

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

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 2014
TIME: 4:00 pm
LOCATION: City of Saratoga Planning Conference Room, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue,
Saratoga, CA 95070

1. **Call to Order:** *Meeting called to order by the Chair at 4:00pm*
2. **Roll Call:** *Present: Stallman, Cosyn, Swan, Waltonsmith; City liaison Harvancik*
3. **Report on Posting of the Agenda:** *So done*
4. **Accept Agenda Items and Order:** *Moved Minutes approval to after Old Business*
5. **Oral and Written Communication:** *None*
6. **Old Business:**
 - **Blue Hills School Safety Crossing update (Reconnect Saratoga) – TFCA grant** – *submitting a letter of support from the committee was approved*
 - **Quarry Park Master Plan update** –
 - *The website for the project is <http://www.saratoga.ca.us/cityhall/pw/projects/esquarry/default.asp>*
 - *Staff met with San Jose Water Company and submitted a formal request to investigate the crossing of their property with a trail.*
 - *Nine people attended to request that the park include mountain bike trails. Connectivity out of the top of park to Stuart Ridge and over to El Sereno Open Space was also requested. It was offered that mountain bike organization members could assist in trail construction.*
 - *Arastradero Preserve in Palo Alto was identified as an example where trails are provided for mountain bikes to augment the park trail system.*
 - *The date for the 4th workshop to be held by the planning consultants has not been announced yet but is expected to be in March or May.*
 - **Capital Improvement Projects related to trails -**
The unfunded projects list is found at <http://www.saratoga.ca.us/cityhall/comms/pebtac/default.asp>
7. **Approval of Minutes:** *November minutes approved*
8. **Staff Report:**
 - *No trail maintenance has been needed due to the dry winter*
 - *Wildwood Park bridge will be getting a new deck and railings*
 - *City VTA BPAC rep resigned and a new rep is being sought*
9. **New Business:**
 - **Congress Springs Park Northside Access path -** *This proposed path would restore the Prides Crossing neighborhood connection to Congress Springs Park that was lost when the West Valley 85 Extension Freeway was*

put in. Comments may be submitted to the SR85 HOT project asking for allowance for this connection to be restored with a pathway running along the inside of the freeway sound wall akin to what is in place elsewhere in Santa Clara County. Photo portraits of this path are found at <http://www.saratoga.ca.us/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=7959> SR85 HOT comments can be submitted to <http://www.vta.org/85expresslanes>

- **Trash receptacles** - *Trash along roadways and school pathways is a problem in some areas. Suggestions for eliminating the problem include monitoring and correcting waste collection operations, engaging school administrations, and providing trash cans along the streets and trails.*
- **Bridge Plan for Quito Road** - *Bridge drawings showing right of way and alignments were reviewed*
- **Route 9 Bicycle Improvement Plan including Quito Road Intersection** - *Measures for calming westbound traffic approaching Quito Rd. intersection were proposed*

10. Action Items Summary:

- *Ray to recommend action regarding trash on roadways and trails*
- *Marianne to investigate a trail construction opportunity in the Mt. Eden trails network for a property which has recently changed hands which already has an trail easement on it*

11. Adjournment *was at 5:30 with the next scheduled meeting date being February 18th, 4:00pm.*