



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Trails and Paths Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 8:15 AM

Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Oral/Community Communications
3. Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2021, meeting
4. Old Business
 - a. Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget for August 2021: Howard Update/Discussion
 - b. Trails and Paths ADU checklist items: Group - Update
5. New Business
 - a. Proposed sign on Shady Trail by Historic Resources Committee: Group - Recommendation
 - b. PV Donates: Group - Discussion
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

SPECIAL TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MINUTES – Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 8.15 am

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8.11 am.

ROLL CALL: J. Coleman, B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, M. Nicholls. C. Hughes, Town Council Liaison; H. Young, Public Works Director; Guests: Kristi Corley, T. Coleman, Conservation Committee; Mary Hufty, Westridge Committee.

ORAL/COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: G. Hanning made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 20, 2021, E. Ferrari seconded, all were in favor, except F. Leach who was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Trail Conditions and Work for July, 2021:** Howard Update/Discussion: Trail work has been done. H. Young will follow up with E. Ferrari re. 170 Cherokee Way and town trail. T. Coleman asked how to have town remove Stinkwort, (Dittrichia), and was advised to use PV Connect. It needs to be removed before going to seed. The annual re-surfacing projects will begin next week. The slurry seal will occur on 25 streets and is posted on the website. Crosswalks will be re-sealed. S. Gold noticed that not all crosswalks are upgraded to similar striping. H. Young said each crossing is different. They are listed on the website. There are 9 locations for crosswalks. Golden Oak/Alpine Hills and in front of Priory are slated for lighted crosswalks. Will be up for public comment before building. 160 Fawn: Gary says can take poles off trail as construction has ceased. Can we have them restore trail and cut hedge back a foot or two? Howard says the final is not through yet and asks for photos of what needs to be done. Howard and Gary will talk offline. Per Barb Eckstein, the hedge has grown into the easement and there is not enough room to use trail between hedge and mailbox. Escobar trail: Sign saying 'No horses, Hikers ok'. Mary Hufty preparing a legal document for Westridge trails. S. Gold asked about Alamo trail. It has been restored, per Mary. Gary and Howard will check whether new homeowners are informed when there is a trail on their property.
- b. Stanford Faculty Housing Subcommittee:** Group – Update: All committees invited to review site. Some members have already signed up and Gary encourages everyone to do so. Can see where proposed housing and trails will go. Kristi Corley said Open Space Committee wants to know where easements are as they may allocate funds for purchasing. SB9 - EPA protections are taken away and no public comment is allowed, such as with ADU's. Only very high fire areas, such as Wayside and Woodside Highlands, will be exempt. Other areas in town are not high fire. SB10 will permit houses on any lot. If either one passes, our town will change. Gary says when developers make plans, they need to show easements on plans. ADU's don't show trails. If they do build on an easement, we can ask them to move it. Gary met with residents re. Wedge trails, where

houses are going to go and also where trails go. Want to incorporate Canyon trail. Won't become a town trail as residents do not want to give up or sell easements. Very good chance that it could become a formalized Westridge trail. They are concerned about the project, the closer they are to the project. Homeowner of ADU on Cervantes may be willing to let trail be used behind ADU, as part of Westridge Canyon trail.

- c. **Ordered List of Trail Mowing:** Joe Coleman – Update: No news as Joe has not had a chance to do anything. Will meet with Howard when he is able to work on it. May 15-July 30th is when mowing happens. Have to balance fire mitigation and expectations of users.
- d. **Trails and Paths ADU Checklist Items:** Group – Update: Will not be reviewing plans for ADU stand-alone projects. Gary worked with Laura Russell and Craig Hughes and submitted a check list from PVTTC. He will send list of items to committee members. Need to get ADU's as far away from trails as possible. Kristi Corley asked if it is possible for the Town Council to get PVTTC involved and have someone come out to check on the ADU. The town can write in what it wants. Gary says we won't be going out to sites as we won't know. Could we have town write in a resolution? Only 30 days' approval time. Can't slow project down. Building Dept. is open to this, per Gary. C. Hughes says if they build on a trail easement, we can make them move the ADU. Other hazards are sprinklers. Kristi asked if Woodside has different ADU laws and why can't we do the same?

