

**SPECIAL TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MINUTES** – Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 8.15 am.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9.02 am. Members present: Liz Babb, Joe Coleman, Alex Doherty, Barb Eckstein, E. Ferrari, Susan Gold, Gary Hanning. Members Absent: Fred Leach, Mike Nicolls. Craig Hughes, Council Liaison. Guests: Teresa Coleman, Maddie, Rita Comes, Mary Hufty.

**ORAL/COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Changes to the minutes of Tuesday, October 19, under c. (PV Trail Map Subcommittee) include removing line 4. E. Ferrari made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, B. Eckstein seconded, and all were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) **Trail Conditions, Work and Budget for October/November 2021:** Howard Update/Discussion. Cleaning streets, storm drains. Working on installing new posts on the bridge on Arroyo trail. Email Howard directly with any problems. The town will be closed over the holidays. Public Works Committee will be available during lockdown. Call Joe Coleman or Alex to get someone to fix a problem. Joe Coleman and Liz Babb had problems using PV Connect. Has been brought to Howard's attention. Per Joe, homeowner at 445 Cervantes has rototilled their lawn which may affect the town trail. Meadowood project going on near Navajo. Too many vehicles were parking on the street. Howard is aware.
- b) **Alpine Trail/Safe Route to Schools Subcommittee:** Group – membership and charter/objectives discussion: Liz Babb expressed interest in taking G. Hanning's place. Gary can meet as a Representative from the school district and be in touch with them. They have not met yet. The Subcommittee will meet and get back to the Trails Committee. MROSD is a year away from forming a trails committee and indicated that a member of our committee could be on their advisory board for the trails portion. Four people should elect a chair and operate as a Subcommittee. Liz Babb will email members and get back to Gary so he can get it on the calendar. The new members are: Liz Babb, Alex Doherty, Barb Eckstein and Mike Nicolls.
- c) **PV Trail Map Subcommittee:** Group – Update/Discussion: Subcommittee meeting Thursday pm per A. Doherty. Need to elect chair. Important to produce new trail map so town can see where trails are located, and these must be shown on future plans for building and ADU's. Alex suggested not making the map too technical but just having something to show before development begins. Per Liz Babb's question, Gary, Susan and Barb walked the Alpine trail and decided a new trail map is needed for ministerial

reviews. Applicants have to mark the trail on their applications as 'official' and 'unofficial' or 'formal' or 'informal' i.e. Canyon, Westridge and Ranch trails all have easements on them. Suggestion to invite Howard to a meeting and ask him how to proceed. Suggest talking to Nona Chiariello (Open Space Committee) as she worked on maps for MROSD. Also Craig Saunders for PV Ranch. L. Babb asked who tidies up the signs. Mary Hufty sent an email to WASC saying Westridge trails should no longer be left off the town trail maps.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Willow Commons Project:** Group – Discussion and comments to the planning Department: G. Hanning had requested no parking on trail and repair if damaged. No scoring needed as paved trail. C. Hughes said project is moving very quickly and will be coming before the Council with a possible request for housing funds for the project. Building will be towards the back of the lot. L. Babb asked how to review site plans and was told it is all on-line. Trail is on their site plan and should be left open during construction. G. Hanning can send a cheat sheet to members re. questions they would like to ask re. new building projects.
- b. **2022 Trails and Paths Projects/Priorities:** Group – Discussion/Recommendations: Items include Horse Fair, Town Hike, Trail Maps for Safe Routes to School and new map showing Westridge trails. Other requests: all-weathering Sequoia trail (funds needed) Cervantes needs to be rocked and improved. J. Coleman has sent out a list in the past and will be do so again for the committee to add their suggestions.
- c. **Trail sign modification for leashed dogs:** Group – Discussion/Recommendation: New signs cost \$150 each and G. Hanning said some signs will need to be replaced and kept the same size. Re. public leashing their dogs, it is on the website and also, there is a leash law in San Mateo County. G. Hanning will ask what the town can do to uphold the leash law on our trails and whether to add this to the town's information site.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Springdown has revoked the gift of the facility to the town. Problems arose with the fencing which Carol requested and had allocated substantial monies to build with the town contributing funds as well. Address questions to Jeremy Dennis. Fred and Gary will be on a new committee for housing. Our committee's concern is with not building on trails. Re. a question about Canyon, WASC is reviewing their trail easements with an attorney

**ADJOURNMENT:** E. Ferrari made a motion to adjourn the meeting, S. Gold seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10.25 am.