

Saratoga Pedestrian, Equestrian and Bicycle Trails Committee Meeting
City Hall Planning Offices
13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 20th, 2008

Meeting started 7:00 pm
Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

I. Organization

Attendees:

Denise Goldberg, Chair
Bill Brooks, Citizen Advisor
Jim Stallman, Citizen Advisor
Ray Cosyn, Citizen Advisor
Iveta Harvancik, Staff
Bob Sutterfield, Citizen

II. Administration

Minutes approved for April with correction to Iveta's name.

III. Oral and Written Communication

Bob Sutterfield spoke objecting to Highway 9 shoulder conversion to bike lane's saying that the change limits the civil rights of bicyclists with no offsetting benefit. He said that he didn't take full advantage of public input opportunities to express his position on the change in meetings prior to project execution.

IV. Old Business

A. Parker Ranch Conservation Project – This project is now closed. The city sent a letter to each of the affected property owners. It was noted that liability defense and indemnification is now part of any City Trail easement contract with private property owners. The County does this already.
B. Bicycle Facilities Improvement Map – At the Public Safety Commission (PSC) meeting the Trails Committee recommendation to not drop Bike Route designations for Mt. Eden, Pierce, and Big Basin roads was expressed. The PSC is asking the City Attorney to comment on City liability for roads signed as being Bike Routes. A suggestion at the present Trails Meeting recap was made that probably better signage is needed.

V. New Business

A. Village Creek Trail – proposed trail would go between Sunnyvale-Saratoga and Wildwood Park with a possible connection to Hakone.
B. CIP Priority Rankings – Committee vote tally in descending order: Restrooms, Lower Tank Trail, Village Creek Trail, De Anza Phase 2, Azule Park Play Court, Orchard Park Sign.
C. Swenson Development Proposal – Sidewalk/path along Quito doesn't show in developer proposal but this will be addressed by staff. Discussion ensued about possible trail along creek and/or connection across creek to Montpere Way. It was noted that Campbell has a trail planned along San Tomas Creek downstream of this development.
D. Summer Meeting Schedule – Adopted June 10th, cancelled July, return to regular meeting schedule 3rd Tuesday in August.

VI. Reports

Heritage Orchard Trail – The trail is presently under construction and will run along the creek and then out to Saratoga Avenue along the boundary with Sacred Heart Church.

Cox Connector Trail to Brookglen Park – The trail from the park out to Cox is happening as part of the adopted subdivision plan.

Deer Trail – Relocation ran into complications once the actual property lines were determined. Trail realignment will now have to be constructed around and on top of the swale instead of along it,

House Trail – House will dedicate an easement for a connector trail through his property out towards Quarry Road. Two properties between the House property and Quarry Road would also need easements to facilitate completing this link. House will relocate the upper Tank Trail to off of his property himself as part of the overall end of Old Oak Way abandonment agreement approved by the City Council.

Member Reports

It was requested to provide an update to Signal Detector Loop upgrade plan in Old Business at future meetings.

VII. Action Items

None