

City of Carpinteria
Carpinteria Open Space Management Advisory Board
Special Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2026 at 2:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
5775 Carpinteria Ave

Board Members Present: David Allen, Chair
Ted Rhodes, Vice-Chair
Jon Lewis
Patrick Crooks
Evan Hobson, Secretary
Scout Vernon
James McElvain

Board Members Absent: N/A

Others Present: Jeanette Gant (Parks, Rec., & Comm. Services Director)
Torrie Culberth (Parks, Rec. & Comm. Services Program Manager)
Member(s) of the Public

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- a. Attendance per above, David Allen as Chair. Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM.

2. Public or Board Comments regarding matters not on the agenda

- a. Handicap parking pad maintenance off Bailard Ave at Carp Bluffs parking lot.
- b. Non-motorized bike signs at Rincon Gateway (bluffs III) not impactful and still issues with non-motorized vehicles. Suggestion for additional temporary A-frame signage.

3. Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 17, 2026

- a. Member Rhodes moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 17, 2026. The motion was seconded by Member Lewis and approved unanimously.

4. Upcoming Events/Announcements

- a. Nothing Discussed

5. Bluffs Projects Updates

- a. County Funding
 - i. Submitted for initial \$200k, with the total amount of funding provided by the County needing to be spent by 2029.
- b. Next Steps
 - i. Jeanette Gant provided a staff report with draft notes after meeting with Community Development department going over County funding status and next steps. Next steps include establishing project vision and scope, project management structure, technical studies and assessments, community engagement and preliminary timeline.

6. “Leash your dog” campaign data review

- a. Brief staff report highlighting code enforcement data from quarterly report, but more details needed for further discussion. Proposed agenda item for next meeting.

7. One page “field guide” for Showcapes

- a. Brief discussion but more time needed to develop. Proposed agenda item for next meeting.

8. Map of the Bluffs

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9. Vegetation management for views along trails as the Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve parking lot

- a. Nothing discussed. Proposed agenda item for next meeting.

10. Council Advisory Group (CAG) Handbook Review

- a. Reviewed key components and highlights of the CAG Handbook by all committee members.

11. Next Meeting Date

- a. Wednesday, June 18th, 3:00p.m.
- b. Mission and Goals discussion and planning workshop
 - i. Most likely held in Fall 2026
- c. Proposed Agenda Items
 - i. Strategic Planning
 - ii. Tee Time Property discussion
 - iii. Farmer Parcel Naming
 - iv. “Leash your dog” campaign data review
 - v. One page “field guide” for Showcapes

- vi. Map of the Bluffs
- vii. Vegetation management for viewscales along trails at the Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve parking lot.

12. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM.