maximum per day and 12 horses maximum per week, along with other specified revisions to the Plan.

**Commissioner Bouldin departed 10:30 AM**

**Public Comment:**

Tina Dickason, Cambria. Commented on Santa Rosa Creek trail experience with horses, width of equestrian/hiking trails two to four feet wide, horse droppings and horse trailer parked on Tipton (location not part of equestrian trail).

Facilities and Resources Supervisor Mendoza responded regarding trailer on Tipton and equestrian use on the Ranch.

Jim Bahringer, CCSD Director, Cambria. Commented on the ten years since the Fiscalini Ranch Master Environmental Impact Report started and requested PROS identify specific priorities for the Board to consider and to proceed with accomplishing in the near future. Suggested grading an area level to play ball, start a parking area so casual use of the Community Park could begin.

A full Commission discussion followed, including the hierarchy of trail sharing, disking an area for a soccer ball field, grading a large flat area for parking and adding decomposed granite for a few cars so casual use can begin, and providing a picnic area. As simple as a solution sounds, the parking lot will require a long-term plan to accommodate the Community Park uses being planned, including the relocation of the dog park. Determine available funding to proceed with the Community Park development.

5. Ranch Manager's Report

- A. Carlos reported on the Fiscalini Ranch Event Gathering Policy. A recent wedding on the Ranch induced the need for an expanded written policy with regard to event gatherings on the Ranch. A draft policy was distributed at the PROS Commission meeting today. The proposed policy will be reviewed by the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Board on October 11, 2012, 6:00 PM. The item will be placed on the December 4, 2012 PROS agenda for consideration.

**Public Comment:**

Tina Dickason, Cambria. Read the PROS and Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Mission Statements. Opposes gatherings as they invite more problems. Opposes out-of-town users on Ranch.

Jim Bahringer, CCSD Board member, Cambria. Commented the policy is an excellent first start for an event policy.

6. Regular Business

- A. **Commissioner Renshaw moved to approve the August 7, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Roche seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 3, Absent – 1(Bouldin), Vacant – 1 (former Commissioner Miller)**

- B. Commissioner Roche reported three applications were received for the PROS Commissioner vacancy. All three applicants were interviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee (Roche/Renshaw) and recommends appointment of Adolph Atencio to fulfill the remaining term of former Commissioner Miller by the CCSD Board of Directors.

**Commissioner Roche moved to name Adolph Atencio to replace former Commissioner Miller and forward appointment recommendation to CCSD Board of Directors for consideration. Commissioner Renshaw seconded. Ayes – 3, Absent – 1(Bouldin) Vacant – 1 (former Commissioner Miller)**

C. PROS Commissioners held a discussion regarding the December 4 meeting date conflict with regard to Veterans Memorial Building use on same evening as the annual Christmas Tree Auction. **Commissioner Renshaw moved to hold December 4, 2012, 10:00 AM meeting at Fire Department and hold end of year Brunch Event. Commissioner Roche seconded. Ayes – 3, Absent – 1(Bouldin), Vacant – 1 (former Commissioner Miller)**

D. General Manager Gruber reported on meeting with Commissioner Roche at the current Dog Park location regarding parking lot improvements. A bid from Michael Frederick Paving Corp. was distributed. A full Commissioner discussion followed regarding timeline of new dog park, needed improvements at existing dog park, and what is a priority now. Facilities and Resources Supervisor Mendoza suggested shoring up the existing road and working with California Conservation Corps to determine the feasibility of his suggestion.

- Commissioner Renshaw moved to accepting plan presented by Carlos
- Allow Carlos to see what needs to be done to repair the parking area
  - Do maintenance for next six months, adding decomposed granite, and assess the results of the maintenance
  - Work with California Conservation Corps (CCC) next week while they are in the area to look at the site and solicit their advice on shoring up the road
  - Contact Commissioner Roche for a walk through with CCC during next week's assessment

**Commissioner Renshaw moved to accept the plan presented by Carlos and have the CCC provide advice on shoring up the road and have Commissioner Roche accompany Carlos and CCC during the assessment. Commissioner Roche seconded.**

**Ayes – 3, Absent – 1(Bouldin), Vacant – 1 (former Commissioner Miller)**

6E. Commissioner Renshaw volunteered to serve as PROS Commission Secretary.

7. Comments, Concerns, Other Future Discussion Items - None

8. Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

**Next PROS Regular Meeting: December 4, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the Fire Department, 2850 Burton Drive, Cambria**