

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MINUTES OF PROS (Parks Recreation and Open Space) COMMISSIONERS
August 7, 2012 – Veterans Memorial Building

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

Present: PROS Commissioners Ben Bouldin, Tim Roche, Joyce Renshaw and Chair Steve Kniffen

Parks & Recreation Liaison & CCSD Board: Gail Robinette

CCSD Staff: District Clerk Kathy Choate and Facilities Resources Supervisor Carlos Mendoza

Ex Officio Members: FFRP – JoEllen Butler

Absent: General Manager Gruber (excused absence), CUSD Lee Wight

Guests: None

1B. Established quorum of four commissioners present.

1C. Chair Report – Chair Kniffen reported no report.

1.D. **Commissioner Renshaw moved to appoint Ben Bouldin as PROS Commissioner Vice Chair. Commissioner Roche seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ayes – 4, Absent – 0 Vacant – 1 (former Commissioner Miller)**

2. Ex-Officio Member Reports

1. Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) – JoEllen Butler reported on invasive species weed abatement. August 22 will kick off the erosion control project. The Kitchen Tour was successful. Jo Ellen spoke with Kerry Brown, County Planner regarding Fiscalini Ranch MEIR, the hearing is scheduled for September 13 before the SLO Planning Commission. Marian King and Jo Ellen meet Wednesday, August 8 with Kerry regarding trail maintenance, parking on the West Ranch and overall history of the MEIR. County missed scheduling the August 16th hearing date that had been anticipated. Further discussion followed regarding status of MEIR and County process as it relates to EIR and permits.

Jo Ellen commented on recent reports of broken tree branches resulting from equestrian use on the Ranch. Carlos has installed signs designating multi-use paths that include equestrian use. PROS Commission discussion followed regarding trail use, cleaning up behind one's horses, and parking for equestrian purposes. Carlos reported groups of locals ride everyday (permitted), have signed waivers of liability, and carry the proper bags and scoopers to clean up after themselves. The weekend riders are being educated and there have been riders nearly every weekend this summer.

2. Coast Unified School District – no report.

3. Public Comment – None
4. Regular Business
- 4A. **Commissioner Renshaw moved to approve the June 5, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Roche seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes – 4, Absent – 0 Vacant – 1 (former Commissioner Miller)**
- 4B. Commissioner Roche provided a report on SLOPOST activity to secure a grant in the amount of \$2,000 to use toward dog park improvements; specifically the parking lot repairs. Pinedorado is approaching and the parking of large trucks impact the parking lot. Repairs are estimated from \$9,000 to \$16,000. Requested General Manager investigates solutions with County regarding repair of apron, potholes, and other issues.
- 4C. Commissioner Bouldin moved to appoint Commissioner Renshaw and Commissioner Roche as Ad Hoc Committee to Interview Applications for appointment to PROS Commission to fill unexpired term of former Commissioner Miller through December 31, 2012. Commissioner Chair Kniffen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. **Ayes – 4, Absent – 0 Vacant – 1 (former Commissioner Miller)**
5. CCSD Parks & Recreation Manager's Report – No report.
6. Ranch Manager's Report – Carlos Mendoza
- 6A. Update on Skate Park – Ranch Manager Mendoza provided a written report, highlighting repairs completed to date and recent youth efforts to raise \$3,000 of the \$6,000 needed to finish the repairs to the Skate Park.
- 6B. Update on Moonstone Beach Drive Connector Trail – Carlos reported the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 3:00 PM with attendees to include California Coastal Trail (CCT) Hannah Faire Scott CCT Programs Manager, Stephanie Picard-Colomb Volunteer and Events Project Assistant, SLO County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, PROS Commissioners, Trails Committee, and California Conservation Corps. The public is invited to attend. The Trail will be added to the California Coastal Trail System and completes the Cross Town Trail within the community of Cambria. A meeting is to be scheduled with Commissioner Chair, PROS liaison, Jerry Gruber, and Kathy Choate regarding logistics prior to August 15. The owner of El Colibri Motel has been most cooperative throughout the construction.
- 6C. Update on Fiscalini Ranch Master Plan
Carlos Mendoza reported David Foote, FIRMA consultant is working with County to schedule a hearing soon on the Fiscalini Ranch Master Plan Conditional Development Permit.

7. Comments, Concerns, Other Future Discussion Items

Chair Kniffen addressed the concern over the trail section that is closed down (runs down Burton Street and crosses at a cross walk at Eton); this runs between the Cambria Lodge and the Junior High School. The Cambria Lodge closed down the trail section and the question was posed whether it belongs to the Lodge or is it an easement that is County property? From the Lodge to the crosswalk could use attention due to safety issues. There is worry that children on the way to school do not have a place to walk, except in the street from the Lodge on Burton to the cross walk on Eton. Commissioner Renshaw will take this item to the traffic committee of NCAC and report back to PROS in October.

Carlos reported the erosion control project will commence mid-month and completion is planned for one month from commencement of project. US Fish & Wildlife funded \$60,000 for the initial project. CCSD will be responsible for maintenance going forward. Friends of Fiscalini Ranch are proactive with invasive removal and willow monitoring.

Carlos reported a small fire that damaged a bench on the Bluff Trail that was quickly extinguished.

8. Commissioner Kniffen adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Next PROS Regular Meeting: October 2, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main Street, Cambria