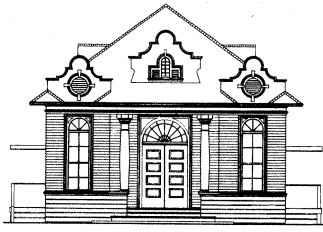
NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **PARKS AND RECREATION DOG PARK PROPOSAL:** Discussion: Making a proposal to build a dog park at the Town Center. They are preparing a presentation and we will invite them to come before our committee. We will lose our Horse Fair area and there is a big concern about dogs charging the fence and frightening horses onto Portola Road, as the town trail is nearby. They said they could move park in a bit to accommodate this. Howard says it is at the stage of reaching out to other committees before moving forward. We need to share alternate locations with them, per B. Eckstein.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. An application to join the committee has come in from Jacqueline Davis. Not available today. Liz Babb, who lives in Woodside Highlands, is also interested in joining.

ADJOURNMENT: E. Ferrari made a motion to adjourn, S. Gold seconded, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9.10 am.



MEMORANDUM

TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

TO: Trails and Paths Committee

FROM: Scott Weber, Maintenance Worker
Howard Young, Public Works Director

DATE: September 14, 2021

RE: Trail work for August 2021

Attached is the trail work recording form completed for August.

The total maintenance staff hours worked in August was 35 hours.

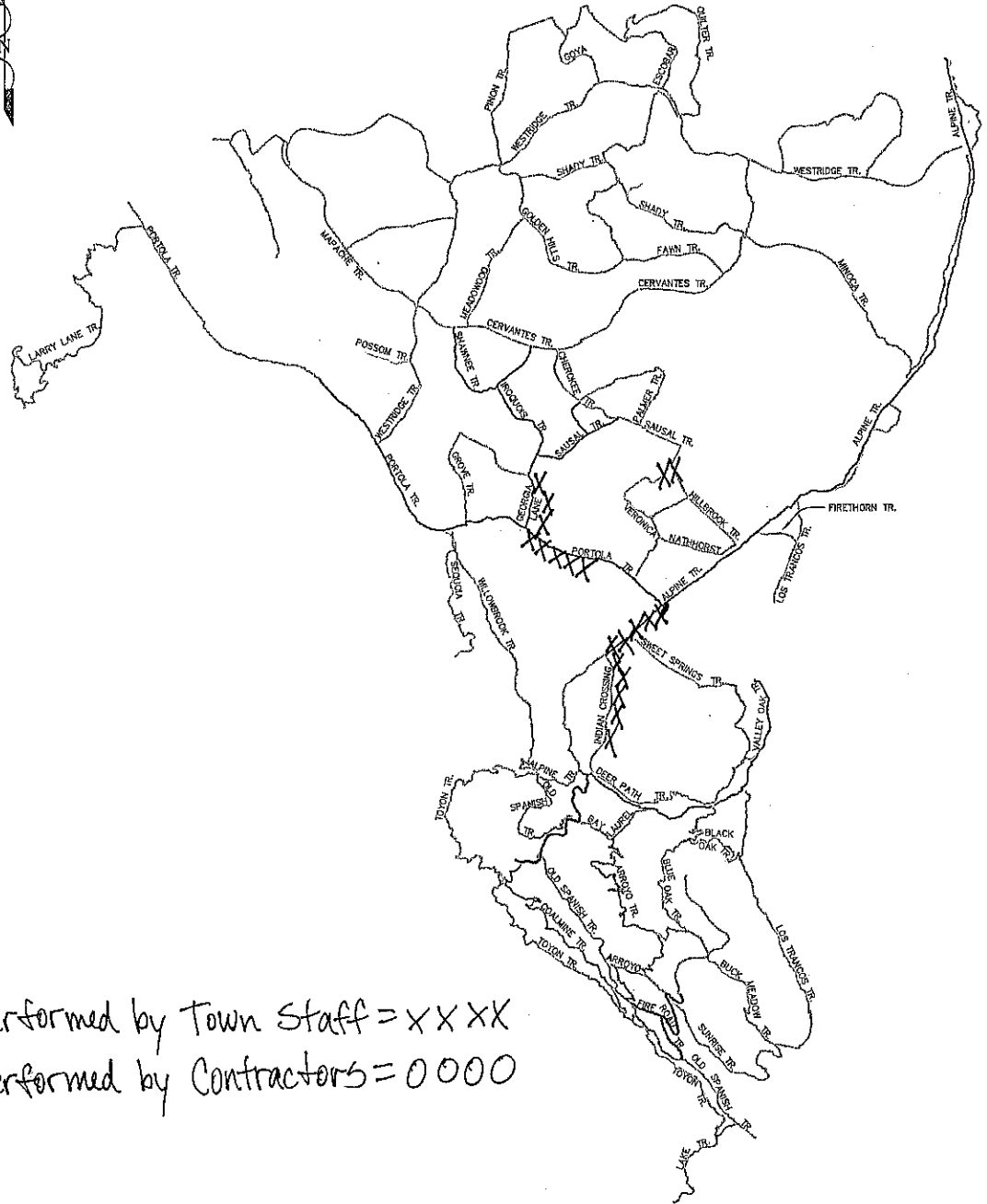
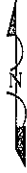
The total contracted staff hours worked August was 0 hours.

