

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 8.15 am.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8.20 am. T. Lee is absent so G. Hanning is the interim chair.

Oral/Community Communications: J. Aalfs is no longer the town Council liaison and he introduced C. Hughes, the new Council liaison. J. Hansen mentioned the fallen tree at the corner of Mapache/Westridge. She says the bridge has been damaged. H. Young says removal of the tree is the town's responsibility and he is getting bids. He will look at the bridge to see what is needed to repair it. J. Hansen also noted that there is no town trail sign on the Portola Road trail, opposite the Presbyterian church, indicating no Bikes. One had been installed with a larger No Bikes sign but it is not there now and presumably has been vandalized. H. Young will order a new one.

Roll Call: Present: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, E. Ferrari, G. Hanning, J. Shefren. J. Aalfs (retiring council liaison), Craig Hughes, new council liaison; H. Young: Public Works Director; K. Stromeier: PV Ranch liaison; J. Bourne: Conservation Committee; J. Hansen

Approval of Minutes: J. Shefren approved a motion with the addition of the item below from G. Hanning, seconded by J. Coleman, and all were in favor. In the Minutes for December, 2018, under **Other Business**, there needs to be information about scoring driveways when homeowners have slurry sealed and neglect to restore the rough surface on the town easement for safe equestrian usage. When they do not obtain an Encroachment permit, it is difficult for the town to tell them to score their driveway. Also information should be included as to what machine to use for the scoring, and where to rent it. H. Young will follow up with G. Hanning. Meadowood needs re-doing as it is not correctly scored.

Old Business:

- a. **Monthly (December) Trail Conditions, Work and Budget Update:** (Discussion): G. Hanning says the lower Cervantes town trail needs re-working as it is very muddy (where the trail passes over the homeowners' lawns). Suggested rocking but H. Young says that is very expensive. He will take a look and talk with the homeowners about restoring the trail. He said a bobcat could also be used after winter to scrape and widen the trail, then roll it.

Golden Hills trail is growing over between Deer Meadow and Meadowood, more so since the homeowner there does not keep horses any more and has not worked on the trail. H. Young says that weeds growing in the trail is due to the town not spraying any more but E. Ferrari pointed out that the trail has narrowed because the foliage along the side has been allowed to grow over the trail and has not been cut back severely in a long time. H. Young will take a look at it.

H. Young said the homeowner on Veronica is putting fencing up to keep trespassers off their property. He wants to put signs up and h. Young is working on the appropriate signage.

The new home on Meadowood is pumping water onto the trail. G. Hanning will take a look at it with H. Young and also check the plans to see that they put in the correct drainage which had been approved by the town. H. young suggested putting sand bags temporarily until problem can be addressed.

J. Coleman reminded H. Young to remove the branches which he had cut on the Sausal trail. They have been pushed to the side. J. Coleman talked to Cindy at Woodside town regarding the request by L. Woods to widen the access from Possum Lane to Hidden Valley as it is hard for a large horse to pass through. Woodside is not keen to take down the fence as it was recently put in. H. Young will check with neighbors to see if removing the chain is acceptable and also any ordinance pertaining to width of entrance, if any. J. Coleman will also talk to homeowners on either side re. removing the tree which he says is only a scrub oak. Plan a: remove tree, Plan b: open chain.

K. Stromeyer says the town GPS location is not always accurate. Also said the newly graded Bay Laurel needs checking on as farther down it is becoming eroded. Suggests further work. H. Young says town constrained to keeping work within town easement. Will check water bars. K. Stromeyer said that the ranch is willing to suggest ideas to correct the problem.

J. Coleman says on the Sausal trail, there is a telephone pole with wires leaning precariously and pushing up against other trees. H. Young says PGE allows trees to lean a certain percentage before taking any corrective action. J. Coleman will take a photo and email to H. Young to determine whether the wires are high voltage or communications. H. Young suggested using PV Connect. He also added he is getting quite a lot of activity on the latter, with most of it coming from the PV Ranch.

- b. Trail Head/Parking Signage and Maps and Trail Signage (Willowbrook/Alpine and Coalmine Ridge):** (Discussion): A. Doherty will have more information next meeting as he has been away. Plans to update map to make it instantly readable; no bikes, no dog info and if on trail, needs to be leashed; info on town history; need to request that dog waste be bagged and carried out, mentioning dogs on leash to protect wildlife.

New Business:

- c. Site Development Plans:** (Discussion, as filed and applicable): G. Hanning says Golden Oak site development not on town trail.
- d. Accolades:** (Discussion): Everyone thanked H. young for all his work on the trails; E. Ferrari also asked to thank J. Coleman for cutting down large branches on Sausal trail. J. Shefren asked

what was happening to the trail and hitchrack at Rossotti's. This has been incorporated into the Conditional Use permit and awaits the new owner's future plans. At that time, the committee will have a chance to review and ensure they re-do the trail along Alpine and re-build the retaining wall.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment: E. Ferrari made a motion, J. Coleman seconded, all were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 9.10 am.