



## **Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission** (PROS)

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - 10:00 AM

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. OPENING**

- A. CALL TO ORDER by Chair Commissioner Kniffen
- B. ESTABLISH QUORUM :Present Commissioners Atencio, Johannsen, Lord and Renshaw. Alternates Comissioners Cooper and Bahringer were also present
- C. CHAIR REPORT: None

#### **2. EX - OFFICIO REPORTS**

- A. Jo Ellen Butler to Provide a Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Report : JoEllen's update for PROS was the following: 1.12 students from The College Preparatory school in Oakland pulled and removed ice plant on the Ranch for three hours making room for Native Plants to grow near the Schmidt bench along the Bluff Trail. They were joined by 5 FFRP volunteers. You will see piles of ice plant drying so it will weigh less then it can be moved easier. This group of students visits the coast each year to explore, have fun and be of service in between terms. 2. Sale at Centrally Grown. Daou Winery is selling off almost everything with the proceeds going to the Ranch. The sale is Saturday, March 9th from 9am til 1pm. FFRP volunteers will be handling sales.Daou will provide coffee, snacks and wine. They want to meet their neighbors as well as benefit the Ranch. 3. Americorps Volunteers April 6and7: Saturday April 6th -30 volunteers will remove downed and dead material from the forest floor near the Owl's roost bench. On Saturday April 7th they will remove invasive and plant natives along Santa Rosa Creek in an area where eucalyptus was removed years ago.They planted natives then and this will be a succession planting for the area. Americorps is doing this as part of their watershed improvement program. They will recruit volunteers, but could use help from the Community. So please join us! FFRP volunteers will be helping. Snacks, water and honey -huts will be provided. 4. 14th Annual Wildflower Show- April 13 and 14th at Vet's Hall.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: None**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Cambrians for Aquatics Update : None

**5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2019: We somehow skipped this item on Agenda. We will have to do it next month.

B. Discussion and Consideration Regarding Action on the Schoolhouse: At the PROS meeting we were given the following document from the Historical Society and asked to recommend the 3 items on the bottom.

**To:** PROS Commission/ March 5, 2019

**Subject:** The Cambria Historical Society (CHS) is here to ask your Commission to consider a number of recommendations to the CCSD Board of Directors in regard to the relocation of the Santa Rosa Schoolhouse from 880 Main to CCSD's parcel 013-151-045 (the "Old Dog Park").

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the CHS met with the Bahrings to hear what sort of project would be acceptable to them and how they might be willing to work with CCSD in amending the parcel's recorded covenant. Their idea of the project meshed well with ours.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, members of the Historical Society and our architect/consultant Brent Berry met at County Planning with planners and representatives from Public Works and the Building sector of the planning department to determine how they view our proposal to relocate to this property, should the CCSD approve. In summary, they were all very positive about this location as related to a number of factors. As it is not in ESHA (Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area) and is out of the mapped flood plain, they are able to make a ministerial decision to allow for placement and use of the Schoolhouse on this site. Application would be made directly for a building permit, not a Minor Use Permit, once geological, biological and archaeological studies were completed. They require a description from CHS of projected use, as well as definitive plans showing the physical project, and will accept a phased approach with a time line of expected stages. Such a streamlined permitting process would actually allow us to build a foundation and move the building onto it this year, if CCSD should choose to make the site available. Good funding and good weather could allow for additional work (on the access drive, yard fencing, water and sewer connection, restroom, structure renovations) into the fall, or it could be pushed to spring of next year. We could be welcoming folks in the door by late spring or early summer!

We are asking that you recommend:

- 1) that the CCSD Board reaffirm their January 17<sup>th</sup> direction to staff to work with parties to the parcel's recorded covenant and with CHS representatives, negotiating

amendments to allow for storage of the Schoolhouse on that property (consistent with all county of San Luis Obispo requirements for movement and storage of the building), and to allow for more long-term fixed use of the Schoolhouse as a public museum on that property; and

- 2) that the CCSD Board approve a long-term lease for such use, subject to negotiations and advice of counsel; and
- 3) that the CCSD Board ask staff to work with CHS to determine water and sewer allocation in compliance with the District's municipal code. In our reading of the code, there are options in this regard. Thank you. Laurel Stewart, CHS

After much discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Atenco and seconded by Commissioner Johanssen that we recommend to the CCSD the three items on their presentation, with the Caveat that the PROS Commission be allowed to revisit their proposal as their plan progresses.

C. Discussion and Consideration Regarding Workshop on Phase #2 East Ranch: A discussion was held about placement of restrooms, play equipment, picnic tables and landscaping. We looked at a large map that was provided by Carlos from Firma that showed the proposed and approved plans for the East Ranch and at some of the plans that Commissioner Johanssen provided from Firma and found that most of these things had been placed by the firm on the map and have already been approved by the County. The big question, of course, is money to accomplish the intent of the plans. We have \$20,000 in the budget for whatever use we direct it. We will lose it June 31st, if we do not spend it. The County has already said before we do anything else on the East Ranch, we must provide Rest rooms. A discussion followed if the toilets, would be dry or wet? Alternate Commissioner Jim Bahringer reported that the County has said that the issue of wet restrooms can be mitigated. There is a well in Carlos office that is non potable water which could be used? Commissioner Johanssen recommended that we look into prefab restrooms and will bring some brochures to share at the next meeting. Check out this website for pre fabs <https://www.alanprefab.com> A discussion on the playing fields was put off until a later date. Landscaping plants was put on FFRP's agenda for some later date.

**Carlos reminded us whatever we decide to do he has no staff to facilitate the decision.**

## **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: East Ranch plans Continued**

**7. ADJOURNed : at 11:40**