Total hours worked: **35 hours**

Attachments: Trail Map
Work sheet

Trail	Length	Work Completed	Date
Admiral Quilter	0.5		
Alpine	3.0	Cut brush from Indian Crossing to Alpine	8-11/23
Arroyo	1.6		
Bay Laurel	0.5		
Black Oak	0.8		
Blue Oak	0.5		
Buckmeadow	0.5		
Cervantes	1.3		
Cherokee	0.2		
Coalmine	0.8		
Deer Path	0.7		
Dwight Crowder	2.0		
Eagle	0.6		
Fawn	0.3		
Fire Road	0.5		
Firethorne	0.1		
Georgia	0.3	Cut brush	8-17
Golden Hills	0.7		
Golden Oak	0.2		
Grove	0.6		
Hay Forks	0.7		
Hillbrook	0.4		
Indian Crossing	0.4	Cut brush from Horseshoe bend to Alpine	8-12
Iroquois	0.2		
Lake	0.4		
Larry Lane	1.5		
Los Trancos	1.1		
Los Trancos Rd	0.4		
Meadowwood	0.4		
Minoca	0.7		
Nathorst	0.3		
Old Spanish	1.9		
Palmer	0.6		
Portola	2.3	Cut brush in front of Priory	8-18
Possum	0.2		
Priory	0.5	Cut brush at Hillbrook	8-31
Redberry	0.2		
Sausal	0.6		
Sequoia	0.5		
Shady	0.8		
Shawnee	0.5		
Sunrise	0.8		
Sweet Springs	0.8		
Toyon	2.4		
Veronica	0.2		
Westridge			
Willowbrook	0.8		
TOTAL	36.0 miles		

Town of Portola Valley Trail Map



Work Performed by Town Staff = XXXX
Work Performed by Contractors = OOOO

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Nancy Lund

To: Gary Hanning

Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 10:55:20 AM PDT

Subject: Shady Trail sign?

Gary:

The Historic Resources Committee and Bev Lipman would like to post this sign on one of the old fence stakes along Shady Trail. It's a small chance to offer a bit of local history to passersby. The proposed post is flagged. The sign itself has been painted by Joan Mattucci on a portion of a railing from the old fence that was hanging loose. We'd like the committee's okay to do this. Can you approve for the committee, or do you think everyone should see it and weigh in? Thanks for taking a look and rendering an opinion.

All best,

Nancy

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