



REGIONAL PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
C. V. Starr Community Center
300 South Lincoln Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Wednesday, April 4, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Minutes

1.0. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 11:08 a.m.
- Committee members present: Bob Bushansky, Sarah Huff, John Huff
- Committee members absent: None

2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Items to be removed from or changes to the agenda should be done at this time

- Agenda was adopted with no changes
- M/S/C: Bushansky/Huff/Unanimous

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

A maximum of 3 minutes is reserved for members of the public to address the Board on items not listed on the agenda and a total time for public input on a particular issue is limited to 20 minutes (Government Code 54954.3). The Board is prohibited from discussion or taking action on matters not on the agenda, but may briefly respond or ask a question for clarification (Government Code 54954.2).

- None

4.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION

4.1 State of California, OHV Planning and Restoration Grant Program & Projects

A. Financial Report

- Jill Rexrode provided the committee with a financial statement and outlined current grant expenses. The beginning balance for the 2017 OHV Planning Grant was \$127, 719.98. To date, expenses are in the amount of \$41,728.76, leaving an account balance of \$86,091.22.
- Bob Bushanky was happy with the financial statement format.

B. 2018 OHV Planning Grant Application

- Development of Stakeholders Committee
 - Dan Keyes provided an update on this process and reported many responses have been received since the date of publication and most responses seem to be those that have not indicated opposition to the proposed project. Letters of Interest are being accepted until Friday, April 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

C. 2017 OHV Planning Grant

- Work Funded by Sign
 - Sarah Huff will send the sign specifications to Dan via email.
- Economic Feasibility Study
 - Dan Keyes reported the project was on track and we are expecting a bi weekly report from the consultant this week.

- Bob Bushanky said a positive EFS report should draw support from the business community as many facets of the current local economy are now in decline.
- CEQA Compliance Project
 - Sarah Huff reported the project was on track and that she and other volunteers spent nearly 40 hours this last weekend out at the Regional Park Property only to find new garbage dumps sites. The dumping however seems to be occurring in smaller amounts which she speculates is not the result of incoming trucks but possibly trespassers. She also spoke of continuing law enforcement issues related to trespassing and of finding an abandoned dirt bike on one of the trails. The Sheriff Department was contacted. She expressed concern about the on-going illegal activity. The trails map is being updated. She has forwarded information received by the Native Plant Society to MIG for review which indicates that 70% of the Regional Park Property consists of protected Pygmy and Bishop Pine.
 - Bob Bushansky reiterated his experience in Albion while conducting a Strategic Planning meeting and spoke of the number of participants who were opposed to the OHV Park Project. He asked, "Where are the people who support such a proposal?"
 - Sarah Huff responded by saying that she was currently working on this
 - Jill Rexrode spoke of an influential person within the community who happens to be in support of the proposed project and whose active participation would be beneficial.
 - Bob Bushanky spoke in regards to the importance of a positive public relations effort and emphasized the obligation by the Board to be financially responsible.
 - John Huff responded by saying, Pygmy does not have protected status and went onto describe the official levels of sensitivity for plant species. He reported that the property actually doesn't have Bishop Pine and consists primarily of Cypress which is not protected.
 - Bob Bushansky discussed public relation efforts and the need to demonstrate the truth and asked Sarah if the grant pays for public relation efforts.
 - Sarah Huff responded by saying, yes the grant will pay for public relations efforts and informed the committee that CRA is more than willing to provide tours of the property so people can see the damage for themselves
 - Sarah Huff reported that Cal Fire is in support of the proposed project and discussed complaints in regards to future fence and how this will impede the migration of animals.
 - John Huff talked about finding expended shotgun shell casings on the property.
 - Sarah Huff informed the committee that an illegal trail has been discovered which leads right to the backyard of one of the adjacent neighbors.
 - Sarah Huff had had a phone call with Sixto Fernandez on Monday, April 2 in regards to the negative comments being received.
 - Bob Bushanky expressed concerns in regards to the capacity and capability of State Parks.
 - Sarah Huff contributed the current level of response and timeliness to the States computerized financial system.

- Dan Keyes provided an account of similar issues related to the Boating and Waterways Grant.
- Bob Bushansky discussed the documents requested by the State as it relates to the District's filing for Chapter 9.
- Sarah Huff provided an update regarding EIR NOP responses and is currently mapping those that have responded.
- Sarah Huff discussed an adjacent neighbor's reaction to the dirt bike instructor's course held this last weekend out at the park this last weekend and were surprised to learn the neighbors reported hearing nothing as the bikes used created very low decibel readings.
- John Huff would like to obtain a burn permit to get rid of Scotch Broom and Pompous Grass.
- Sarah Huff said that getting rid of these two invasive species will also reduce places for trespassers to hide.
- Grant Reallocation Request
 - Sarah Huff reported that she has not yet received a response from the State and will contact the Grant Administrator again to obtain an update on the progress.

D. 2017 OHV Restoration Grant

- Funding
 - Sarah Huff reported no further movement in regards to receiving funding.
- Regional Park Access Control Project
 - No forward progress until funding has been received.
- Legal Review
 - Dan Keyes recited his conversation with Attorney, Edmond Pablicki from Monday, April 2, 2018. At this time Mr. Pablicki is in the process of preparing a written report on his findings and recommendation. The report should be received by MCRPD by Friday, April 6, 2018. The essence of the report will be to nullify the existing contract award and move forward with a two-part Design Build sealed bid process. It is expected for Edmond Pablicki and Jim Jackson to phone conference prior to any further action being taken.

4.2 State of California, 2017 Cal Recycle Grant Program & Projects

- Notice of Award
 - Sarah Huff reported no grant awards have yet been made.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

*Minutes recorded and submitted by Danny L. Keyes, District Administrator MCRPD/CV Starr Community Center.