

**Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission
(PROS)**

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - 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

Commissioners present via Zoom – Commissioners Atencio, Kniffen, Cooper, Johansson Renshaw, Bahringer. Commissioner Lord was absent.

Staff present via Zoom: General Manager John F. Weigold IV, Facilities & Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza was absent and Deputy District Clerk Haley Dodson was present.

- C. CHAIR REPORT None although a discussion was held as to the reporting of news from PROS to the on line newspaper. General Manager Weigold directed the writer to get permission from the Board before he sent the article in to the newspaper. There was general disagreement to this suggestion. Commissioner Cooper withdrew from writing articles for the paper.

2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS

A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report

Kitty made a report for FFRP. It was as follows:

1. FFRP is happy to report that we continue to have many volunteers.
2. The Ranch hand bench was removed due to its deterioration and another bench was substituted for it.
3. FFRP has one more bench to go which will be another stone bench off the Marine Terrace trail.
4. FFRP will hold a pop up tent event, to sell merchandise and give out information about the Ranch and the organization over labor day. The pop up will be off the Ranch property at the South end of the Ranch.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: 1. Juli Amodei reported that the Skate Park Committee has obtained 501c3 status from the Community Council. They have 1200 signatures on their petition requesting a Skate Park. They are continuing to meet every Friday at the old site for publicity about the new skate park. They are working on their mission statement. 2. Claudia Harmon requested the Ranch Survey so she can give it to Public Works in her pursuit of putting trees on the public right away on Cambria Drive. 3. Sharatatham requested the new Skate Park be on the old skate park site. They would like the new Skate Park to be first class. They would like to make the surrounding area into a public park with trees and picnic tables and benches.

4. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR

Mr. Mendoza was absent . General Manager reported: Carlos is working on removing the belongings of two homeless people that are being stored at the edge of the pocket Park near the post office. He also did not know why the honey hut had been moved across Highway 1 and was now near Cambria Way and Highway 1. He would check on it.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)

- A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on August 4, 2020

Commissioner Johansson moved to approve the August 4, 2020 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Atencio seconded the motion.

All approved.

6. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Discussion Regarding the San Luis Obispo County Beautification and Infrastructure Grant (BIG) The EIR seems to allow for a low water facility restroom and for a dry restroom. Commissioner Bahringer reported that the County would ok a dry flush and low water facility. He also stated that the old Phillips well could be used for this facility; as it previously was slated to water the soccer fields. Kitty made an excellent suggestion that the hand washing facility be on the outside; as that would eliminate people taking a long time inside the facility and would limit baths etc. A wall and a gate could protect the facility at night. Public comment by Claudia Harmon was that the community does not want a bathroom and there will be push back. Commissioner Bahringer made a motion that since this is Phase two of the already approved Park Plan for the East Ranch, that we pursue the design and permitting of the bathroom with Civil Design. Seconded by Commissioner Renshaw and passed unanimously.
- B. Discussion and Consideration of Recommendation of Preferred Cambria Skate Park Location to the Board of Directors Commissioner Bahringer moved that we keep the Skate Park where the old one was. It was seconded by Commissioner Atencio. A discussion was held and a vote taken. It passed unanimously.
- C. Discussion and Consideration to Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to Prepare a List of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Projects, Priorities and Costs Commissioners Atencio and Bahringer were appointed by the Chair to serve. They are to research and come back with a cost for each priority. Then a discussion was held and a cost of \$200,000 was designated for the Skate Park and \$300,000 for the Bathroom. Commissioner Bahringer moved that Chair, Commissioner Kniffen, present to the Board that to build the bathroom would be about \$300,000 and the Skate Park up to \$250,000 and direct General Manager Weigold to apply for the Grant Money to facilitate both items as our priorities .Commissioner Cooper seconded it and it passed unanimously.

- 7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Chairman Kniffen asked for any future agenda items. It was decided we work on the two items we have.

8. ADJOURN

Chairman Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.