

APPROVED MINUTES NO. 11
PARKS, OPEN SPACE & TRAILS COMMISSION
November 16, 2010
Regular Meeting
Tiburon Town Hall---Council Chamber
1505 Tiburon Boulevard, Tiburon, California

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner McMullen at 6:07 P.M., Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in the Town Hall Council Chamber, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, 1st Floor, Tiburon, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: McMullen, Feldman, McDermott and Allen

Absent: Winkler

Ex-Officio: Director of Public Works Nguyen and Planning Manager Dan Watrous

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Brian Lantier who came to previous meetings to discuss the Open Space Resource Management Plan came up to voice his continued objection to the ratings established in the report. Vice Chair McMullen asked that he speak at the next Council meeting that would have the adoption of the plan on the agenda.

MINUTES

October 19, 2010 Action Minutes were approved by a vote of 3-0 (Allen arrived late and did not vote).

COMMISSION AND STAFF BRIEFING

- n/a

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

- n/a

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Blackie's Pasture Parking Lot Tree Trimming/Removal Proposal:

Planning Manager Dan Watrous presented a summary of the staff report.

Mr. Bob Nadjibi, the applicant of the tree removal/trimming permit, summarized why he thought the eucalyptus tree should be removed or trimmed aggressively. He felt the tree is unsightly, unsafe, and a weed. He also offers the option of removal and replacement with other tree.

Mr. Harry Heath believes the tree provides good screening, and doesn't believe the tree would actually be replaced if the current one were removed.

Mr. Bruce Abbott brought a similar discussion from 2003. He likes the idea trimming and that the current tree is good for screening.

Mr. Chris Petrin stated similar feeling as Mr. Abbott.

Mr. John Clements would like the tree trimmed for better views.

Ms. Leslie Miller had similar views to the other speakers.

The item was brought back to the Commission for discussion. Vice Chair McMullen summarized the Commission's belief that the tree should be allowed to be trimmed with the appropriate permit and guidance from the Town and certified arborist. It should not be removed because it mature, doesn't pose an imminent hazard, and replanting a new tree would be difficult since there is not irrigation. The Commission would further like a new process to allow for such trimming without going before the Commission or Council for a hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 P.M.

PETER WINKLER, CHAIR
Parks, Open Space & Trails Commission

ATTEST:

NICHOLAS NGUYEN, SECRETARY