

CITY OF SARATOGA
PEDESTRIAN, EQUESTRIAN & BICYCLE TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 17, 2009

TIME: 7:00 pm.

LOCATION: City of Saratoga Planning Offices, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

1. Call to Order: *Meeting started at 7:00pm*

2. Roll Call: Present: *Brooks, Cosyn, Goldberg, Stallman, Waltonsmith; Absent: Goldberg (email noted).*
Staff: *Harvancik*

3. Report on Posting of the Agenda: *Confirmed by staff.*

4. Accept Agenda Items and Order: *New Business taken before Old.*

5. Approval of Minutes: *Minutes were approved. It was noted that the city web site is set up to do automatic email notification by action of the requester.*

6. Oral and Written Communication: *None received.*

7. Staff Report:

Input from Shawn:

- *Parker Ranch: Litter has been removed from the vista point. Homeowners Assoc. (HOA) request to remove overlook bench is being acted upon. There was discussion regarding the bench removal. The Committee requested that Trail Agreement contract terms be put on as a future Agenda item.*
- *A new spray rig is being acquired by the City for doing annual trail maintenance.*
- *A Boy Scout requested permission and recommendation on placement for wildlife info trail signage. San Marcos would be one location and Parker Ranch was asked for but may not be permitted by the new HOA agreement approved by Council.*

8. Old Business:

- *Issues for the Traffic Safety Commission - Reviewed staff response to Fruitvale path.*
- *Issues for the Heritage Preservation Commission - Reviewed staff action in contacting Redwood School Administration on Heritage Orchard Library Trail user disruption of irrigation system.*
- *Joe's Trail Construction status - San Jose Water has promised that land title resolution will be concluded by the end of this year. Bid advertisement can take place after that.*

9. New Business:

- *West Valley College Greenbelt*

Lori Gaskin, Ph.D. presented an idea for restoring Vasona Creek through the college in partnership with Saratoga. The College's Park Management Program has already done some scoping of the project. The Committee expressed enthusiastic support for the idea

and offered some financing suggestions along with asking questions about prior litigation outcomes regarding the cement dumping incident.

10. Reports (information only, no actions to be taken):

Pending trails updates:

- *Staff reported that Horse Xing signs installation on Mt. Eden Rd. should be completed this week.*
- *Saratoga is the sponsor for the Quarry Trail property transfer from the County and is presently engaged in the requisite Environmental work*

Member reports:

- *Bill reported that chips have been spread on a portion of the lower Mt. Eden Trail. One property owner was against the use of wood chips and will be contacted about other alternatives.*
- *Jim reported that a recent 2003 issue Latinos in American History series has, as one of the books, one on Juan Bautista de Anza which gives a good prospective on the Anza Trail which Joe's Trail is part of.*
- *Ray reported that he submitted his biography to the Mayor as a candidate for the Bicycle Advisory Position appointment to succeed Jim.*

11. Action Items Summary:

- *Staff noted the future agenda item request on the City Trail Agreement.*
- *Staff to coordinate West Valley College potential trail site visit.*

12. Adjournment to Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:

Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00pm