

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission

(PROS)

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - 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.

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

Staff Present – General Manager John Weigold absent, Facilities and Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza, Board Secretary Ossana Terterian were present.

C. CHAIR REPORT: None

- D. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS:** Julie Amodei's report was as follows:
An update on the Skate park was given by Juli Amodei. A Capital Campaign is about to be undertaken to fund the Skate Park. A major fundraising event will take place at Vets Hall on March 12, 2022. Ray Dienzo added that the permit application is under way.
Kitty Connolly's Director of FFRP report for PROS was as follows:

Docent Walks

Brian Morgan led two walks in December and we have another four planned for January, largely focused on winter on the Ranch.

Ranch

Invasive species: West Coast Tree Service hauled away the ice plant that had been pulled by volunteers from Santa Cruz and the Sierra Club.

Trails: Before the December rains, volunteers added erosion control features, improved existing features, and graded several major trails to make them safer for visitors and locals.

Foraging: Members of the public have been illegally foraging on the Ranch. My next CambriaCA piece will address this issue. The Management Plan specifically forbids foraging on the Ranch in any form.

2021

2021 was a very productive year for FFRP, with more ice plant removed than ever, many acres of forest treated for disease and storm recovery, and educational programs returning.

Volunteers put in 3,050 hours between January and November (2,000 directly on the Ranch). I

don't have December's hours yet. I want to thank Carlos Mendoza, Alberto Novas, and Martin Garcia for being such inspiring and collaborative partners.

E. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS: None

F. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

2. FACILITIES AND RESOURCES SUPERVISOR

The Facilities and Resource Supervisors , Carlos Mendoza's report was as follows:

- * The recent rains brought some trees down on the Ranch on the forest loop trail and Santa Rosa Trail. However, no trails were closed for long periods during the clean up.
- * Part of the beloved Cambria sign on the East Ranch was damaged during the last rains and the Chamber has hired a contractor to repair it. He is waiting for the site to dry out so that he can drive his truck on it. The sign will then be repaired.
- * There was some damage to trees on the CCSD lots. An 8 inch tree fell on the side of a house damaging a gutter. The gutter has been repaired. Three trees have been flagged behind a house on Romney. They are waiting for approval from the County to be able to remove them. The Fire Department called in about some trees ready to fall on their station. Since a storm was on its way the trees were removed that day.
- * Several projects were accomplished during the past several weeks eg. upper cabinets at Facilities and Resources headquarters were finished, furniture bought for office, water heater replaced.
- * The water department moved a damaged water line on the East ranch. The line was put on the side of the bridge that connects Main Street and the East Ranch. The bridge is now reopened and is in very good shape after the contractor finished the work.
- * A street light, across from Red Wood Center was knocked down by a hit and run driver.
- * There is a wonderful piece in the Tribune on all the work that was done on the Ranch after last years storm.

3. CONSENT AGENDA (Estimated time: 15 Minutes)

A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on December 7, 2021

Commissioner Bahringer moved to approve the December 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Commissioner Atencio seconded the motion.

All approved.

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Consideration of 2022 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission Meeting Dates: The Dates were unanimously

approved after motion made by Commissioner Renshaw and
Seconded by Commissioner Bahringer.

- B. Discussion Regarding Trails, Bikes and Hiking:
Commissioner Johansson brought our attention to a map from the Master Plan that has designated bike trails. He feels we need to put the bike trails on a future agenda. The Commissioners were in agreement.
- C. Receive Update on the Cambria Skatepark:
See Julie's and Ray's report above.
- D. Receive Update on the East Ranch Restroom Project
An update was given by Ray Dienzo on the East Ranch Bathroom. They are moving forward with the construction documents. Monty Soto, from Civil Design is helping work on the construction documents. They have submitted the grant application for Prop 68.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Commissioner Kniffen asked for any future agenda items. Discuss the status of Commissioner Lord and perhaps an alternate member to take her place. Keep these issues on agenda for next time: Update on skate park and bathroom on East ranch. Add Bike trails to agenda.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.