

**Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission**  
(PROS)  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 7, 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

A quorum was established.

Commissioners present – Commissioners Atencio, Kniffen, Cooper, Renshaw, and Bahringer and Johansson. Lord was absent.

Staff present – General Manager John Weigold, Facilities & Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, and Deputy District Clerk Haley Dodson.

C. CHAIR REPORT: No report

**2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS:**

A. Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report was as follows : Boundary survey is complete, considering our options about incursions. Greeters on the Ranch for July 4, like Memorial Day. Number of visitors down in July, many more mask wearers. Memorial Day averaged 81 visitors/hour on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> average 68 visitors/hour. FFRP commissioned a report by **James Allen** to review forest projects since 2014, with an emphasis on 2019 work. The report was based on in-

complete information and contained inaccuracies, so we asked CCSD and SLO Fire Safe Council to comment on it. With FFRP's review, there are more than 100 annotations to the report. Printed copies are available from FFRP for the cost of reproduction (\$16). A **Fawn was attacked** on the Ranch Saturday by an off-leash dog. The attack was witnessed by a neighbor who called CA Fish & Wildlife who took the fawn to Pacific Wildlife Care. The last I heard the fawn was still alive. Carlos has posted new permanent signs on the Ranch with the leash law. My hope is that over time fewer and fewer people will allow their dogs off leash on the Ranch.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: Public Comment was as follows:** Cyrus, a 15 year student ,from Coast Union, spoke eloquently about the need for the skate park for our youth in the town. He and his mother are willing to spear head this effort, but need direction. Cyrus wondered why the skate park was taken down? Commissioner Johansson answered that question with the following: It was unsafe and needed to be removed. As a commission, we did not realize that any of our youth cared. We reached out, but heard nothing back. It will take about \$300,000 to replace it. Cyrus then said that he could vouch for about 30-40 Kids and families who would like and need it to be replaced.

Another member of the public offered his opinion. Michael Campo said that he didn't understand why this had happened. He said there is strong support in the community for the skate park. Over 1,100 people have signed a petition saying just that. He was very angry about the fact it was taken down and not just repaired.

**The Commission has not seen this petition.**

Commissioner Cooper emphasized that if the youth and their families got behind this project and spearheaded the effort it might bring community financial support. That way the youth would own the project and take care of the skate park because they had a part in getting it accomplished. Commissioner Kniffen weighed in that we are willing to help but they need to form a Committee to make a plan and begin fund raising. Commissioner Kniffen is willing to meet with them and help them get on their way to getting a skate park. He assured them that PROS was all for a skate Park, if the need is there.

Commissioner Cooper added that a "Go Fund Me " project might work.

Another member of the public spoke in favor of the project, Paul Nugent.

Cyrus and his mother are going to be at the skate park area on Friday July 10th from 2-3 taking petition signers and talking up fund raising. Commissioners Kniffen and Cooper will attend this meeting too.

4. **FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR report: Carlos Mendoza was as follows:**

He thanked FFRP for the volunteers on the Ranch Memorial day and 4th of July. He had mowed the fire breaks for fire protection.

Another beautiful Bench is being installed near the Trenton Entrance to the Ranch . It was built by Will Scroggins. Given to us by DAOU Vineyards  
New signs have been placed at the Entrances to the Ranch. They stress the habitat and rules of the Ranch. Weed abatement is taking place on CCSD lots. Once again a thank you to Harvey's honey Huts for maintenance of the facility for the homeless at Cambria Drive and Highway one. The bike share program of the Chamber has ended as the company has gone bankrupt . The racks are available at the CCSD facility yard and the bikes have been distributed to other racks.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)**

A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2020

Commissioner Atencio moved to approve the June 2, 2020 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion.

All approved.

6. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Discussion of the Closure of Piney Way Access to Fiscalini Ranch: **No new news on Piney Way. We are waiting on guidance from the fire chief.**

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Discussion on the Skate Park will continue. Pros has \$17,000 in budget from CCSD and \$3,000 to hire a grant writer. Carlos is pursuing getting the grant writer.
  
8. **ADJOURned :** Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.