

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 8.15 am.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8.15 am.

Oral/Community Communications: J. Hansen says there is still no sign on Portola Road trail saying No Bikes. H. Young will check.

Roll Call: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, T. Lee, M. Rothrock, J. Shefren. C. Hughes, Council liaison; H. Young, Public Works Director; Jeremy Dennis, Town Manager; Judith Murphy and J. Bourne, Conservation; Craig Sander and K. Stromeyer, PV Ranch Liaison; Leo Gonzales PV Ranch Manager; Dudley Carson, PV Ranch Conservation; J. Hansen.

Approval of Minutes: J. Coleman made a motion, E. Ferrari seconded, all were in favor.

Old Business:

- a. **Monthly (March) trail Conditions, Work, and Budget Update:** (Discussion): Trails are very muddy. H. Young has graded Eagle trail and it is now safely passable. Cervantes between the 2 Shawnee trails will be rocky when dry. Golden Hills: without pre-emergent the grass is growing. Will rock later. Meadowood: construction ongoing. B. Eckstein says power lines are leaning. G. Hanning says that is temporary. He met with residents (not as a trail member) re. ongoing construction. The berm H. Young put up has gone and the diverter is dumping lots of water, which has to be addressed. H. Young says the trail needs to be restored before the project is signed off.
J. Coleman says rocks and trees are in the right of way at 151 Cervantes. H. Young is pursuing code enforcement issue. G. Hanning says they put eucalyptus chips on the trail even though he told them not to. It makes the trail very deep. He suggested education is needed and H. Young indicated social media is a good platform to address these occurrences. S. Gold mentioned she has seen the same thing on Westridge near Bolivar.
G. Hanning says residents in Golden Hills area are putting together a fire preparedness group. Shady trail was mentioned as a fire risk. It is quite overgrown. G. Hanning asked if this could be put on the agenda for next month and invite some of the members, of which he is one.
Possum Lane – J. Coleman and G. Hanning spoke to residents regarding removal of the tree. A tenant of Laurie Woods also had trouble getting by this tree on horseback. The tree is on the Woodside side of the trail. Cindy at the town of Woodside suggested just removing the chain but residents do not want that as ATV's and motorbikes will abuse it. H. Young will contact the town of Woodside.
H. Young has cleared many trails. Mowing and grading will start soon. He encourages members to continue taking photos of trails.
- b. **Coal Mine Ridge Trails – Education:** Trail head/parking signage, maps and trail signage (Discussion): A. Doherty and C. Sander of the PV Ranch have met with regard to the maps and signage. The first map will be 8 x 11 so it can be printed. The second map would be much

larger, similar to the MROSD sign with educational material. The third map will give locations of signs. C. Sander had copies of these maps which he distributed to the committee.

G. Hanning was in support of the sign at the Alpine Road/Willowbrook trail entrance. He also suggested reaching out to Blue Oaks for signs at their end. The consensus was that there were too many signs. C. Sander will co-ordinate with the Trails and Conservation committee to organize a field trip to review signs before the next meeting on April 16th, 2019.

A special field trip meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th, at 10.00 am at the Alpine Road/Willowbrook trail entrance. S. Gold will send out emails and plan on a 2-hour field trip. A. Doherty supports the trail maps. H. Young suggests looking at eliminating other signs.

- c. **Portola trail (in front of Springdown)** – Update on Trail routing past and through (Update): J. Murphy from the Conservation Committee says the fence by the big eucalyptus tree will be removed and that will be the informal grassy trail entrance for the horses. The existing entrance will be closed off. It was also noted that Jane Bourne will be retiring from the committee.

New Business:

- a. **PV Connect** – Online maintenance request submittals (Demo by Howard): H. Young gave a demonstration of the PV Connect. It was started in January of 2019. He encouraged members to give it a try.
- b. **Site Development Plans:** (Discussion, as filed and applicable): There were none.
- c. **Accolades:** (Discussion, if any applicable): Thanks to J. Bourne for her years of service on the Conservation committee.

Other Business: H. Young says the budget is coming up so members can bring up suggestions for trails which need attention other than maintenance issues. S. Gold says Minoca is very overgrown. On April 10th, J. Coleman will present the committee's Annual Report at the Town Council meeting. G. Hanning says the Turkey Trot date is not scheduled as yet so we should wait to plan our Hike even.

Adjournment: E. Ferrari made a motion, S. Gold seconded, all were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 9.50 am.