



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

SPECIAL MEETING

LEGISLATIVE, FUNDING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Administration Office – Long Ridge
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

MINUTES

November 27, 2012

I. ROLL CALL

Director Hanko called the Special Meeting of the Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC) to order at 3:24 p.m.

Members Present: Pete Siemens, Nonette Hanko and Jed Cyr

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Steve Abbors, Acting Assistant General Manager Ana Ruiz, Acting Assistant General Counsel Tamara Galanter, Docent Program and Acting Public Affairs Manager Renee Fitzsimons, Operations Manager David Sanguinetti, and District Clerk Michelle Radcliffe

II. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Upon motion by Director Cyr, seconded by Director Siemens, and unanimously passed, the Committee adopted the agenda. (Vote: 3-0-0)

IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Agenda Item #1 – Approval of Minutes: October 9, 2012

Motion: Upon motion by Director Cyr, seconded by Director Siemens, the Committee approved the minutes of October 9, 2012. (Vote: 3-0-0)

B. Agenda Item #2 – Consideration of Amended Electronics Communications Policy and Proposed Social Media Policy

Extensive discussion was held on the amended Electronics Communication Policy and the proposed Social Media Policy. As requested by the Committee at its October 9, 2012 meeting, Acting Assistant General Counsel Tamara Galanter explained what activities are subject to the Public Records Act and explained the additional language added as part of the proposed Electronics Communication Policy. The Committee provided several edits and requested that the policy return to the Committee for further review.

No action was taken by the Committee.

C. Agenda Item #3 – Trail naming for Gene Sheehan

Operations Manager David Sanguinetti reported that former District Consultant Trail Builder Gene Sheehan passed away in his home in Oregon. Mr. Sanguinetti explained that Mr. Sheehan is responsible for the layout and construction of numerous trails throughout the District and also trained and mentored District staff in the “Art of Trail Building”, which many of the elements are continued to be used today.

Mr. Sanguinetti further reported that through e-mail communication with Mr. Sheehan’s children and conversations with District Ranger Kerry Carlson, he confirmed that Mr. Sheehan’s favorite District trail was the Ipiwa Trail at Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve and that his favorite spot on the trail was Rattlesnake Point. Mr. Sanguinetti further noted that based on communication with Mr. Sheehan’s children, it is their and staff’s request to see Rattlesnake Point officially named “Gene Sheehan’s Overlook”, and to place a commemorative panel detailing Mr. Sheehan’s significance to the District’s trail program.

Motion: Upon motion by Director Cyr, seconded by Director Siemens, the Committee authorized District Staff to commemorate Gene Sheehan’s contributions to the District by re-naming Rattlesnake Point on the Ipiwa Trail of Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve to The Gene Sheehan Overlook, and authorized the installation of a commemorative plaque. (Vote: 3-0-0)

D. Agenda Item #5 – Informational Reports

There were none.

V ADJOURNMENT

The next LFPAC meeting was scheduled for December 18, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Hanko adjourned the Special Meeting of the Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee at 5:03 p.m.

Michelle Radcliffe, CMC
District Clerk