

MINUTES NO. 191
PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2002 7:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting
Town Council Chambers
1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lindqvist called the regular meeting of the Parks & Open Space Commission to order at 7:35 P.M., Tuesday, February 12, 2002, in the Town Council Chambers, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Canter, Fraser, Lindqvist and Zender

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Burgin

EX-OFFICIO: Town Engineer Echols

B. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were none.

C. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFING

There was none.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of January 8, 2002 (No. 190) the following changes submitted:

- a. Page 2, third paragraph, line 2, replace "looks down on" with "is lower than"
- b. Page 3, fifth paragraph, correct spelling of "Canter"
- c. Page 4, fourth paragraph to read "Canter asked why the marsh plants shown on the Greenwood Beach Road drainage project plan have not yet been planted."

M/S Lindqvist/Fraser (4-0) to approve the Minutes No. 190 as amended.

E. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Staff Report re 1920 Paradise Drive (Donahue Bldg) proposal to erect an historic flagpole adjacent to the Railroad-Ferry Museum in Shoreline Park (Brian Lynch, Associate Planner)

Phil Cassou of the Tiburon-Belvedere Landmark Society gave a brief presentation of the flagpole proposal. He explained that the flagpole height and design will be in keeping with the surroundings.

Commissioner Fraser commented that he likes the idea that the flagpole will bring back some of the rich history of Tiburon. He expressed concern that the pole base might be an obstruction on the sidewalk.

Cassou responded that many local flagpole installations had been researched and that the base of this pole would be flush with the adjacent grade. Cassou concluded his presentation with information about the hours that the flag would be flown (open museum hours: Wednesdays and Sundays from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Daylight Savings Time).

M/S Lindqvist/Canter (4-0) to accept proposal to erect an historic flagpole adjacent to the Railroad Ferry Museum in Shoreline Park

2. Staff Report re proposed modifications to berm adjacent to Greenwood Beach Road drainage channel (Pat Echols)

Town Engineer Echols recapped the development history of the berm and other landscaping issues arising from the drainage project adjacent to the property of Bruce Abbott at Greenwood Beach Road. He reported that according to Town records and Staff testament, there is no obligation to Mr. Abbott to recreate any previous landscaping. However, there is Town precedent in the examples of the Belvedere Drainage Project and the Reed School Eucalyptus trees that after a major project, replanting to provide pre-existing landscaping is acceptable where reasonable and practical.

Echols referred to an aerial view of Blackie's Pasture dating from 1997 that shows an array of mature foliage around the area in question. Echols presented his proposal to lower the berm by half and for replanting to be limited to about one third of the original planting in order to accommodate the view of the Bay from the parking lot. Echols made recommendations for drought tolerant plants with a growth height limit of six feet.

Commissioner Fraser agreed that the Staff recommendation has merit. Discussion ensued regarding specifics of shaving down the berm.

M/S Canter/Fraser (4-0) to follow Staff recommendation to lower berm with a taper toward the Bayside edge and to approve plantings in the area illustrated by Exhibit A.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report on Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting of January 22, 2002 (Jim Fraser)

Commissioner Fraser reported on the recent Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting which was the first meeting since November 1999. A draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan authored by Dan Watrous, Tiburon Staff Senior Planner, has been sent to the California State Department of Transportation for review and approval. The Plan is a prerequisite to apply for funding from the State for bicycle and pedestrian projects and improvements. BPAC intends to meet every four to six weeks to keep the necessary processes in motion. At the next meeting on February 26, 2002, Debbie Hubsmith from the Marin County Bicycle Coalition will speak about her extensive experience with applying for funding from Cal Trans. The agenda will also include setting priorities and a timeline to work with Cal Trans. Fraser offered to provide more information at future POSC meetings.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Acknowledgement of the letter dated 01/29/02 from DPW Superintendent, Tony Iacopi, regarding Boy Scout volunteers for Coastal Clean-up

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

HELEN LINDQVIST, CHAIR
Parks & Open Space Commission

ATTEST:

PAT ECHOLS, SECRETARY

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