

**TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, February 19, 2019, 8.20 am.**

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

**Oral/Community Communications: None**

**Roll Call:** Present: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, T. Lee, M. Rothrock. Portola Valley Ranch Liaisons: Craig Sander and K. Stromeyer. Absent: J. Shefren and H. Young: Public Works Director.

**Approval of Minutes:** E. Ferrari approved a motion, seconded by J. Coleman, approved by all with the exception of S. Gold and B. Eckstein, who abstained.

**Old Business:**

- a) **Monthly (February) Trail Conditions, Work and Budget update:** (Discussion): Eagle Trail – request from S. Gold to put up Closed sign as trail has deteriorated badly, witness photos she displayed. Concerned primarily about equestrians but she was advised that they would not be using this trail in such conditions.  
G. Hanning – Meadowood needs the drawings adjusted to indicate proper drainage mitigation. Also a big underground project is taking place (for next door property) Need to restore trail after the sewer project is completed.
- b) **Coal Mine Ridge Trails – Education:** Trailhead/parking signage, maps and trail signage; introduction of Portola Valley Ranch representative (s) (Discussion): C. Sander from the PV Ranch says that the board has approved an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss compliance with trail rules. These include education, a reference to the area as a nature preserve, improving maps and having the history of the area included on brochures. J. Coleman added that people respect the ‘nature preserve’ designation. E. Ferrari suggested walking the trails more regularly to educate people regarding the rules. A. Doherty working on map – can include comments from the ranch and he will work together with them.  
G. Hanning finds the top of Old Spanish/Coalmine confusing. Perhaps signs needed for trails which are not trails but deer paths.

**New Business:**

- a) **Portola Trail (in front of Springdown) – Conservation Committee Suggestion** (Discussion): J. Bourne said that the Conservation Committee’s suggestion is for having a defined trail for traffic from the Portola Road trail in order to protect flowers and other plantings. Suggest opening up the access to Springdown at the corner of the Jelich property, removing the wire fencing but leaving the fence posts. Suggest committee takes a look to see where new access trail joins gravel pathway. T. Lee suggested discussing supplemental signage to keep animals and horses out of the pond.

- b) Annual Report** – Committee Update to Council/Community April/May (Discussion): This is usually given in April and J. Coleman offered to give the update to the council, which was accepted by the committee.
- c) Site Development Plans:** (Discussion , as filed and applicable): J. Coleman re update for Possum: It is not recommended to take the chain down but instead remove the tree. Neighbors are in agreement to take the tree out. This will be referred to Woodside Town as this is part of their public trail system.
- d) Accolades:** None

**Other Business:** Community Hike – Find out when the Turkey Trot date is planned and then we can choose a hike date. K. Stromeyer says the PV Connect System is very good and congratulates H. Young. M. Rothrock will send out list of trails to monitor with regard to pre-emergent spray and suggests taking photos of the same spot over multiple periods.

**Adjournment:** E. Ferrari made a motion, J. Coleman seconded, all were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 9.25 am.