

TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MINUTES – Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 8.15 am.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8.17 am.

Oral/Community Communications: Randy True, an applicant for the open position on the Trails Committee, was present, as he had been unable to come before. He is a new resident of Portola Valley and is an avid outdoors person. He also lives with his family near the town trailhead to Coal Mine Ridge on Alpine. He was asked about multi-use trails, which include dogs, bikes, people and horses, by a committee member. He replied that he respects the historical use but also thinks future use should be considered.

Roll Call: J. Coleman, A. Doherty, B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, T. Lee, M. Rothrock. Craig Sanders, PV Ranch; Dr. Judy Murphy from Conservation; Craig Hughes, Town Council Liaison; Howard Young, Director of Public Works; Jeanette Hansen.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meetings of August 20 and July 16, 2019: J. Coleman made a motion, seconded by S. Gold. All were in favor.

Old Business:

- a. **Monthly (August) Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget:** (Update/Discussion): H. Young reported that weed-wacking has finished. Concentrating now on water bars, ditches and catch basins. Asked the committee to keep an eye on the weed situation as there has been no spray for a couple of years. E. Ferrari brought up the subject of branches stacked on town trails. H. Young said this is not permitted and homeowners should check with Denise Enea re. dates to put out for the Fire Department to shred. G. Hanning said that problems at 185 Meadowood need to be corrected before a final is issued. The drainage system is not good and the leaning telephone pole is supposed to be removed. Alpine Hills project – E. Ferrari, G. Hanning and H. Young met with the manager on site. They need to refurbish the town dirt trail. G. Hanning said comments were made on the original application to restore the trail. He also said we need a better process when granting a permit, to ensure items are finished before a final is given. H. Young said they asked for a temporary final until the conditions are met. G. Hanning suggested attending ASCC meetings when the homeowner is there to look at plans regarding the trail system.
- b. **Coal Mine Ridge Open Space Maps and Signage:** (Update/Discussion): C. Sanders had maps which he showed the committee. These would be put at the top kiosk on Old Spanish and the Bay Laurel entrance. The committee signaled approval of the maps. E. Ferrari questioned the naming of the Blue Oaks trail system under the heading 'Coal Mine Ridge of Blue Oaks'. M. Rothrock asked whether it should be noted that the town maintains the trails. C. Sanders said they were not going to use the town seal as H. Young thinks it denotes ownership of the map. C. Sanders suggested putting a notice in the kiosk next to the brochure to report maintenance issues to the town at PV Connect. H. Young questioned the website cmrnp.org on the brochure but C. Sanders said this only refers to the ranch. C. Sanders will also put a notice to recycle maps. H. Young says the committee can report changes needed on the signs. Committee

members asked why the old town signs have been removed. Also the No Dog signs have been defaced with extra No Dog writing and these are town signs. Randy True suggested a map showing MROSD trails as well as town for non-residents.

c. Committee Applications and Potential Charter/Committee Size Amendment:

(Update/Discussion): This was kept open for a month with 3 interested applicants. Regarding increasing the committee membership, M. Rothrock asked if we were to take this step, could we then reduce it if needed? G. Hanning suggested encouraging the applicants to help out at our 2 events and have them involved that way if they do not make it onto the committee. The committee did not see the need to increase the membership from the current 9.

d. Potential Capital Projects: (Discussion): Construction traffic is parked on the town trails at 175 Fawn Lane even though they have been asked not to. Need to recommend parking as landscape plans are in the works.

New Business:

- a. Development Plans:** (Discussion, as filed and applicable): H. Young suggested volunteers for the Stanford subdivision project as trails will be involved. G. Hanning and S. Gold will form a sub-committee. The Traffic Safety project has been accepted for the pedestrian crossings in town. Will need to check that the signs for the crossings comply with Caltrans standards.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10.10 am.