

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, May 15th, 2018, 8.15 am.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8.16 am.

Oral Communications: J. Hansen thanked H. Young for scoring the Hayfields where the town trails cross the road. H. Young said he had scored in 4 places, not just the original two which had been requested. K. Stromeier, Ranch Liaison, thanked H. Young for the new signage on the ranch trails. She mentioned on-going problems with bikers and dogs off-leash. E. Ferrari mentioned that there is a dead oak tree hanging over the trail on Willowbrook, near Portola Road. It looks as if it may have died from SOD. H. Young is checking into whether this is the homeowner's responsibility or the town's. E. Ferrari said that there is water on the Hayfields' trail by Joe Field's property. It has been this way for a while and is making the trail muddy. H. Young will look into it.

Roll Call: Present: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, M. Rothrock, J. Shefren, T. Lee. K. Stromeier, Ranch Liaison; J. Aalfs, Council Liaison; J. Murphy, Conservation; J. Hansen, H. Young: Public Works Director. Absent: B. Eckstein.

Approval of Minutes: E. Ferrari made a motion to approve, seconded by M. Rothrock, all were in favor.

Old Business: **a. Monthly Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget Update** (Discussion) H. Young has started mowing trails. May need to do twice due to no spray. Mowed the Springdown trail because of Earth Day. Addressing the high-use trails first. Will do Minoca, Shady and Quilter. Then Coal Mine Ridge will be addressed. Signs on Veronica trail were installed and will see how that goes. Mobile app. software is being tested by the town. In future, complaints will be directed to go through the town app.

The Ranch did request a meeting with H. Young and the Town Manager re. Coal Mine Ridge signage. H. Young said that everything must go through the committee. Trail grading is starting, most likely on Minoca first. J. Coleman and S. Gold said Bay Laurel needs attention as it is rutted.

E. Ferrari called attention to Sweet Springs on the downhill side after the initial climb from the Alpine Road end. K. Stromeier says there is erosion on this trail where the tree fell and was removed. S. Gold complained about the high weeds on Old Spanish and showed photos of same. H. Young says they are trying to be green and not spray. Contracts are out for weed whacking. Golden Hills trail near Deer Path is totally grown over per G. Hanning. It is due to the lack of insecticides. H. Young says that in a year's time, the results will be addressed to see if no spraying works, or not.

M. Rothrock says the committee photo trail reports for April, May and June will have to allow staff time to do the work needed. H. Young said he will need to see what funds are needed for extra staff to do maintenance without spraying. The trial period is running for 2 years. Rodent control is being undertaken with the traps buried in the ground.

b. Trail Conditions Audit: project update (Discussion) M. Rothrock said that out of 55 trails, only 10 need pictures to date. 46 are well covered. She encourages members to take pictures of any trail needing attention. Does not have to be restricted to one's

allocated trail. E. Ferrari moved to one side the 2 mountain lion warning signs on Sunrise.

c. Committee Annual Report and Plan: report to be presented at May 23 Council meeting (Discussion) J. Coleman will make the presentation, giving a written and oral report to the Council. Suggestion to submit photos of Horse Fair, the hike and trails' audit. M. Rothrock has photos of the latter.

New Business: **a. Site Development Plans:** (Discussion, as filed and applicable) Sioux Way: no town trail here. 160 Fawn: town trail goes here. A sewer connection is going in so attention needs to be paid to this. 425 Cervantes: the town trail goes here and it is shown on the plans as this will be new construction. G. Hanning will submit info to the committee for comments and then send these on to Cheyenne. G. Hanning says Meadowood still blocked occasionally. He will check again.

b. Accolades: Hayfields scoring, etc (Discussion, if any applicable) E. Ferrari thanked H. Young for having the tables and chairs in the corporation yard for ease of transportation for the Horse Fair. Thanks were once again rendered to H. Young for the scoring on Hayfields. He will put a notice on the town website about renting a machine and how to use it as it was quite effective in doing the job.

The Horse Fair went very well with many families and kids in town. Everyone was enjoying the good old-fashioned fun. Practically the entire Trails Committee were in attendance.

Other Business: National Public Works Day – The department will have a booth this Thursday at the Farmers' Market. The yard will be open from 2-5 to show what the employees do, what they wear, etc. The town will be doing slurry-sealing around town on the 18, 19 and 20 of June. You can check on the website and the street in question will be closed for 6 hours.

K. Stromeyer is a new docent at Jasper Ridge and at their event on Saturday, May 12, 3,000 people came. The Preserve is on 1200 acres and she can take groups in.

Request was made to put on the Agenda for next month's meeting the subject of gates on Arroyo.

Adjournment: J. Shefren made a motion, M. Rothrock seconded, all were in agreement and the meeting was adjourned at 9.10.