

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 8.15 am

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8.20 am.

Oral Communication: J. Aalfs has been appointed Vice Mayor so will not be continuing as liaison.

Roll Call: Present: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, M. Rothrock, J. Shefren, T. Lee,. J. Aalfs: Council Liaison, H. Young: Public Works Director, N. Cabell: Portola Valley Ranch Association.

Approval of Minutes: J. Shefren made a motion to approve, seconded by J. Coleman, all were in favor.

Old Business: a. Monthly (October and November) trail Conditions, Work, and Budget Update:

(Discussion): H. Young working on cleaning out culverts and has done some trail repair work. He says he has had comments on the new town website app. with texts and calls. \$12,000 was spent for bridge repair on Larry Lane trail. Laurie Woods had asked the town to either move the chain separating Possum Lane in Portola Valley from Hidden Valley, Woodside, or cut the tree branch as it is hard for her to pass through the narrow entrance on her large horse. J. Coleman will talk to Cindy at Woodside Town Hall to see if something can be expedited, as this is a Woodside Town Trail issue.

b. November 2018 Community Hike Debrief: (Discussion): There were several new people attending although the majority of people were from the ranch. J. Coleman, S. Gold and A. Doherty from the committee were there. There was a conflict with the town Turkey Trot so date needs to be checked for next year.

c. Trail Head/Parking Signage and Maps and Trail Signage (Willowbrook/Alpine and Coalmine Ridge):

(Discussion): A. Doherty distributed suggestions for the trail signage. He used MROSD as an example. Did not include the No Bikes signage but will do. Suggestion made for paper maps in box. Moisture collects in the box so laminating could be an option. N. Lund, the town historian, will be consulted for verbiage on history of trails to possibly include in box. G. Hanning stressed that no dogs or bikes be emphasized as these trails pass through private property.

E. Ferrari noticed people are going around gates on Toyon/Alpine trail. H. Young said staff has fixed the boards that were removed at the top of Toyon. N. Cabell suggested having Welcome sign where main Trail entrances are: Bottom of Old Spanish and off Alpine by pond. Main entrance is not the one at the Junction of Willowbrook/Alpine Roads.

New Business:

- a. Committee (Re) Appointments for 2019:** (Discussion): T. Lee will remain as Chair, S. Gold as Vice Chair and E. Ferrari as Secretary.
- b. Site Development Plans: (Discussion, as filed and applicable):** 157 Ramosa Road is on the Westridge Trail system. Any comments to be channeled through J. Coleman. S. Gold said that there are lots of rocks in the trail and it is rutted. It is a Westridge trail. B. Eckstein says many cars are parking on the trail. H. Young will bring this to the attention of the Building inspector.

- c. **Seasonal Trail Closures:** (Discussion): N. Cabell noted that the sign closing the trail to horses on Valley Oak needs to be put up. Also there is a broken post at the bottom of the Sweet Springs trail. Email this to H. Young.
- d. **Trail Conditions Audit/Council Priority:** (Discussion): H. Young says the Council wishes to plan a 5 year budget into the future. This does not include storm damage. S. Gold says Minoca (Cervantes'end) is overgrown with grass and suggested rocking to stop growth. Wants the committee to look at it and make suggestions. H. Young says that all-weathering trails is the sort of capital improvement items we should look for. Committee was tasked with looking at trails needing major renovation and bring it up at a future meeting. Check 170 Cervantes. Homeowner on Veronica says people are still trespassing and will be putting up more signs to warn them away.
- e. **Accolades** - Committee thanked H. Young for his work on trails this year.
- f. **Other Business:** G. Hanning suggested we should have a way of putting something on the website regarding driveways and keeping them safe for horses.

Adjournment: E. Ferrari made a motion, J. Shefren seconded, all were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 9.40 am.