

Fireworks task force appointed

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Trying to find that perfect balance between supporting local non-profits and accommodating those who wish to curtail fireworks in Pacifica, a new city task force begins work.

At a meeting in December, City Council decided to form the task force to consider options that included banning the sale and use of safe and sane fireworks, banning the use of fireworks in Linda Mar Beach with an alternate site, banning the use on the beach without naming an alternative, and to begin a campaign to encourage fireworks users to clean up the fireworks litter.

On Monday, City Council unanimously modified the options to eliminate banning the sale and use of safe and sane fireworks. At the suggestion of Councilmember Sue Digre, the council members added an option that asks the task force to consider holding a community celebration that includes setting off fireworks.

City Council appointed eight people to the fireworks task force. Cindy Abbott and Patty Samrailio represent the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission, Bill Gray and Lauren Jacques (with Jim Poket as an alternate) represent the fireworks vendors and Lynn Adams and Sue Pemberton represent the Pacifica Beach Coalition. Chris Vogel and Tom Dennison were appointed by City Council from the community at large. Mike O'Neill will be the City Council representative. Police Chief Jim Tasa will take the lead in staffing the task force with help from other departments.