



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**  
**Trails Committee Meeting**  
**September 21, 2021**  
**Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom**

**TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM

**Roll Call:** Members present: B. Eckstein, J. Coleman, A. Doherty, G. Hanning, F. Leach, M. Nicolls

Members absent: E. Ferrari, S. Gold

Also present: H. Young, Public Works Director; Craig Hughes (Town Council Liaison); T. Coleman (Conservation Committee liaison; guest Secretary)

Guests: Liz Babb, Jacqueline Davis, Jane Bourne, Dick Ball, Roger Pease

**Oral/Community Communications:**

a. J. Davis and L. Babb have submitted applications for the one available open Committee position.

**Approval of Minutes** from August 17, 2021 meeting: minutes were *approved as written*.

**Old Business:**

a. Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget for August 2021 – H. Young stated the majority of mowing has been completed. The most recent work has been focused on areas around the schools. Public Works will next be concentrating on winter preparation activities including water bar maintenance. L. Babb noted the documentation provided with the meeting agenda listing Town trails did not include the Joan Targ trail. H. Young responded that trail is normally included with the Larry Lane trail, however, if required, it can be listed separately when the document is updated. J. Coleman stated he has noticed poison oak is remaining and thriving along several trails; H. Young responded since the Town has stopped spraying, poison oak is very difficult to control and requires the use of equipment for physical removal (usually performed by contracted workers).

b. The ADU checklist items have been submitted to the Town and were acknowledged; no comments have yet been received from the Town (Laura Russell). Craig Hughes stated SB-9 and SB-10 both passed the California legislature and have been signed by the Governor. SB-9 may require the same type approval as ADUs (ministerial review and approval only; no

Committees to review and approve). He stated the Town is currently reviewing both SB-9 and SB-10 and may consider if zoning changes are needed to comply with the spirit of the laws while also maintaining the PV character.

**New Business:**

a. Proposed sign on Shady Trail: The sign proposed by the Historic Resources Committee (“Old Ormondale Farm Road”) for posting on Shady Trail was reviewed by the Committee. *The proposal was approved unanimously.*

b. PV Donates: G. Hanning asked if the Committee had any projects to recommend for the PV Donates program. M. Nicholls mentioned the addition of some type of low fence along the steep portion of the bike trail on Alpine Trail near Corte Madera school to Alpine Hills might be a project for consideration. G. Hanning suggested an in-person meeting to see if this portion of the trail overlaps with the section that is possibly going to be moved to the other side of the fence as part of the Hawthornes project. L. Babb mentioned a bench at the start of the Larry Lane trail was removed a couple of months ago at the time of trail mowing/clearing and has not been replaced so perhaps a new bench could be requested from PV Donates.

**Other Business:**

a. J. Davis and L. Babb were introduced to the Committee as candidates for the open Committee position. J. Davis stated she lives on Adair, moved to Portola Valley approximately five years ago with her family. She stated she is a mountain bike rider and hiker, and uses the trails daily. L. Babb stated she lives in the Woodside Highlands, moved here with her family approximately five years ago to be closer to her parents who had moved to the Sequoias and said she loves walking on the town trails. J. Coleman mentioned ongoing challenges for the Committee include dogs off leash on town trails and improper use of certain trails by bicyclists. G. Hanning stated multiuse trails can't always be accommodated due to easements and geography so represent challenges for the Committee. Chair Hanning asked the Committee to forward their feedback on the two prospective candidates by the end of the week so the Committee can make a recommendation to the Town Council.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 am.

**Date & Time of Next Meeting:** October 19, 2021.