



## CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

### MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2024, SPECIAL PROS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A special 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 Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 12:30 PM

#### 1. OPENING

##### 1.A Call to Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM

##### 1.B Establishment of Quorum

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

Staff members present: GM McElhenie and staff member Dodson were present in adjacent room at Vet's Hall for Meet the GM, and stepped in briefly as needed.

Public Present: Juli Amodei, Paula Porter, Gerry Porter, Janet Myers, Dennis Dudzik, Kitty Connolly, Tony Church

Present on Zoom: Jimmy Panetta's Legislative Assistant Diane Zanotti, Bob Kasper, Crosby and Laura Swartz, Harry Farmer

##### 1.C Chair Report

Chair Thomas had nothing to report.

##### 1.D Agenda Review

Chair Thomas asked for any agenda changes. None requested

##### 1.E Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports, 12:33 PM

Community Park Plan – Chair Thomas briefly described the Project Viability Matrix in development, with Sub Committee member Sutherland highlighting some of the criteria and short and long term purpose to evaluate any use/activity proposal for the Park to be assessed for initial viability through the Matrix; Chair Thomas shared that Firma has developed an “as built” map of the Park and a map adding the revised proposed location of the rest room; Chair Thomas shared there's an upcoming on-site gathering with FFRP to propose specific staked boundaries for the Park on the East Ranch.

Signage: No new update from Chair Sutherland

CCSD Vacant Parcels/Open Space: No update from Sub Committee Member Wilson; Ad Hoc Committee to be established by F&R Manager reflecting PROS member, Utilities staff member, Fire Dept staff member, and Fire Safe Focus Group member, with input from community.

**1.F. Committee Member Communications, 12:37 PM**

Kermit Johansson briefly reported, that after looking through the Wallace Group April 2023 Fire Hydrant and CCSD Parcel Atlas Map, there may be opportunities to trade existing properties for other properties that might provide better trail connectivity.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS, 12:40 PM**

Juli Amodei requested update on ordering of the East Ranch Rest Room, as it was not clear to her if it had been ordered. Chairman Thomas indicated to the best of his knowledge GM McElhenie was set to be issuing the PO soon.

**3. FACILITIES & RESOURCES MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report - Mr. Aguirre was not in attendance

**4. BRIEF REPORTS FROM GROUPS WITH ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO PROS WITHIN JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES, 12:43 PM**

FFRP – ED Kitty Connolly reported that intensive volunteer weeding was taking place now; hazardous trees that were removed from trails were chipped and placed on trails; FFRP Board voted to designate funding for the linking boardwalk, previously reviewed and supported by PROS, will be presented to the CCSD Board in April; the Spanish language docent program is coming together with several walks already taking place.

Skate Cambria – Juli Amodei update that the Tony Hawk Foundation grant application for \$25,000 is being re-submitted the end of March, and if received will be allocated for Skate Park maintenance; \$7,000 in private funding was received last month; Several regional skate events such as Skate Safari are upcoming and Skate Cambria will be active and present; They are ready to finish requirements with the County and begin getting permitted.

Cambria Forest Committee – Crosby and Laura Swartz had no updates to report

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**5.A Consideration to Approve the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, 12:49 PM**

Committee member Kniffen moved to approve the minutes.

Committee member Bahringer seconded the motion.

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

## **6. REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **6.A Discuss the Updated CCSD Strategic Plan, 12:51 PM**

Chair Thomas introduced the topic, highlighted some of the key changes to the Strategic Plan, including the addition of a Vision, as well as revised Core Values.

### **6.B Discuss and Update the PROS Goals Progress Report, 12:53 PM**

Chair Thomas introduced the topic and displayed the updated Goals revised following CCSD Board feedback on the matrix Committee Member Sutherland has built. Chair Thomas described the content on the Community Park Plan Goal as an example of how the completed matrix will look and how we will engage the Community on the Plan.

Community Member Crosby Swartz commented on the vagueness of the language in the Open Space/Vacant Parcel Goal about what is to be accomplished end of 2024.

Discussion among Committee members ensued about the process of our role in advising the Board in general and specifically our role in this particular Goal. Chair Thomas reinforced that this Goal is within PROS purview.

Julie Amodei commented that we need to rely more on communications and integration with the County and NCAC to help further our Goals achievement.

Community member Laura Swarz once again submitted that we need to coordinate with the SLO Land Conservancy to establish what we can and can't do with certain affected vacant parcels.

Community Member Dudzik commented that we need to be including maintenance needs and costs in our Goals related to flood risk issues on Santa Rosa Creek due to tree blockage.

At this point, Chairman Thomas suggested that we switch the order of agenda items 6C and 6D.

### **6.D Discuss and Consider a Proposal by the Cambria Rotary for a Peace Garden in the Vets Hall Parking Area, 1:16 PM**

Chair Thomas introduced the topic and Rotary Club members Paula Porter, Gerry Porter and Janet Myers presented the proposal for the picket stake tribute where the existing plaques and peace garden are. The stakes will be high school student designed and painted. The stakes framework is designed to be removed annually and replaced each year with new stakes.

Committee member Sutherland moved to recommend to the CCSD Board for approval.

Committee member Kniffen seconded the motion.

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

### **6.C Discuss and Consider a List of the Most Urgent Pedestrian and Transportation Needs in Cambria, 1:40 PM**

Chair Thomas introduced the topic and displayed the proposed list of priority needs. Lengthy discussion and debate ensued regarding the list itself, what's appropriate to be included, who should be included, role of NCAC, role of the County, and process for moving these forward to the Board, including commentary from GM McElhenie. Various public comment was received from Laura Swartz, Christina Galloway, and Tony Church.

Suggestion was submitted from GM McElhenie that it was acceptable to him for us to develop this list and provide it to him and for him to then work with staff, the County, and whoever is needed and would then make proposals to the CCSD Board for project approvals.

Committee member Sutherland moved to provide the included list to GM McElhenie, removing item #2 related to Lampton Cliffs.

Committee member Bahringer seconded the motion.

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

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Thomas asked for any future agenda items.

Dennis Dudzik asked for clarification of roles and responsibilities on maintenance of parks, recreation & open spaces.

Juli Amodei asked for an update on ordering of the East Ranch Rest Room and updated timeline.

## **8. ADJOURN**

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.

Attachment: PROS List of the Most Urgent Pedestrian and Transportation Needs in Cambria