



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

**MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Administrative Office
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019
2:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Director Kishimoto called the meeting of the Planning and Natural Resources Committee to order at to order at 2:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jed Cyr, Karen Holman, and Yoriko Kishimoto

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: General Manager Ana Ruiz, General Counsel Hilary Stevenson, Assistant General Manager Brian Malone, Assistant General Manager Susanna Chan, District Clerk/Assistant to the General Manager Jennifer Woodworth, Planning Manager Jane Mark, Planner III Whitney Berry, Planner II Leialani Hufana

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No speakers present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Director Cyr moved, and Director Holman seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

VOTE: 3-0-0

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Approve the April 9, 2019 Planning and Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Motion: Director Cyr moved, and Director Kishimoto seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the April 9, 2019 Planning and Natural Resources Committee meeting.

VOTE: 3-0-0

2. Rancho San Antonio Multimodal Access Study Update (R-19-47)

Planner III Whitney Berry provided an overview of Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve and Santa Clara County, including its location, high level of visitation, and previous stakeholder actions taken regarding visitor parking in the area.

Planner II Leialani Hufana described the proposed scope of work for the multimodal study to understand the underlying causes for the parking and access challenges at Rancho, and to develop effective strategies to address them, the General Manager recommends conducting a parking and transportation demand analysis. Ms. Hufana reported on various short-, medium-, and long-term measures aimed at identifying and implementing transportation solutions.

Director Holman suggested including in the scope of work a determination of the carrying capacity of the preserve and Deer Hollow Farm.

General Manager Ana Ruiz explained staff is currently focused on the existing parking issues, and if parking is expanded in the future allowing for higher visitor usage, the District will likely study the carrying capacity then.

Director Holman suggested the Town of Los Altos Hills may be willing to participate in creating shuttles or satellite parking areas. Local schools that visit Deer Hollow Farm may also consider acting as satellite parking areas.

Director Holman spoke against introduction of metered parking as a long-term solution. However, an entrance or parking fee may be acceptable if eventually needed if paid at an inconspicuous pay box.

Director Cyr inquired regarding equestrian parking and access.

Planning Manager Jane Mark reported there are currently five to six equestrian parking spaces.

Director Holman suggested having a timed parking permit program to limit the amount of time visitors would be allowed to park in the parking lot. The parking permits should also include information regarding the reasons the parking is limited.

Director Kishimoto inquired regarding working with Union Pacific Railroad to build a trail along their corridor to help provide additional access.

Ms. Mark reported that Union Pacific Railroad is no longer interested in engaging in the study, so the City of Cupertino is currently unable to pursue the project.

Director Holman spoke in favor of expanding the District's education of the public to better understand the parking challenges at Rancho San Antonio and promote other preserves that are not as crowded.

Directors Holman and Kishimoto spoke in favor of moving some of the medium

Public comment opened at 3:04 p.m.

No speakers present.

Public comment closed at 3:04 p.m.

Motion: Director Cyr moved, and Director Holman seconded the motion to forward the recommended scope of work and short-term measures to the Board of Directors for consideration of approval, with the recommended changes.

VOTE: 3-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

Director Kishimoto adjourned the meeting of the Planning and Natural Resources Committee of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at 3:09 p.m.

Jennifer Woodworth, MMC
District Clerk