

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) COMMISSIONERS
July 01,2014 – 1000 Main Street, Veterans Memorial Building

1 Opening

1. A. Commission Chair Steve Kniffen called meeting to order at 10:07 AM.
Present: PROS Commissioners: Adolph Atencio, Joyce Renshaw, Tim Roche, and Chair Steve Kniffen Absent Ben Bouldin
Parks & Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Michael Thompson present
CCSD Staff: General Manager Jerry Gruber, Facilities and Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, Absent District Clerk Justine Harris. Ex Officio Members: FFRP (Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve) – JoEllen Butler present CUSD Lee Wight absent

- 1B. Established quorum of four commissioners present.

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

- 2A. **Ex-Officio Member Reports**
Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) –JoEllen reported that we have three new benches The Beaton bench has already been installed at the north end of the Bluff trail. Two others are ready to be installed. Gravel is being placed under the benches inside of railroad ties. Bob bell’s name is gong on the Angel Bench and a bench honoring Barbara Harootunian and her bequest to the Ranch will be ready at the end of the month.She reported that we have not received all of the bequest at this time so not disclosing the amount at this time. It will be used to help fund the Ranch eventually. It is now in two foundations, The Santa Barbara Foundation and the Community Foundation. We will be able to use the interest from these endowments after a year.
The Forest Assessment document has been approved by FFRP and step one of the Plan is already being implemented by Carlos for fire and safety issues. Jo-Ellen was asked to make a report on the Forest assessment and bequest at the July CCSD board meeting.

- 2B. **Coast Unified School District** – No report

3. **Public Comment on Topics Not on the Agenda** – Mike Thompson congratulated Steve Kniffen on his wonderful baseball season at Coast.

4. **General Manager’s and Facilities and Resources Supervisor Report–**
A.Carlos reported the eucs removal will happen after nesting season as the biologist found two nests in the trees. He will do another survey at the end of the month. If the birds have fledged the trees can be taken down. The homeless situation has calmed down some what. Weed abatement is on going on the Ranch.

B. The general manager reported on 2014/2015 Fiscal Year Budget. It is a lean budget. It is 13% less than last year. It does not include 218. There is no projected revenue or expenses in the budget. Revenues was @535,000 this year projected \$533,000 Expenditures \$559,000 this year projected \$533,000. The facilities/resource Department is now three men. The Open Space budget is the same as last year \$14,000. Happy to report no one lost their jobs, some cut back in hours. When all is said and done Parks and Recreation has \$20,000 to do something with. We will put it on the agenda next time to talk about what we might do with the money. The new finance officer, Tracy Fuller has helped in the balancing of the budget. There is a grant request out there for state funds from the Department of Water Resources. Bob Gresen works on this request almost daily. There is great hope it will be funded.

5. **Regular Business**

A. Commissioner Renshaw moved to approve the May 06, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Roche seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ayes – 4, No – 0, Absent – 0

B. Commissioner Kniffen suggested the possibility that FFRP might want to give the money to develop the Playing Field. JoEllen responded we might have to see if it would be legal?

C. Jerry Gruber would like to have FFRP ok the demolition of the Phillip House on the East Ranch. Commissioner Renshaw replied FFRP would put it on the agenda.

D. Commissioner Kniffen said the Eton safety issue is still alive. The crosswalk has helped.

6. **Comments, Concerns, Other Future Discussion Items**

7. **Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:25 A.M.**

Next PROS Regular Meeting: August 5, 2014 at 10:00 A.M., Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main Street, Cambria