

MINUTES NO. 10
PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS COMMISSION
October 19, 2010
Special Meeting
Tiburon Town Hall---Conference Room
1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner McMullen at 6:05 P.M., Tuesday, October 19, 2010 in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, 1st Floor, Tiburon, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Winkler, McMullen, Feldman, McDermott and Allen

Absent: n/a

Ex-Officio: Director of Public Works Nguyen

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

MINUTES

September 21, 2010 Action Minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

COMMISSION AND STAFF BRIEFING

- n/a

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- n/a

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Draft Open Space Resource Management Plan (OSMP):

Director Nguyen summarized the staff report, indicating that various minor revisions were made to the draft OSMP report, but that the priorities for Parcels 29 and 30 were not changed.

Public comments were then taken:

Ms. Lynn Fox on Sugar Loaf Dr. indicated that there is a significant amount of understory growth in the parcels, and that no one has really gone into these areas to physically inspect them.

Chairman Winkler asked her which homes are within 100 feet of these areas because that is what is most crucial to the Fire District.

Mr. Brian Lantier emphasized protection of town properties and public safety. He suggested that the 100-foot defensible zone should not be the determining threshold for taking action. He wants the open space parcels 29 and 30 to have a higher priority so that they are better positioned to receive future funding.

Chairman Winkler brought up the letter from Fire Marshall, Ron Barney, and summarized it, while addressing Mr. Lantier's comments.

Patricia Woeber mentioned a fire back in the 1970's in the area. She further mentioned about the difficulties in getting a permit to remove trees and vegetation.

Mr. Robert Dougherty suggested that vegetation along the streets is also a concern.

Ms. Caroline Freedman is concerned about the low ranking of parcel 29 and 30, and opposes it.

Commissioner Feldman voiced his inability to reconcile why statements from the property owners about perceived fire dangers are not consistent with the low priority ranking from the consultant's report. He subsequently reviewed the draft report and was reminded that the basis for the priority rankings was not solely on fire safety, but on a cost-benefit analysis. He was then able to reconcile the difference.

The Commission deliberated and passed the following multi-part motion unanimously (5-0):

- Recommend to Council to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and draft OSMP with the OSMP revisions suggested in the October 19th staff report and with further revisions to include copying revision No.2 in the staff report to the Executive Summary of the OSMP, as well as adding: "Priorities of maintenance activities are based on various factors and not solely on public safety. Determining the priorities is based on the ability of the Town to complete a management activity that provides the greatest public benefit with a minimum of resources."
- Recommend that staff consider developing a flyer to educate residents of vegetation management responsibilities and bring it back to POST for review.
- Recommend that staff work with property owners on an as-needed basis to facilitate vegetation management, including property owners of open space parcels 29 and 30.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

/S/Peter Winkler

PETER WINKLER, CHAIR

Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS NGUYEN, SECRETARY