

**CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES  
NATURE PRESERVE QUARTERLY PUBLIC FORUM  
October 17, 2018**

The forum began at 6:06 p.m. in the City Hall Community Room, 30940 Hawthorne Boulevard.

**ATTENDANCE**

City of RPV: Katie Lozano – Recreation and Parks Admin. Analyst/Open Space Manager  
Dave Pearce – Recreation and Parks Recreation Supervisor  
Juan Hernandez – Public Works Maintenance Superintendent  
Deputy Kevin Kuwata – Lomita Sheriff Station  
PVPLC: Adrienne Mohan – PVPLC Conservation Director

Analyst Lozano thanked the group for attending and explained that the purpose of the Forum is to share information on Preserve projects and public use and to solicit public feedback. City and PVPLC staff introductions were made. There were 7 members of the public attending.

**Preserve Maintenance**

Review of Active Habitat/Trail Projects/Unauthorized Spur Trail Closures: Director Mohan reported on PVPLC habitat and trail maintenance activities including habitat restoration plans for Abalone Cove, Alta Vicente and Portuguese Bend Reserves and ongoing Adopt-a-Plot projects.

City Preserve Maintenance Report: Analyst Lozano used a PowerPoint slideshow to update the public on current and upcoming maintenance projects in the Preserve. Bluff top fence replacement in Abalone Cove Park & Reserve will begin in November while re-paving of Beach School Trail had just been completed. Landslide monitoring is ongoing. Preserve access and parking analysis is being undertaken.

Trail Counter data graphs were presented for Burma Road gate into Portuguese Bend Reserve and for Rattlesnake Trailhead into Filiorum Reserve. Highlights of the Preserve Staff maintenance activities were covered by Supervisor Pearce.

*Public Comments:*

*Eva Cicoria asked what level of toxicity is present in the asphalt grindings installed in the Ladera Linda parking lot.*

Superintendent Hernandez responded that the grindings applied in the Ladera Linda lot are typical of road and parking lot applications throughout the City and is not aware of a toxicity problem. He will look into the matter.

*Cynthia Woo asked if the bluff fence replacement will extend northward from Point Vicente. Also, what about the fence planned for Inspiration Point? Eva Cicoria also expressed some concern about the fence installation on Inspiration Point.*

Supervisor Pearce responded that the fence replacement is a capital improvement project and that phase (north of Point Vicente) is planned for completion next year. He also explained the latest plan for airlifting materials to Inspiration Point for the bluff fence installation there in December. The new fence will cordon off that old trail loop as well as the end of the point.

*Eva Cicoria asked if there was a RFP for the landslide hydrology well.*

Superintendent Hernandez responded that he will see if it is available to be published.

*Cynthia Woo and Cindy Akiyama wondered if the parking spots in the Del Cerro and Burma Road areas are being reduced, where can PVPLC volunteers park. The City is restricting access too much.*

Analyst Lozano said that parking issues have not been fully determined yet, but the City Council is trying to be responsive to the concerns of the neighborhood.

*Eva Cicoria stated how much trail users are upset at the parking restrictions imposed at Forrestal Reserve and on Crenshaw Blvd. and how these restrictions were not clearly explained by City Council.*

Analyst Lozano responded that these considerations were posted for public review.

*Eva Cicoria asked if the online reservation system proposed will affect all people wanting to come to the Preserve.*

Analyst Lozano stated that has not been determined yet.

*Cindy Akiyama wondered if there has been a use load determined for the Portuguese Bend Reserve.*

Analyst Lozano responded that there has not been a load capacity established, but there are about 50 parking spots authorized along the end of Crenshaw Blvd.

*Sharon Polack asked about the migration of parking problems, if control efforts will push problems to neighboring areas.*

Analyst Lozano stated that the City is looking for solutions and is considering the potential impact to adjacent areas.

