

**Saratoga Pedestrian, Equestrian and Bicycle Trails Committee Meeting**  
**City Hall Planning Offices**  
**13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 21st, 2008**

Meeting started 7:00 pm  
Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

- V. I. Organization  
Attendees:  
Denise Goldberg, Chair  
Bill Brooks, Citizen Advisor  
Jim Stallman, Citizen Advisor  
Ray Cosyn, Citizen Advisor (absent)  
Iveta Harvancik, Staff
  
- VI. II. Administration  
Minutes approved for August.
  
- III. Oral and Written Communication  
Letter regarding Sheriff understanding of the bike lane along Big Basin in the Village  
Letter regarding Class III implications in city liability for cyclist safety
  
- VII. Staff Report
  - A. Joe's Trail groundbreaking Oct 24.
  - B. Teerlink Trail washout from storm last year is going to be repaired
  - C. 2 properties on Via Regina have trail conditions which will provide easement for trail
  - D. Shankar property trail along Mt. Eden Rd. was discussed and street crossing locations evaluated.
  - E. New benches are now installed along Parker Ranch trail system and one in San Marcos Park.
  - F. City sent letter to County regarding trail connection easement request for Hakone to Sanborn.
  - G. Committee selected locations for hiker symbol road markings to mark trail/road junctions.
  - H. Committee inquired about proposed trail shown immediately downstream of the upper Prospect and Parker Ranch Rd. intersection – is there an easement?
  - I. Upper Tank Trail will get connection put in before the end of the year at no cost to the city.
  
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Bicycle Intersection Improvements  
Signal detector lops have been marked at all signalized left turns in the City except at Scotland and Vineyard where they meet Saratoga Ave. which will have D-lops installed before being marked.
  - B. Bicycle Facilities Map/Circulation Element.  
Proposed Circulation Element update was discussed. Quarry Rd. was asked about as a possible alternative to the steep portion of Mt. Eden but it was dismissed due to it being a private road and also due to an even steeper section where it meets Mt. Eden than Mt. Eden Rd. itself. It was pointed out that the Bike Map at VTA.org shows Mt. Eden and Pierce as Extreme Caution and Alert respectively. A concern was raised that the Fehr and Piers letter which proposed dropping the Class III

designations was incorrect and out of line in stating that there were no improvements possible when, from an engineering standpoint, there are possibilities. An example was already presented in the Trail Committee's original review recommendation. It was commented that this whole matter was originally an outgrowth of the cyclist who was killed rear ending the car on Saratoga Avenue who pulled over to answer a cell phone in a posted No Parking zone. It was suggested that the whole matter was blown out of proportion and that all that was needed was to change the No Parking signs at that location to No Stopping signs since it is a merge location where not a lot of attention is paid to the right side of the road. A motion was adopted to recommend to the council:

- **re-post the Bikeway Map for Saratoga which shows the Post Route as an alternative to Pierce and incorporate whatever advisory the City Attorney wants to see added.**
- **review the recommendation worked up by the Trails Committee when originally reviewing the element.**
- **consider reasons for keeping the Class III designation as provided in an explanation by the Trails Committee when originally reviewing the Circulation Element Update Proposal.**

IX. New Business

- A. Easement relocation for 21789 Villa Oaks Lane - continued
- B. Congress Springs Connection – staff reviewed the proposed connection with Caltrans who said that an encroachment permit was the way to put in the trail. A motion was adopted:
  - **send this trail proposal to John Cherbone identifying it not only as a connection to Congress Springs Park but also as a spur to Joe's Trail so that he can put it before the Council in their annual CIP study review.**
- C. Village Creek Trail – village businesses are in support and the trail would seek/use an easement provided on the business side of Saratoga Creek. Site visit TBA
- D. Joint Meeting with PRC Discussion and Agenda – will be held at the property known as North Campus next month.

VII. Member Reports (information only, no actions to be taken)

- A. A resident who was actively involved in Parker Ranch Trail rehabilitation project earlier this year said that he is very happy with the results and that illicit bike activity has not returned.