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Subject: Minutes for Review
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Hello - Berit Pedersen has done a prompt and wonderful job with these minutes from Monday's meeting. THANK YOU BERIT !!!! Please review them and make additions or corrections and return to me soon.
Thanks, Tom

GGNRA Update – Howard Levitt

Golden Gate National Recreation Area/Muir Woods National Monument Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Study (GMP/EIP).

The GGNRA has just released the GMP/EIP. The updated plan is:

- The work of many years and participation of many individuals and groups and provides a roadmap for the next 20 years
- Not significantly different from previous version, as much of what was determined in the 1980 plan still holds true today; a focus on connecting people with the parks and taking care of the park resources
- Covers an area reaching from Tomales Bay to beyond Half Moon Bay, but doesn't include more recently established areas such as Crissy Field and Fort Baker
- A high level view to guide park management and the desired experience, it is not the on the ground plan (e.g., does not detail dog policies)
- Available for download at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=15075>

Ocean Beach Bonfires

The park service would like to be able to continue to allow bonfires. Given the problems that accompany the fires (e.g., law enforcement, safety and trash issues) and the limited funding the park services has to address these issues, the park service needs to find a better solution. They have come up with a pilot program that will run through the summer and assessed after that.

- The fire pits will be open until 9:00 (versus 10:00 now), allowing people an hour to pack up before parking lots close at 10:00
- The current fire pits are worn and will be replaced by 10 larger fire rings (sturdy, utilitarian) between stairs 15 and 20

At this point, only parties of 25 or more need a permit, the park service don't see that policy changing

The folks from the Surfrider foundation are still helping out with cleanup the first and third Sundays each month , 10 AM – 12 PM [Stairwell 17](#). For information, go to http://sf.surfrider.org/?page_id=107

Fore more details on the GGNRA Ocean Beach policy and to provide feedback, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=52123>

Dog Management

They are still in the process of decide how best to manage dog walking in the park. Until the plan is finalized (estimated late 2015), commercial dog walkers (defined as receiving some sort of compensation) will need a permit and will be limited to 6 dogs (currently there isn't a limit on the number of dogs)

Trash Bins in Sutro Park

In general, the park service is seeing more people leaving trash in parks. They will look into getting more bins in Sutro Park. Neighbors can also contact park service if there is a specific issue that needs to be addressed. (need contact info from Howard, I couldn't find. Dan Collman in our Maintenance Division maybe?)

Beach Chalet Soccer Field Lighting

Howard was asked about the willingness of the GGNRA to provide more feedback on the negative impact of the lighting on the GGNRA land. Howard said that he would consider this, but wasn't sure that anything additional comments would be forthcoming.

Park Safety.

There have been a few homeless people in the park that have created a threatening environment. If anyone sees a crime or feels threatened, they should call see a crime call 911. If it isn't an emergency, they can also call the park service at 415.561.5505 (not sure if this is the right number). (Note, on the night of April 28th, the both city and park police were out to address problems with a homeless man. The park police spent a while in the area where there have been homeless camps.)

Coyote Protocol

Please treat the coyote as you would other wildlife. Please help keep coyote wild and keep food sources controlled.

Parks Conservancy – Jennifer Greene (via email)

Merrie Way

Maintenance work will start soon in parking lot and vicinity. They are also putting in a new short trail.

Eagle's Point

The contractors are doing more restoration work, including addressing erosion issues. Some trails might be closed but this will be marked. Should be completed in a week.

VAMC – Amy Meyer

The VA management isn't showing a lot of flexibility on some projects, including some that impact Fort Miley. Still trying to get redesign of buildings that overshadow the park or abut the fence line

Those interested in understanding more about the VAMC Development Plan can attend a meeting on May 21 5:30 PM at the VAMC Auditorium, Building 7.

VAMC Parking – Kathleen Stern

Kathleen had noted that the VA employees were parking in the visitor parking spaces along Merrie Way. She found out that the VA had erroneously informed employees that they could park there. VA employees have been informed that this is not correct and four-hour parking signs are now in place. This seems to have addressed the problem.

Sutro Dunes – Tom Kuhn

Issues with vandalism in the Sutro Dunes. One of the Sutro Dune signs is missing, graffiti and damage to benches.

If you see vandalism, please contact (need contact info from Howard, I couldn't find. Dan Collman in our

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Impact of special events on our neighborhood – Jason Jungreis

There has been an increase in the number of events (e.g., concerts, marathons) in the neighborhood but no signs of a cohesive plan that takes into accounts the cumulative impact of these events. The Mayor's Office of Economic & Workforce Development is in charge of this, so we would need to follow up with them with our concerns.

Beach Chalet Soccer Fields – Kathy Howard

Petition to stop the artificial turf and lights

The *Coalition to Protect Golden Gate Park* is gathering signatures on a petition entitled the "Golden Gate Park Athletic Fields Renovation Act," to put this issue before the voters to decide. Its goal is to keep artificial turf and stadium lighting out of the playing fields in the western part of Golden Gate Park and to renovate those fields with real grass.

If you'd like to sign the petition in support of the Ballot Initiative, or if you'd like copies of the petition to circulate, please contact Mike Murphy or Shawna McGrew.

- Shawna McGrew email (b)(6)
- Mike Murphy email: info@protectggp.org
- www.protectggp.org

So many people have come together to share their love of the natural beauty of the north end of Golden Gate Park. As the construction permits for the soccer fields have been approved and tree removal starts soon, Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance (GGPPA) is putting together an online celebration of the naturalistic beauty that may be irrevocably altered by the new soccer fields. You can submit photos, videos, artwork, essays, songs or other works of the heart to share. For more information, go to <http://beachchaletfields.jimdo.com>.

Vandalism in Golden Gate Park

A San Francisco resident has been cited numerous times for vandalizing plants, shrubs and trees in the park, and he will finally go to trial in late May. Currently he is under order to stay out of the park, but it is suspected that he is not complying. His attorney is likely to request that the charges be dropped. Please, if you see a man breaking limbs and/or piling limbs, send a letter (sample attached) with a description (or photo if possible) of the man and the dates (as close as possible) when you saw these actions taking place. This can help strengthen the case against him and protect the park from additional damage.

Send the letter to:

Marc.Massarweh@sfgov.org

Marc Massarweh, Assistant District Attorney

San Francisco District Attorney's Office, 850 Bryant Street, Room 322 SF CA
94103

Upcoming meetings

Ocean Beach Master Plan Review

SPUR is holding a meeting to update on projects to implement the recommendations in the 2012 [Ocean Beach](#)

[Master Plan](#). The meeting is Saturday May 10th, County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park
1199 9th Ave (near Lincoln Way and 9th Ave). 9:00 AM to 12:00 p.m

VAMC

VAMC Development

Wednesday May 21st 5:30PM, VAMC Auditorium, Building 7.

Coalition to Save Ocean Beach / Friends of Sutro Heights Park

Next meeting - Monday August 11th

Home of Ilana Bar-David, 510 48th Ave between Geary & Anza, 7:00 PM