

CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
NATURE PRESERVE QUARTERLY PUBLIC FORUM
January 16, 2019

The forum began at 6:02 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
 Deputy Pablo Jimenez – Lomita Sheriff Station
PVPLC: Adrienne Mohan – PVPLC Acting Executive Director/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.

Preserve Projects

Current and Upcoming City Projects: Analyst Lozano shared reported that the following projects were completed in the 4th quarter of 2018: Landslide monitoring via GPS, Beach School Trail repaving, and resurfacing Abalone Cove Park and Ladera Linda parking lots. She reported on the following ongoing or upcoming projects:

- Abalone Cove Bluff Fence Project – this project to replace the bluff top fence at Abalone Cove Park, Portuguese Point, and Inspiration Point is nearly completed. Fence material is more suited to the marine environment. The contractor has completed work at this site, and staff will be replacing signage. Inspiration Point has been reopened as a result of this project; staff work with the City geologist; and trail work coordinated between Kurt Loheit, PVPLC, and OSM staff.
- Landslide Feasibility Study – City Council awarded a contract to Daniel B. Stephens and Associates for design of horizontal drains, design of surface water collection and removal system, analysis of runoff contributing to ground water in Port. Bend landslide, and public input. Contract anticipated to be complete in late September.
- Trump National Agreement – The City has negotiated a revised maintenance agreement with Trump National Golf Club pertaining to open space areas in the area including San Ramon and Ocean Trails Reserve. Staff anticipates the new agreement will result in better communication between City and Trump National staff and enhanced maintenance of these two Reserves.
- Preserve Night Hike Policy – January 15th City Staff recommended a revised night hike policy to City Council reducing night hiking activity. City Council requested some minor clarifications, and for the item to return soon on the consent calendar.
- Park Place – January 15th City Council approved a project to convert the 16 parking spaces on Park Place to 15 recreational permit parking spots and 1 ADA spot. The 10

recreational permit parking spots on Crenshaw Blvd. will be converted back to public parking spots. Recreational permit parking will be subject to a 3-hour time limit.

- Rattlesnake Unauthorized Use Solutions – January 15th, City Council approved solutions to unauthorized use near Rattlesnake Trail including fencing, gates, spur trail closures, signage, and an education and enforcement campaign.
- Preserve Permit Reservation System – January 15th, City Council directed staff not to pursue a Preserve permit reservation system at this time.
- Trails Network Plan Update – January 15th, City Council approved a contract with Alta Designs to update the City’s Trails Network Plan.
- Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) Update – City Council approved submittal of the NCCP/HCP to the state and federal wildlife agencies for permit decision. The document public comment period was October 31, 2018-December 31, 2018. Staff is working to respond to public comments. The wildlife agencies are working on their findings, and the document is tentatively scheduled to come before City Council for final approval on April 2, 2019.

Current and Upcoming Habitat and Trail Projects (PVPLC): Director Mohan reported about the following Land Conservancy projects:

- Recent habitat restoration work was conducted in winter 2018/19 to improve cactus wren habitat at Three Sisters, Filiorum and Alta Vicente Reserves.
- Land Conservancy staff and volunteers are now focusing efforts to remove weeds from restoration areas.
- Future restoration at Abalone Cove include the Heritage Castle remediation work will consist of drip irrigation and native plantings to be installed in January or February, as well as the large-scale habitat restoration project that will be initiated this summer.
- The new Preserve welcome signs were installed at Vicente Bluffs, Vista del Norte and San Ramon Reserves in December. New signage will be installed at Forrestal, Filiorum, and Three Sisters Reserves this spring.
- In 2018, the Land Conservancy conducted 99 spur trail closure projects, 119 trail maintenance projects, 30 signage and decal repair projects, and 8 Volunteer Trail Crew projects to improve trails in the Preserve.

Public Comments/Questions:

Eva Cicoria commented on clarifying the term “resurfacing” when reporting on parking lots on which a top layer of surface has not before been applied. She also inquired as to public notice on future resurfacing projects. She also looks forward to improved maintenance at Ocean Trails Reserve.

Cynthia Woo inquired as to the NCCP/HCP next steps, and whether there is possibility for the document to be changed once the wildlife agencies have make their permit decision.

Analyst Lozano reported that it is still possible for changes to be made to the NCCP/HCP, and that next steps include creation of a Preserve Access Protocol, changes to the City’s Municipal Code, recording of conservation easements, and responding to public comment.

Cynthia Woo provided feedback that “park” should be removed from the chosen name for the Shoreline Park/Ocean Trails Reserve property.

Lowell Wedemeyer encouraged interactive feedback between the Public Works Department and PVPLC attendees at the Public Forum as part of the upcoming landslide studies and design work.

Preserve Operations

Preserve Enforcement Report: Deputies Jimenez and Kuwata provided the 4th Quarter Report, and copies were made available at the meeting and are available online.

Open Space Management Staff Report: Analyst Lozano reported on public contacts and trail counts for the 4th quarter of 2018.

Volunteer Trail Watch Report: Director Mohan reported out on VTW activity.

Public Comments/Questions:

Randy Harwood shared that he felt compliance was better in 2018 than it had been in 2017, and asked the deputies if they could share more info.

Deputies Jimenez and Kuwata shared that it is hard to say, because perception is subjective.

She pointed out that the ratio of mountain bikers contacted by OSM was inproportionate to mountain bikers reported in the Preserve.

Other

Interpretive Activies – Analyst Lozano and Director Mohan reported on upcoming interpretive activies, including public hikes and volunteer opportunities and referened paper on online guides for more info.

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items – Analyst Lozano provided information on the following upcoming City Council agenda items:

- Approve Use Covenant for Measure A Grants Acquired by PVPLC for Preserve Improvements
- Renaming of Shoreline Park
- 1st Reading/Intro of Public Drinking Ordinance
- 1st Reading/Intro of Special Events Permit Enforcement Ordinance
- Consideration of NCCP/HCP Adoption

Meeting Adjourned at 7 p.m.