

Minutes to the September 5, 2019 Preserve Management Team Meeting

Attending: Associate Planer Irving Anaya, Recreation Supervisor David Pearce, Recreation Specialist Taylor Fox and PVPLC Conservation Director Cris Sarabia

Preserve Maintenance

- Active Preserve Projects:
 - Pending City Projects Update: Recreation Supervisor Pearce announced that bids are going out soon for the Burma Rd. / Rattlesnake Trailhead gates/fence installation. Site visits with the contractor are planned next week to inspect the lower Peppertree Trail and Water Tank Trail for repairs.
 - Review of Habitat Projects: PVPLC Conservation Director Sarabia announced that Abalone Cove Restoration contractors will be chosen next week for the removal of trees along PV Dr. South and for irrigation installation. PVPLC Staff and volunteers will start planting in October, perhaps assisted by AmeriCorps. Recreation Specialist Fox brought up the subject of steps at the 30-minute turnout on PV Dr. South and the need for this installation is discussed. Director Sarabia mentioned the Heritage Castle area restoration contractor is being chosen next week to remove non-native trees on site as well as insure the safety measures for the irrigation system.
 - Trail Projects/Maintenance: Director Sarabia announced that PVPLC is considering 2 alternatives for the Filiorum/Three Sisters Reserves trail connection and that this is currently under review by Community Development Director Ara Mihranian. This connection will proceed from Pony Tr. / Jack's Hat Tr. in Filiorum Reserve to Barkentine Tr. in Three Sisters Reserve. Director Sarabia also mentioned that PVPLC is arranging for goat grazing to continue for 14 acres in the San Ramon Reserve, the bulk of which will be along Switchback Tr. Supervisor Pearce said the Preserve Staff will assist PVPLC Staff in leveling out the bike jumps along that trail. He and Director Sarabia agreed on a joint scout of a Rim Trail alternate route around the closed southern portion. Supervisor Pearce announced that the Preserve & Abalone Cove Staffs will be re-building the former fence along PV Dr. South at the Sacred Cove View Trailhead that was damaged by last winter's storm erosion. This is needed to prevent spur trails from developing in this area. Specialist Fox mentioned that the bottom rock in the upper section of the Sea Dahlia Tr. narrow ridge was shifted and stabilized by volunteer Kurt Loheit with others assisting. The subject of the eastern end of Smuggler's Tr. having a steep V-shaped trail bed was discussed and site visits are planned.
 - Fuel Load Reduction Project: Supervisor Pearce announced Open Space Manager Katie Lozano is trying to set up a call between PVPLC and the wildlife agencies prior to the September 17th staff report. Director Sarabia mentioned that PVPLC wants to mobilize quickly including dealing with 3 projects in Portuguese Bend Reserve of 23 acres of acacia and 14 acres of mustard in San Ramon Reserve.
 - Status of Preserve Signage Project: Supervisor Pearce announced the City will fund monument signage for Malaga Canyon and Ocean Trails Reserves. Director Sarabia announced PVPLC is getting designs done and arranging for a

contractor.

- Other:
 - Encroachment Updates: Associate Planner Anaya spoke with code enforcement and has no updates except that a meeting is planned with the Tramonto area HOA president to discuss revegetation of the area cleared. Specialist Fox mentioned the vegetation overgrowth along PV Drive South from the former Heritage Castle site and Planner Anaya said he will look into the matter.

Preserve Operations

- Review of Public Events in Preserve: Director Sarabia announced that PVPC is having a nature walk in Alta Vicente Reserve on September 14th. Supervisor Pearce announced that the Los Serenos Docents will lead a nature walk on September 7th in the Ocean Trails Reserve.
- Review of Enforcement/Patrol/Education:
 - Sheriff's Report: No report. Supervisor Pearce agreed to install a sign near the spot along Prickly Pear Tr. where someone regularly leaves food trays out for animals. The hope is this will discourage that activity.
 - OSM Report: Supervisor Pearce reported on 1,672 public contacts the Preserve Staff encountered in the Preserve in August while reporting the Preserve Staff accomplished 50 maintenance tasks while also submitting 4 service requests to Public Works and reporting 3 spots of graffiti in the Preserve to the City's graffiti contractor.

Additional Items

- Noticing/Transparency Enhancements (upcoming projects/activities): No report.
- Status of Grant Contracts/Agreements: 2018 CCC Grant – Director Sarabia announced that PVPLC is finalizing insurance.
- Upcoming Council Agenda Items: September 17th (consent) – Adoption of Special Events Permit Ordinance, (regular) – Fire Modification Plan of Action; October 29th (public hearing) – Consideration of NCCP/HCP Adoption; December 17th (regular) – Forrestal / Pirate Trail Alternatives.
- Public Forum Meeting Dates 2019: October 16th.
- VTW/City Monthly Coordination Meeting: September 25th.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2019 @ 9:30 a.m.