

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) COMMISSIONERS
June 5, 2012 – Veterans Memorial Building

1A. Commission Chair Steve Kniffen called meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Present: PROS Commissioners Jeff Miller, Tim Roche, Joyce Renshaw and Chair Steve Kniffen

Absent: Ben Bouldin

Parks & Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Gail Robinette

CCSD Staff: Jerry Gruber, Kathy Choate and Carlos Mendoza

Ex Officio Members: FFRP – JoEllen Butler, CUSD Lee Wight excused absence

Guests: Susan McDonald, Linda Finley, Kathleen Jones

1B. Established quorum of four commissioners present.

1C. Chair Report – Chair Kniffen provided a statement.

2. Ex-Officio Member Reports

1. Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) – JoEllen Butler reported on a replaced bench on Ranch built by Gil Eastman and Richard Lee. A new donor bench has been placed on ridge of Ranch towards North edge of forest off Victoria. Weed abatement is underway for the season. Conservation easement monitoring commences this month.

2. Coast Unified School District – no report.

3. Public Comment –

Mahala Burton, Cambria. Posed question: have Ranch Management plan amendments started?

4. Regular Business

4A. Consideration to make recommendation to CCSD Board of Directors regarding equestrian project proposal received April 3, 2012 from Susan McDonald, Kathleen Jones, and Linda Finley. Commissioner Chair Kniffen introduced the item. Full Commission discussion followed regarding creek issues, trucks, trailers, vehicles on Fiscalini Ranch, and “facility”; all issues of concern related to the Equestrian Proposal and whether a more specific written proposal would be feasible. Jo Ellen Butler commented on formal process to amend the Ranch Management Plan. Commissioner Renshaw cited directly from the Management Plan pages pertaining to equestrian use and restrictions on the Fiscalini Ranch. The Management Plan is restrictive, allowing permitted group rides on the Ranch three or four times per year (original intent of restricted use in Management Plan). Further discussion followed regarding status of Ranch Management Plan and County process as it relates to EIR and permits.

Public Comments were made by: Mahala Burton, Tina Dickason, Wayne Ryburn, Jim Ellman, Jeff Hellman, Laura Edwards Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (RCD), Susan McDonald, and Anne Winburn.

Commissioner Miller moved that horse use of Fiscalini Ranch complies with what is in the current Ranch Management Plan and no additional use and/or ideas will be passed on to the CCSD Board of Directors at this time. Commissioner Renshaw seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 4, No – 0, Absent – 1(Bouldin)

Board Liaison Robinette expressed appreciation for all those attending today's meeting and encouraged anyone with creative ideas to support the efforts of the equestrian group and to share them with one another.

- 4B. Approve Minutes of Commissioners Meetings, March 28 special meeting and April 3 regular meeting, 2012

Commissioner Renshaw moved to approve. Commissioner Roche seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ayes – 4, No – 0, Absent – 1

- 4C. Receive SLOPOST (SLO Parks Open Space & Trails) Foundation update. Commissioner Roche reported on SLOPOST activities and grants offered for community projects; i.e., dog parks, connector trail at Lopez Lake that includes equestrian, biking, and walking. It is possible grants are available to assist with administration of CCSD community park. Develop and submit a proposal and bring in SLOPOST for an expert opinion. Sherwood Dog Park in Paso borrowed \$50,000 to be repaid over 10 years. SLOPOST can provide the types of grant people CCSD could apply to.
5. CCSD Parks & Recreation Manager's Report – Jerry Gruber
- 5A. Status Update on Fiscalini Ranch Master Plan.
General Manager Gruber commented on April 19, 2012 firma letter regarding Fiscalini Ranch Preserve Master Development Plan and April 20, 2012 Department of Transportation letter regarding Fiscalini Ranch Conditional Use Permit application and access issues. Jo Ellen Butler and Carlos Mendoza met with County staff, Firma, and CalTrans representatives to identify and work through access issues. A tentative hearing date in August is being planned for the Fiscalini Ranch Master Development Permit.
6. Ranch Manager's Report – Carlos Mendoza
- 6A. Update on Skate Park – Carlos reported on positive talks regarding contract agreement with American Legion for Skateboard Park. Maintenance work continues.
- 6B. Update on Moonstone Beach Drive Connector Trail – Carlos reported the Trail is complete and ribbon cutting ceremony to be planned. The weeds need to be cleared

and volunteers are planning to plant the area in preparation of ribbon cutting. Will signage be considered?

7. Comments, Concerns, Other Future Discussion Items

Commissioner Roche summarized drawings proposed for dog park location on Fiscalini Ranch. Discussion followed regarding access road to the Fiscalini Ranch dog park location. An estimate of \$15/per cubic yard for decomposed granite was given. Commissioner Renshaw has a recent County estimate from Public Works and will provide to the Commission. Discussion followed regarding relocation of water yard, County yard, and general esthetic improvements to the area in developing the Community Park area. A discussion of 2012/2013 CCSD budget followed regarding timeline and expenses related to starting and completing an improved road. It is currently unbudgeted and not a priority in next year's fiscal budget. The User Fee Schedule set for introduction to the CCSD Board in June 2012 may bear out some funding at mid-year budget review. It could be reviewed at that time for any adjustments that may be feasible dependent on user fees collected from use of CCSD facilities.

Commissioner Miller accepted a position with the City of Sedona as of July 9, 2012 and has submitted his letter of resignation to the PROS Commission as he will be moving out of the area. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Commission.

8. Commission Chair Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 12:11 PM.

Next PROS Regular Meeting: August 7, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main Street, Cambria