TOWN OF WOODSIDE
2955 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062

WOODSIDE TRAILS COMMITTEE
Independence Hall
Thursday, January 10, 2019
3:00 P.M.

FINAL TRAILS MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Maggie Mah called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Suzie Bruch, Rick DeBenedetti, Eldona Hamel, Kim Hansen, Maggie Mah, Don Pugh, Sarah Rivers, Reno Taini, Anne Van Camp
Absent: Cathy Brisbin, Elizabeth Caselton, Holly Nash
Also present: Sean Rose

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
(Persons wishing to address the Committee on any matter not on the posted agenda are invited to do so. Please note, however, that the committee is not able to undertake extended discussion or to act on non-agenda items. Such items can be referred to staff for appropriate action, which may include placement on a future agenda. As a courtesy to others, the communications should be kept to a three-minute limit.)

There was no public communication.

Minutes from December 13, 2018 presented for approval

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Monthly Financial Report for the Trails Committee; no update

2. Continued Review of Trails Project List and Budget

# 205 and # 206
Location of horizontal beams on the trail was discussed; placement to be determined with the goal to deter bicycles to use the equestrian trail. Examples of such barriers are at Huddart Park, Greer Road. Edgewood Park entrance is a good example.
Sean asked about specific locations. When the guard rail is going to be replaced it is possible to recycle the wood to construct the barriers. Maggie will provide pictures to Sean.

# 1172
In December, Trail Committee members completed a “walk-thru” of the Fox Hollow creek crossing location. Rick met with Phillys Broch; she seems to be supportive of the trial construction along her property. A dedicated easement is needed. There is already a surveyor report for the South Side of the creek, now a report is needed on the North Side.

Cathy had agreed to connect with the Scully family to enlist their verbal agreement to support the trail on their property. Once that has been confirmed, Sean can send paperwork to get the process going.

Schwab Trail (may need a separate number)

The trail is a “permanent, dedicated, permissive trail” which is a unique classification. Sean will work with the property manager to discuss the current state of the trail and possible repairs needed. There is an issue with a failing trail wall next to the river, near the driveway and a separate issue caused by water runoff from the property. Sean is looking to address both.

# 1137 Marva Oaks
The Trails Committee continues to request the construction of an equestrian trail on the town’s right of way along Marva Oaks. The newly appointed council needs to be brought up to speed on a long list of issues. Kevin Bryant has specific scheduling requirements on when to approach new council members with ongoing issues. Kevin will be asked by Kim (with the assistance of Don) about getting on the Town Council’s agenda in the near future.

# 428 Skywood
The survey of the property owners is completed. A design of the project will be presented to the Trails Committee for review. CalTrans may have to be involved as the trail needs to be moved about 10 feet towards HW35. The residents of the subdivision requested the initial improvement of the trail, mainly for pedestrian purpose. The project is also looking into optimal use for equestrians. Sean suggested that CalTrans could possibly provide an encroachment allowance for the trail.

# 201 Roberta – no update at this time

Maintenance issues:

#1302 Manzanita: switch back improvement is on the list of projects to be completed in the near future

#428 Skywood Trail is considered a maintenance issue and is also on the active list

#1255 Portola Road bridge will be replaced; the project has been funded and will happen in summer of 2011. The Old LaHonda bridge project will be completed summer of 2020.

Westridge Portola Valley on Possum and Cervantes was suggested as an example. Pictures? Kim wondered if the bridge projects affect the Trails Committee’s yearly budget. Sean assured that this is not the case. The projects will not affect the Town maintenance crew. Don inquired about the ongoing inspection of Town bridges and suggested that occasional inspections would be beneficial and possibly avoid major issues.

#204 Joan Olsen Preserve
Maggie share issues about fire prevention in that area as well as the poor markings of pedestrian and equestrian trails. Reno was asked to champion this project as he lives in the area and he agreed to take the lead to do some investigations. Helen Miller could serve as a great resource for this project. It is suggested that the Fire Department will be involved also.

3. Fox Hollow Trail; Project was already discussed as part of the Project List.

4. Portola-Sand Hill Road Crossing: Approach to County (Update): Sean

Sean sent a photograph of the suggested area for a road crossing to CalTrans and is awaiting an answer. The Ohlone Portola heritage trail project is looking to erect a statue on the triangle.

5. Trails Committee liaison to Equestrian Heritage and Livestock Committee

No update, the EHLC did not meet in December 2018.

6. Trails Committee Liaison to Circulation Committee

No update.

7. Trails Committee Brochure Progress

Maggie is enlisting input from all committee members. Topics suggested include:

- Trails committee statement
- Safety, trail etiquette
- Information for pedestrians, equestrians
- History, educational information
- How to report maintenance issues, link to form, email
- Resources about construction and toxic plants list
- Photos about trail construction and/or horses on trail

Suzie suggested that better communication could happen about ongoing or pending construction projects on or near the equestrian trails. Nextdoor Woodside has been a venue to report such information by Town staff.

Don motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kim seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm
Next meeting: February 14, 2018

Respectfully submitted: Anne Van Camp

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