

MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2024, REGULAR PROS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the PROS Committee of the Cambria Community Services District was held at the Cambria Veterans' Memorial Hall, located at 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 2:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.A Call to Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and welcomed new Committee Member Juli Amodei

1.B Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with all Committee Members present: Michael Thomas, Steve Kniffen, Jim Bahringer, Shannon Sutherland, Jeff Wilson, and Juli Amodei.

<u>Staff members present</u>: Confidential Administrative Assistant Haley Dodson was present at the start of the meeting and F&R Manager Aguirre was present throughout.

<u>Public Present</u>: Crosby Swartz, Laura Swartz, Tony Church, Shelley Becker

On Zoom: Kitty Connolly (FFRP) and Karin Argano (Greenspace)

1.C Chair Report (2:05PM)

Chair Thomas briefly reported on multiple relevant May CCSD Board meeting actions:

Board will no longer read Written Public Comment out loud during meetings. Chair Thomas surveyed PROS members and public on whether PROS should adopt same. For time being we will continue to read Written Public Comment pertinent to PROS purview aloud during meetings.

Board adopted a Civil Administrative Citations Ordinance with intent to increase compliance with all municipal ordinances.

Board received Finance Committee General Fund Revenue Enhancement Report and formed a Ranch Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee, and that Chair Thomas is on this Committee.

County Public Works scraped and leveled Rodeo Grounds Road Tuesday 5/14/2024.

1.D Agenda Review (2:12PM)

Chair Thomas asked for any agenda changes. There were none

1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report(s)

There were none

1.F Committee Member Communications (2:12PM)

Member Sutherland stated that with the issuance of the permit from the County for the Skatepark, she believes it's time for the CCSD Board ad hoc committee to turn over further responsibility for the skate park project to the PROS Committee, and added as one of PROS Goals with member Amodei as directly responsible; requested a monthly update at PROS meetings on the Community Park Rest Room status; and encouraged committee members to be united as a committee and support outcomes of committee votes, rather than cause dissent by the advocating against PROS Committee decisions at the CCSD Board meetings and elsewhere.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA (2:35PM)

Laura Swartz provided a copy of the SLO Land Conservancy 2023 Annual Report, gave a brief historical overview of the 40 year old Coastal Conservancy and past collaborations with the CCSD and the County, along with the significant financial resources it has available, encouraging us to proactively engage regarding open space. Also her belief that CCSD has looked at open space lots as hindrances but we should look at them as assets.

3. FACILITIES & RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT (2:38PM)

Mr. Aguirre reported a very busy schedule:

5 days of Milestone herbicide spraying on West Ranch to knock down major rash of thistle.

Advised with significant grass/weed growth F&R will be behind on weed abatements.

Mulching and spreading wood chips on trails on East Ranch.

Thanks to FFRP volunteers for help in lightening F&R workload on West Ranch.

Working on a remediation plan for Santa Rosa Creek.

F&R is 1 tractor down, resulting in some down time; using Utilities old unit to help.

F&R has canceled the restroom cleaning contract and staff will be cleaning the restrooms.

Have started closing restrooms at 6PM and seems to be working fine, no objections so far.

Staff hauled out ice plant from the removal project this past weekend.

Challenges putting up the high school banners on light poles. many of which are missing bars used to hang the banners.

Member Amodei thanked Mgr. Aguirre for efforts in reducing homeless encampments, and there was some discussion about the concrete picnic benches donated by Cal Poly.

4. REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED GROUPS COMMUNITY GROUPS STARTING AT 2:15

FFRP – Kitty Connolly (2:15PM):

Recent annual Wildflower Show brought out approximately 500 people.

Held a thank you event for FFRP Volunteers.

Thanks to Mgr. Aguirre for recent West Ranch thistle spraying.

Kudos to Michael Thomas and team for weekend iceplant removal party.

There will be a "pop up" sales and awareness event at the West Ranch south entrance Saturday.

Have been getting good public feedback on linking boardwalk project.

Skate Cambria – Juli Amodei (2:20PM)

Broad participation in regional skate events

Land Use Permit issued by SLO County; Construction Permit is in process.

Working on the Maintenance Fund. CCSD funding obligations have been reduced to \$137,000 due to the award of \$47,000 in grant funding for the restroom.

Once the Construction Permit is issued, the next step will be RFP for construction.

Dog Park – Shelley Becker (2:30PM)

There is a 6/2, 8 AM -12 noon work party, weeding and clean up event planned at the dog park.

Greenspace – Karin Argano (2:30PM)

Upcoming Speaker Series.

Chinese Temple at Creekside Reserve open for tours during Cambria Historical Society Day, Saturday, May 25.

Live Bat Experience at Creekside Reserve May 30, 6:30-8:30PM.

Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District will begin a fuel reduction project in Strawberry Canyon this summer.

Cambria Forest Committee – Crosby Swartz (2:35PM)

Called attention to the Rancho Marino fuel reduction/fire break project currently underway along Randall and up into Camp Ocean Pines.

5. CONSENT AGENDA (3:10PM)

5.A Consideration to Approve the April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Committee member Bahringer moved to approve the minutes.

Committee member Sutherland seconded the motion.

Motion Passed Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0

6. REGULAR BUSINESS (3:10PM)

6.A Discuss and Update the PROS Goals Progress Report

Chair Thomas introduced the topic, Member Sutherland provided update on the process. We will review the report at each meeting, the Directly Responsible Individuals will provide updates, and an update will be included in the following meeting agenda packet. The Goals matrix was reviewed and revised as follows:

Pending Board approval, Skatepark to be added, with Member Amodei as directly responsible. We will delete the Goals associated with the Burton Drive Walkways and Safe Pedestrian Walkways, based on Board direction.

Committee member Bahringer moved to approve the revised PROS Goals for 2024 and Beyond as described above.

Committee member Amodei seconded the motion

Motion Passed Ayes 5, Nays 0, Abstain 0, Absent 0

6.B Discuss and Consider Ad Hoc Committee Assignments (3:35PM)

Chair Thomas introduced the topic, indicated that no changes needed at this time.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (3:40PM)

Chair Thomas asked for any future agenda items. Request made to agendize monthly Community Park Restroom updates, as well as discussion on what we might be able to put in place in the Community Park prior to completion of the restroom.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 3:46 PM.