

SPECIAL TRAILS AND PATHS COMMITTEE MINUTES – Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 9.00 am.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9.03 am. Members present: L. Babb, J. Coleman, Jacquelyn Davis (new member), B. Eckstein, E. Ferrari, S. Gold, G. Hanning, F. Leach. Member absent: A. Doherty. C. Hughes, Council Liaison; H. Young, Public Works Director. Guest: Mary Hufty.

ORAL/COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS: New member, Jacquelyn Davis, was welcomed to the committee. Mary Hufty reported that the trail at 680 Westridge – which was blocked on the Escobar side – has been cleared and the homeowner made aware of WASC’s codes in regard to trail encroachments. Property owners are protected from liability by the California Recreation Trails Indemnification Act. Westridge’s trails are available to the public to use at their own risk. Westridge has also begun planning and clearing the trail easements along Alpine Road, between Westridge Drive and the Ladera border at the Ladera Church. This trail will allow the permitted horse owners at 3338 Alpine Rd access to the Westridge trails without crossing Alpine, as well as a safer access to the south side of Alpine at the Ladera crosswalk, when accessing stores or walking with children and pets. Jacquelyn Davis asked about the Westridge trails but currently they are not shown on the town maps.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: E. Ferrari made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2022, S. Gold seconded, J. Davis abstained, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Trail Conditions, Work, and Budget for February 2022:** Howard Update/Discussion: In February, staff spent 30 hours preparing for an earlier mow. Currently looking into the origin of concrete chunks and garbage dumped at end of Georgia Lane on dirt roadway. Working with Denise Gilbert putting up closed signs on Bay Laurel in preparation for 20 volunteers working on this trail. Will be posted on website. Fire mitigation continuing on Portola and Alpine; will move to Golden Oak and Cervantes in July/Aug, for a total of 34 town properties. Please make suggestions for Capital Improvement list for budget and send to J. Coleman by April 1st. M. Hufty says cars are parking straight in onto trail at town center. Suggest figuring out a way to stop cars parking right up to fence by church. A. Doherty asked about sign replacements and was told these can be paid out of maintenance budget. G. Hanning will agendize this for the next meeting.
- b. **Cherokee Trail Sign:** Change/Addition to Correspond to Trail/Path Easements: G. Hanning suggests finding date to review site location for new signs. Can have up to 4 people. Email Gary if interested.
- c. **Alpine Trail/Safe Route to Schools Subcommittee:** Group – Discussion/Update: J. Davis offered to fill the slot on subcommittee. No chair needed as L. Babb

keeps everyone organized with good notes. B. Eckstein met Monday to focus just on Safe Routes to School. Found irregularities on current map. Need to simplify and educate kids and parents about map. Need 4 spots to add existing signs. The subcommittee will make a presentation to the full Trails Committee regarding their recommendations. The subcommittee will make a presentation to the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Traffic Committee if necessary, regarding the lights already approved at the Alpine Hills Tennis Club crosswalk, in terms of that enhancement moving up in the Town Public Works' priority. G. Hanning will assist as member of school board if and when it is presented to the school.

- d. **PV Trail Map Subcommittee:** Group – Discussion/Update: L. Babb ready to give draft maps to Dave Evans to create a trails map. Dave Evans is an expert at Adobe Illustrator and he will use layers within Illustrator to create our public map which we can then easily adjust. In addition, Illustrator is a well-known program, so others can enhance the maps in the future without a lot of trouble. G. Hanning had not heard back from the Sequoias re. trails and signage issue. Jacquelyn Davis volunteered for the subcommittee vacancy, which meets bi-weekly on Wednesday. Need to walk trails and take pics. May need to discuss with Mary Hufty/WASC how they want their trails represented on the map.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **2022 Horse Fair:** Group – Discussion on new date: Out of an abundance of caution, this has been cancelled for 2022 due to an Equine Virus affecting many of the local barns. B. Eckstein will write up a short paragraph to go out in the town newsletter. E. Ferrari noted this virus is not contagious to humans.
- b. **Community Hike:** Group – Planning: Need a new chair as A. Doherty is unable to help. Usually held end of October. Hike starts at Nathorst triangle, up to ranch and down through the Sequoias.

OTHER BUSINESS: H. Young was thanked for having the homeowner on Fawn restore the trail which was damaged during construction. G. Hanning noted the telephone wire hanging down from the pole. H. Young is aware and will fix.

ADJOURNMENT: J. Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, F. Leach seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10.10 am. The next meeting will be on April 20, 2022, 9.00 am.