

MINUTES NO. 13
PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS COMMISSION
May 17, 2011
Regular Meeting
Tiburon Town Hall---Council Chambers
1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Winkler at 6:02 P.M., Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, 1st Floor, Tiburon, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Winkler, McMullen, Feldman, McDermott and Allen

Absent: None

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

MINUTES

March 15, 2011 Action Minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 5-0.

COMMISSION AND STAFF BRIEFING

- Director Nguyen gave a briefing on the Bay Trail Gap Closure Study, indicating that Town Council heard the item on its April 6, 2011 meeting and authorized the Town Manager to accept the grant funding.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- Chairman Winkler and Commissioner Allen of the Bay Trail Gap Closure subcommittee requested that at item be placed on a future agenda to discuss and further develop the project parameters.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider Recommendations to Town Council Regarding Proposed Improvements to the Trestle Berm Portion of Blackie's Pasture and Regarding Rescission of the Blackie's Pasture Development Plan Adopted in 1992:

- Director Anderson presented the staff report, describing the improvements to the trestle berm area being proposed by the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society and the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation and providing background on the Blackie's Pasture Development Plan.
- Commissioner McDermott asked if the proposed improvements encompassed other areas of Blackie's Pasture. Director Nguyen indicated that the first phase currently under consideration focused on the immediate berm vicinity.
- Arlene Nielsen of the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation gave a presentation for their proposal.
- Chairman Winkler asked if funding was locally available, outside of Town funds, for their overall plan. Ms. Nielsen believes they can raise local monies.
- Ed Lynch of the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation (TPF) explained that the plan is broken into phases and the first priority is to perform a general cleanup of the berm area. The rest of the areas would follow in subsequent years.
- Resident Vicki Sodero who lives on Jefferson Dr indicated that if a new development plan for Blackie's Pasture is to be created, it should have minimum impact on surrounding neighborhoods.
- Commissioner Feldman stated that any work as part of this proposed plan by the TPF or any future plan should be consistent with requirements of the Coastal Commission and BCDC.
- The Commission voted to endorse staff's recommendation with respect to both the proposed improvements and rescission of the Development Plan; 5-0.

2. Receive Informational Presentation from Town staff on the Tiburon Peninsula Summary of Findings: Recreation Needs and Existing Conditions Assessment report prepared by the Sports Management Group:

- Director Anderson presented the staff report.
- Commissioner McMullen inquired about the condition of McKegey field and thought it could be improved. Director Nguyen indicated the heavy use by the soccer leagues and noted a new maintenance plan for the field. However, a complete field renovation is not funded.
- Commissioner McMullen noted the issue of a lack of teen programs as approaching "gap" proportions in the assessment. He suggested that a survey of teens be included in any future study, noting that only adults had been surveyed for this assessment.
- Commissioner Feldman indicated that the assessment did not discuss a lack of public boat launch facilities, which he believed to be a recreational shortcoming on the Peninsula. Director Anderson indicated that this particular item was apparently not frequently mentioned by respondents during the survey and that the assessment was

- necessarily limited in its scope of questions.
- Staff indicated that these comments would be forwarded to the Town Council at such time as the assessment is presented to it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:02 P.M.

PETER WINKLER, CHAIR
Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS NGUYEN, SECRETARY