

SPECIAL TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MINUTES – Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 8.15 am.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8.17 am.

ORAL/COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS: G. Hanning announced K. Stromeyer will be retiring from the Conservation Committee. The Trails Committee would like to acknowledge Anne Wengert's service as she has resigned from the Town Council. Thanks also to Danna Breen for her work with the town as she has resigned from the ASCC. Welcome to Sarah Wernikoff, new member of the Town Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from Tuesday, December 1, 2020, will be transferred to the January 19, 2021 meeting for comments and approval.

OLD BUSINESS: H. Young put 27 hours on trail maintenance and water bars and checked storm drains and infrastructure for heavy rains. No Bike signs put out on Alpine trail, in response to complaints from hikers, were ripped down and barricades tossed. Despite suggestions on how to solve this problem, G. Hanning and B. Eckstein stated that with the development of the Stanford Terrace, Stanford has to make this trail multi-use as this has been an on-going issue for 10 years or more. Re. Westridge trails, R. Comes asked why no work has been done. H. Young pointed out these are not town trails, only from Portola Road to Possum. The town does mow on Westridge but that is all. Person to contact is George Andreini. Re. closing trails: S. Gold and E. Ferrari have closed the trails in the PV Ranch, Blue Oaks, Larry Lane and Hayfields area to equestrians for the winter. E. Ferrari has asked Kari Chinn to post to the town website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 2021-2022, Fiscal Year Initiatives and Programs: Group Discussion and Prioritization: Need extra monies for inclusion in budget. Make individual priorities from the public or the committee and email Joe Coleman. B. Morgenthaler suggested widening the Portola Road town trail between Windy Hill and the town center, due to the Spring Ridge winery expansion.

The winery has included a turnaround inside the gate to avoid back-up at the entrance. We will be keeping an eye on the safety issues.

- b. Stanford Portola Terrace Application: Group Discussion and Response: Application is complete and moving to the Entitlement stage. Stanford's preferred trail solution does not conform to the town's General Plan. 1) Upper loop trail (not on Trails and Paths Element) 2) Alpine trail widened and made multi-use 3) Canyon trail, formalize from end to end, Cervantes to Alpine, also old Woodside Trails Club trail. On Stanford's website (which C. Hughes thinks is just for marketing purposes), Dwight Crowder is mentioned as hiking, biking and general use and Alpine Road dirt trail as equestrian only. Misleading to say Stanford is in conformance and it should be noted that the Trails Committee does not agree with statements made relevant to the General Plan. R. Comes: Feels these inaccuracies should be corrected on Stanford's website. Vacancies are currently open on the ASCC and the Planning Commission right now and need public input as to candidate selection and choice. Suggestion to put the Committee's opinion, either on PV Forum or our own website. C. Hughes suggests forming a sub-committee to ASCC or Planning Commission to advocate for our idea, disagreeing with Stanford's plan. The committee can send an email or letter to this public forum, with a cc to the Council. It is important for the Subdivision Committee, the ASCC and the Planning Commission to know these issues before they meet. Can say we approve the project on condition they work with the Trails Committee on the trail map, showing they are not in compliance with the town's General Plan. Stanford has a right to develop this property, and if Stanford wants the town to make concessions, town can ask for tradeoffs, i.e. trails. G. Hanning asked if our General Plan is open to change for a particular client? Can the town attorney give us legal counsel? The town attorney represents the Council and the town but we need to go through Council to get permission. Rusty Day: disagrees this is a legal process but a town process to use the General Plan to implement the General Plan. It is a negotiation, not a legal dispute, asking Stanford to implement our General Plan if they want to develop. Subdivision Commission should bring all together to set up negotiating

points to discuss with developer. Should happen before any ASCC and Planning Commission meetings. Subdivision Sub-Committees have not been convened since tentative plan was filed. Right now, town residents know nothing about this project until this meeting. We need to hear from all our town committees re. their views on this proposal so residents know about this proposal. Why are not all our committees and residents involved in this process from the beginning? C. Hughes: disagrees with the charge Stanford is getting special treatment. B. Morgenthaler: responding to Craig's point, it is frustrating that when addressing the Council and Planning Commission, only 3 minutes is allowed. Feels last minute notification of meetings during this Covid period over week-ends needs more of a heads-up. G. Hanning is still awaiting a reply from Laura Russell re. Subdivision Committee meeting. C. Hughes: 2023 -2031 – will have to build a project like this every year in the future so need to create a considerate system for applicants that is not contentious. F. Leach: we should highlight previous projects which have been completed successfully, i.e. PV Ranch, Blue Oaks, to set proper expectations and standards. R. Day: re scaling, can we scale our building projects to address state mandates? Why was the Subdivision Committee not active in decision suggestions and given public voice, before being dumped on ASCC and Planning Commission at the last minute ? We have a process which is in place to distribute responsibility. G. Hanning: need to have a public confirmation process of our own to inform the town. Stanford is a housing affiliate and is not stepping up to the plate. Need to beef up committees to handle future projects. Trails are very important to our town, it is our identity.

Our Subcommittee has F. Leach, J. Coleman and G. Hanning on it. B. Morgenthaler supports the airing of this topic and lauded F. Leach for calling out how previous projects were handled. Feels the Council may feel that they tend to view the public as one group and not as individuals. Also feels more diversity is needed on the Town Council.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: E. Ferrari made a motion, F. Leach seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10.13 am.