

Minutes to the May 4, 2017 Preserve Management Meeting

Attending: Director Cory Linder, Associate Civil Engineer Charles Eder, Senior Administrative Analyst Matt Waters, Administrative Analyst/Open Space Manager Katie Lozano, Recreation Supervisor David Pearce, Recreation Specialist Keith Hunter, L. A. County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Kuwata, L.A. County Sheriff Deputy Pablo Jimenez, PVPLC Executive Director Andrea Vona and PVPLC Conservation Director Adrienne Mohan.

Preserve Maintenance

- Active Preserve Projects: Conservation Director Mohan announced that a landslide survey is underway in the Preserve.
- Review of Habitat Projects, Trail Projects, and Maintenance: Conservation Director Mohan reported that the PVPLC plan for clearing overgrown vegetation on the Preserve trails and is mostly completed. She also reported on active habitat work including plans for weed abatement and the next phase of irrigation work in the Alta Vicente Reserve.
- Preserve Signage Plan: There was some discussion. The Plan is fairly complete.
- Responding to Storm Damage on the Trails: Recreation Supervisor Pearce gave an update including that the repairs will soon be completed on Fire Station Trail and that work on filling in the gully on lower Water Tank Trail is underway. In cooperation with Kurt Loheit, the upper Peppertree Trail tree slide area was repaired. He also shared that a large portion of Lower Portuguese Bend Reserve will remain closed until the Wildlife Agencies provide clarification on repair restrictions in the area. Conservation Director Mohan reported that Rattlesnake Trail is now open due to the efforts of the Kurt Loheit and the Volunteer Trail Crew and Open Space Management and their repair of the mud flows covering the trail from the winter storms.

Preserve Operations

- Review of Public Events in the Preserve: Conservation Director Mohan distributed information on upcoming PVPLC events. Recreation Supervisor Pearce announced a Los Serenos hike on May 20th in the Alta Vicente Reserve. There was a discussion about possibly having sign-up tables in the Preserve for large hiking groups. There was also discussion of PVPLC sale of paintings in the Preserve.
- Status of Encroachments: There was some discussion on a possible encroachment into the Pelican Cove area from the Coast Guard property. Letters to the encroaching neighbors adjacent to the Alta Vicente Reserve are pending according to Administrative Analyst/Open Space Manager Lozano.
- Review of Enforcement/Patrol/Education:
 - Sheriff's Report: Deputy Jimenez reported on citations and warnings issued and on certain trends including that more gang activity seems to be happening. Deputies have made over a 1,000 public contacts during the year's first quarter. There is a definite upswing in the number of visitors from the winter time. He announced that the volunteer posse is ready to start up again, and there was discussion of their needs including a supply of water bottles to give out to needy members of the public they encounter. He announced the portable toilet on Beach School Trail was burned down,

but there is no proof of arson.

- OSM Report: Recreation Supervisor Pearce reported on public contacts encountered in the Preserve in April as well as maintenance performed and distributed copies of the OSM Preserve Log.
- VTW Report: Conservation Director Mohan distributed a log of VTW reports for April including accounts of violations and education. There was discussion of how reporting of graffiti can be made more efficient.

Additional Items

- Noticing/Transparency Enhancements (upcoming projects/activities): There are no impending significant projects requiring public noticing.
- Status of Grant Contracts/Agreements: The Fuller Family Grant and the Johnson Family Fund are two habitat restoration grants being pursued by the PVPLC. The City continues to work on the State's Education Facilities Grant for Preserve entry signage.
- Analyst Lozano reported that the City has met with the LA County Fire Department to begin to formalize their vehicle access needs.
- Upcoming Council Agenda Items: Conqueror Trail Security: June 26th and Special Event Enforcement Ordinance: .
- Public Forum Meeting 2017 Dates: June 20th and August 1st.
- Preserve Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings Update: First Meeting is May 17, 2017.
- NCCP Update: Administrative Analyst / Open Space Manager Lozano reported on a conference call with the Wildlife Agencies.
- VTW/City Monthly Coordination Meeting: May 24th

Next Meeting: June1, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.