

MINUTES NO. 192
PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
MARCH 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 7:33 P.M., Tuesday, March 12, 2002, in the Town Council Chambers, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California.

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Burgin, Canter, Fraser, Lindqvist and Zender

ABSENT: NONE

EX-OFFICIO: Town Engineer/Public Works Director Echols

II. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were none.

III. STAFF AND COMMISSION BRIEFING

Director Echols noted late correspondence regarding invasive plants on Town open space.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of February 12, 2002 (No. 191) the following changes submitted:

1. Page 2, third paragraph, line 3, replace "Wednesdays through Sundays" with "Wednesdays and Sundays"

M/S Zender/Fraser (5-0) to approve the Minutes No. 191 as amended.

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Presentation of modified re-vegetation plans for berm in Blackie's Pasture along Tiburon Boulevard. Exhibit A includes: Planting plan, irrigation plan and detail sheet (Ralph Alexander, Larry Smith)

Larry Smith of the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation gave an overview of the process which led to the final plans for landscaping modifications to various portions of Blackie's Pasture. He then introduced landscape architect Ralph Alexander (Alexander & Associates, Novato), who presented the landscaping details for the berm along Tiburon Boulevard and the Blackie's Grove improvements.

Commissioner Canter asked for details about the berm along Brunini Way and if it could be relocated closer to the paved path to discourage motorists from parking their vehicles alongside it. Chair Lindqvist mentioned that the Sanitary District had plans to widen the turnout. Director Echols and Mr. Alexander indicated that a pre-construction meeting would be held with all parties to work out details. Chair Lindqvist asked if any drainage improvements would be incorporated. Alexander indicated none were planned but that he and Echols could discuss possible drains through the berm or regrading the surrounding area to provide positive drainage along the path toward Shapiro Bridge.

Canter expressed concern about the Town's water consumption and that, according to Public Works, the Town was at Tier 3 usage levels already. Discussion ensued about water needs and Echols was asked to try to get additional allocations from MMWD. Mr. Smith mentioned efforts that the Foundation is exploring to develop a reclaimed water treatment and distribution system for landscape irrigation.

Chair Lindqvist asked what would become of the plants/trees removed from the berm adjacent to Tiburon Blvd. Alexander indicated that many were in poor condition and would likely not survive transplantation. He said that any salvageable plants would be retained for use by others. Lindqvist also asked about the aloes beneath the tree grove closest to the parking lot. Alexander responded that they would be left in place.

Chair Lindqvist solicited public input. Bruce Abbott, a Greenwood Beach Road resident asked what would become of the berm near the new drainage channel. Director Echols indicated that the berm would be lowered and tapered, with new plantings on the northern half (toward the parking lot).

Chair Lindqvist also mentioned that she had observed composting activities in the vicinity of the Cottonwood tree. Smith indicated that these were volunteers and they had been conducting the composting for several years. Smith will work with volunteers to identify an alternate site for composting.

M/S Canter/Burgin (5-0) to support the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation's plans for 'Blackie's Grove' conditioned that there is coordination with Public Works and the Sanitary District regarding the grading details pursuant to comments presented.

VI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Report on Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting of February 26, 2002 with Debbie Hubsmith from the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (Jim Fraser)

Commissioner Fraser indicated that the meeting was enthusiastically attended (since it had been almost two years since their last meeting). The BPAC received a great deal of information from Ms. Hubsmith about state and federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Fraser said the group plans to meet monthly and begin to develop priorities and identify funding opportunities while Caltrans is reviewing the Town's bicycle/pedestrian master plan. Director Echols gave a brief summary of Town staff efforts to secure funds for the multi-use path and Pine Terrace path improvements. Echols advised that the Town had received a \$60,000 Bay Trail grant to study the feasibility and preliminary design of path improvements on Trestle Glen Blvd. Fraser indicated that Director Echols would also be attending the April BPAC meeting.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Acknowledgement of the letter dated 03/07/02 from DPW Superintendent, Tony Iacopi, recognizing the volunteer work of Boy Scout Troop 48 on the Coastal Clean-up project.**
- B. Acknowledgement of the letter dated 02/15/02 from Tiburon resident, Eva Buxton, to Chair Lindqvist regarding "Invasive Plant Species on Tiburon Open Space: The Peninsula Middle Ridge."**

Chair Lindqvist asked the Commission and Town staff for suggestions on how to approach the issue of invasive plants (particularly broom) on Town open space between Hacienda and Gilmartin. Director Echols noted an Ark newspaper article about a March 9 volunteer effort sponsored by the Marin County Open Space District on Ring Mountain to remove invasive plants. Echols suggested that a similar volunteer event be developed by the Town. Local media could be approached for publicity. Outside funding sources (grants, etc.) should also be pursued. Echols indicated that staff is always on the lookout for grant opportunities.

Commissioner Cantor mentioned that the Commission had discussed amending their meeting schedule frequency several times in the past year. She recommended that, given that there has been only one business item on the past several agendas, that meetings be held only when there were sufficient agenda items to justify holding the meeting. Commissioners discussed the matter and agreed that, in the absence of more than one business item (unless urgent), Town staff would notify commissioners of a meeting cancellation the week before the regularly scheduled meeting date.

APPROVED

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

HELEN LINDQVIST, CHAIR
Parks & Open Space Commission

ATTEST:

PAT ECHOLS, SECRETARY