*Cindy Akiyama wondered how all this might affect Preserve users from out of the City and suggests that parking stations will impact low income users.*

Analyst Lozano stated that funding toward the Preserve is based on equal access to all income users and therefore the City will follow those guidelines.

*Ed Wong stated that parking stations being considered disperse users, but are very expensive*

*and he doesn't want this to come out of taxpayer money. Eva Cicoria added that people will be closed out from Preserve access and that there will be a noise problem associated with patrons using the parking stations.*

Analyst Lozano responded that these are very valid concerns that could be shared with the City Council as they consider the City Council agenda item. This idea was also shared by Doug Shive, sitting in attendance.

*Ed Wong pointed out that night parking restrictions without improved signage may not be legal.*

Superintendent Hernandez will follow up with this.

*Eva Cicoria asked if Garden Trail will be included when PVPLC conducts their habitat work.*

Director Mohan said yes.

### **Preserve Operations**

Preserve Enforcement Report: Deputy Kuwata reported out on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2018 activities including trends, violations and citations issued as well as more recent activity.

Open Space Management (OSM) Report: Supervisor Pearce utilized a PowerPoint presentation on OSM activities over the last quarter, including public contacts, violation trends and public outreach. The Preserve Staff encountered 8,955 people in the Preserve including 7,833 hikers, 777 dog walkers, 315 mountain bikers and 30 equestrians. The Preserve Staff dealt with many public-use issues including 95 dogs off leash and 193 people off trail/on a closed trail.

Review of Volunteer Trail Watch (VTW) Reports: Director Mohan provided a report on VTW activities for the previous quarter that included a summary of their reports and activities in the Preserve.

#### *Public Comments:*

*Eva Cicoria asked if deputies are finding that their citations are sticking. She also asked if there are any citations for cyclists failing to yield.*

Deputy Kuwata responded that not many people are fighting their tickets and that the citations are holding up. He added that there are no citations issued for failure to yield considering that there are no legal guidelines for determining if a cyclist is failing to yield.

*Ed Wong asked if trail counter data show an hourly distribution and whether that data can affect City Council's view of after-hours use in the Preserve.*

Supervisor Pearce responded that hourly-use data is available and it primarily shows that Preserve entries drop off from few to zero at darkness.

## **Preserve Interpretive Activities/Other**

**PVPLC-led Interpretive Activities:** Director Mohan reported that PVPLC led hikes in Abalone Cove on July 14<sup>th</sup> and in Pelican Cove on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Los Serenos Docent/City-led Interpretive Activities:** Supervisor Pearce reported City Docents led hikes in Vicente Bluffs Reserve on July 4<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> while leading the Coastal Cleanup Day in Abalone Cove Shoreline Park & Reserve on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, Open Space Management conducted information booths on July 21<sup>st</sup> and Labor Day in Portuguese Bend Reserve.

**NCCP Update:** Analyst Lozano reported that the City Council approved the NCCP on March 29<sup>th</sup>. It is now under a federal review process concurrent with a 60-day public review and comment period. Then it is back to the City Council for adoption later in the year.

**Next Public Forum:** Analyst Lozano reported that the 2019 Public Forum schedule is forthcoming.

### *Public Comments:*

*Cindy Akiyama asked if the NCCP is going to happen in 2019.*

Analyst Lozano responded that the City is optimistic that it will.

*Eva Cicoria asked where the public can go to find how much 'take' is accounted to a certain field project.*

Analyst Lozano and Director Mohan replied that information is forthcoming as part of the process when the NCCP is officially put in place.

*Cindy Akiyama wondered if the information booths would be a good time/location to request public feedback on Preserve issues.*

Analyst Lozano will look into the proposal.

*Eva Cicoria asked about the Preserve No-drinking ordinance pending before City Council and whether the P.U.M.P. wouldn't be a better process for this to be considered.*

Analyst Lozano responded that the Public Use Master Plan is up for updating in the near future.

*Eva Cicoria thanked everyone for a productive meeting.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 p.m.**