

Saratoga Pedestrian, Equestrian and Bicycle Trails Committee Meeting
City Hall Planning Offices
13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 15th, 2009

Meeting started 7:00pm
Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

- I. Organization
Attendees:
Denise Goldberg, Chair
Jim Stallman, Vice Chair
Bill Brooks, Citizen Advisor (absent- excused)
Ray Cosyn, Citizen Advisor
Ann Waltonsmith, Citizen Advisor
Iveta Harvancik, Staff
- II. Administration
Minutes approved for June 2009.
- III. Oral and Written Communication
None
- IV. Staff Report
Parker Ranch Upper Tank Trail has been relocated; will open when legal description and Council approval has taken place.
Shankar Trail is now dedicated and open.
Revised City Web Site showing additional Trail Maps with an Overview Map containing hyperlinks should go live this week
- V. Old Business
 - A. Joe's Trail – working on finalizing easements; should go out to bid in Oct/Nov.
 - B. Village Bike Racks – Staff is making final selections of bike rack type, Village Streetscape Project approval set for October
- VI. New Business
 - A. Children's Heritage Trail, Garden, and Farm – Conceptual Plan. Anna – described situation where neighbor to Peck's wants to sell and is hopeful to have property not become condos. Betty – referenced heritage Easterbrook Garden as example of what is being proposed. Attention was called to the California History Museum, located at De Anza College, current display on the Learning Farm. Catherine - Referenced 2 books: Last Child in the Woods – Richard Louv, and Urban Sprawl and Public Health – Howard Frunkin. Cited as successful examples: Waldorf School of the Peninsula garden and Hidden Villa in Los Altos. Motion to support Plan was approved by the committee noting: 1) Trail from Saratoga Avenue connecting to the High School could finally become a reality 2) Learning Center – Farm Garden and Orchard – eliminating threat of more structures being built in the Heritage Orchard 3) Neighboring city examples – Cupertino Blackberry Farm (and trail) and Sunnyvale Central Park Orchard Center 4) Monte Sereno - Saratoga Foundation as a potential financial sponsor

- B. Heritage Orchard Trail – Motion approved to ask Heritage Commission to 1) sign path, 2) bury water lines crossing trail, 3) notify Redwood Principal about irrigation system damage
- C. Biking Through History Bike Tour – 1st weekend in November; committee offered suggestion for route to include West Valley College
- D. San Jose Bike Plan – Comment regarding the need for San Jose to put Bike Lanes on their portion of De Anza to complete the corridor

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

Pending Trail Updates - Saratoga to the Sea connecting to Hakone: still in discussion and making its way through agency approval process

No action taken on submitting Blue Hills School RR Safety Crossing input to Cement Plant Permit renewal EIR

North Campus Opening slated for Oct. 23 subsequent to Council approval on 21st

VIII. Action Item Summary

Staff to transmit PEBTAC approval to City Council of Children's Heritage Trail, Garden, and Farm – Conceptual Plan

Staff to submit PEBTAC request to Public Safety Commission regarding Redwood School connection to Fruitvale Path

Staff to submit PEBTAC request to Heritage Preservation Commission regarding Orchard Trail Irrigation System Damage

Denise and Ray to finalize History Bike Tour

Adjournment – next meeting October 20th