

SPECIAL TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MINUTES – Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 8.15 am

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8.19 am.

ROLL CALL: B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, F. Leach, M. Nicholls, A. Doherty. A. Hey, guest, K. Stromeyer, Conservation Committee, H. Young, Public Works Director.

ORAL/COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS: S. Gold reported that the PV Ranch's mapholders are being used as garbage containers. H. Young will check with the ranch manager about temporarily removing them. G. Hanning reported that an email was received from A. Hey re. signage on the Alpine trail.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: B. Eckstein suggested in the September minutes, under New Business, b. Dogs on Trails, that the last sentence be removed. E. Ferrari made a motion to approve, B. Eckstein seconded, all were in favor except F. Leach, who abstained, as he was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget, September 2020:** Howard – Update/Discussion: Work centering on winter prep: cleaning water bars, removing leaves. Schools opening up next week in a limited way. B. Eckstein mentioned that the bushes in front of 609 Portola Road need trimming as they are encroaching in the trailhead.
- b. **Replacement Metal Signs:** Group – Discussion: Not taking any action on the metal signs. Can discuss removing them. K. Stromeyer suggested using the same signage as Coal Mine Ridge Preserve ranch signs. Agree sign should be smaller, as in Mid-Pen or in PV Ranch. G. Hanning and H. Young will come up with a suitable sign. Check if there is a metal sign on the Degas trail, as it is an official trail.
- c. **Safe Routes to School:** Group – Discussion: Alpine Hills to Corte Madera paved trail. Concern re. crossing at Alpine Hills considered unsafe. M. Nicholls noted that until the intersection is improved and made safer, need to use the dirt trail on the other side. Flashing beacon planned at Alpine/Golden Oak intersection at Alpine Hills Club. Nothing planned at Los Trancos crossing. Plan was to widen this trail with approval from Mid-Pen. No funds allocated this year for the beacon under the Capital Improvement Plan. In order to approve the trail for multi-use, it needs to go before the Council. G. Hanning will discuss with C. Hughes about improving the crosswalk at Alpine Hills. Suggestion is for Alpine Hills to provide a crossing guard and G. Hanning will talk to Jack Mosher, who is a member, about this. Debate about whether to remove the crossing from the Safe Routes to School map. H. Young says the town did a study of that crossing and although there have been some accidents, it is considered safe by State standards. Cost of the flashing light is the issue.
- d. **Alpine Trail Signage:** Group – Discussion: B. Eckstein, S. Gold and G. Hanning hiked on Alpine trail from Alpine Hills to Willowbrook, checking on signs. They are confusing as some are in poor shape. What to do re. signs? Perhaps re-designing the ones on Alpine trail as this seems to be the main issue. A. Hey noted some of the challenges re.

current signs are: a. The writing should be on the front of the sign facing the user. b. Google maps don't reflect the legal usage. Need to talk to Google about changing this. c. Need new signs for through routes to hook up to. d. No arrows indicating direction on current signs. G. Hanning will address the Google maps. F. Leach noted Huddart Park signs are quite visible. G. Hanning says that the users of the trails have changed so we need to take a look at re-designing the signs. A. Doherty says the orientation of signs could be easily fixed. K. Stromeyer says it took 3 months to get the PV Ranch signs done. C. Sanders, a ranch resident, is the contact person. A Hey suggested working on it and already has target points for signs. H. Young said temporary No Bike signs were put up on the Alpine trail opposite Robert's and they were removed 3 times. G. Hanning suggested that a sub-committee be formed to tackle the signs. Can meet without public notification.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Stanford Wedge Update:** Subcommittee – Update Discussion: G. Hanning met with the Town Manager and the Planning Director. The checklist on the application is close to being complete. There are 3 rounds of plan reviews. The Trails Committee were advised to stick to our original plans re. trails and connectivity. Stanford is proposing a single loop at the southern end of their property. Our committee will be asked to attend meetings with other committee representatives re. this project.

Other Business: . Hanlon asked if we are interested in serving on the committee for 2021. Let G. Hanning know.

Adjournment: E. Ferrari made a motion to adjourn, S. Gold seconded, all were in favor. The meeting ended at 10.15 am.