

MINUTES NO. 9
PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS COMMISSION
September 21, 2010
Regular Meeting
Tiburon Town Hall---Conference Room
1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner McMullen at 6:08 P.M., Tuesday, September 21, 2010 in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, 1st Floor, Tiburon, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Winkler, Feldman, McDermott and Allen

Absent: McMullen

Ex-Officio: Director of Public Works Nguyen and Director of Community Development Anderson

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

MINUTES

May 18, 2010 Action Minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

COMMISSION AND STAFF BRIEFING

- n/a

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- n/a

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Draft Open Space Resource Management Plan:

Director Anderson introduced the item and gave a staff report summary that requested the POST Commission to review and make recommendations to Town Council regarding the draft Open Space Resource Management Plan (OSMP) and an accompanying Initial Study. Open space management consultant, Dr. Clint Kellner of LSA Associates, presented a summary of the draft report.

Public comments were then taken. Ms. Lynn Fox on Sugar Loaf Dr. questioned why sudden oak
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death was not addressed in the report and how it may impact fire concerns. She indicated she would like to work with the Town to coordinate an area-wide response to wildfire mitigation, including monetary contributions.

Mr. Brian Lantier mentioned their immediate neighborhood is the only one he knows of that collectively invests their own funds to clear vegetation off their hillside to mitigate potential fire dangers. He believes that open space parcels 29 and 30 adjacent to their homes should have a higher priority than the draft report currently indicates.

Mr. Robert Dougherty emphasized that the report's basis for priority should be safety, and not on the size of parcel.

Commissioner Feldman asked for clarification on grazing and herbicide. Dr. Kellner indicated that herbicide should be applied to newly cut stump to be effective. Commissioner McDermott asked about the necessity to replant in areas where significant weed removal would occur. Dr. Kellner indicated that there would be few requiring replanting.

A motion was made and passed 4-0 to review the potential of increasing the priority of areas described in the draft report as having sudden oak death as they may contribute to fire dangers and to also consider whether ladder fuels (understory and brush) increase the fire dangers in subject areas.

Director Anderson suggested a continuance of the item so that staff and the consultant could respond to the Commission's direction. A special meeting was scheduled for October 19th at 6 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

PETER WINKLER, CHAIR
Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS NGUYEN, SECRETARY