

PVPLC/RPV Preserve Management Team Meeting Minutes
10 a.m. Thursday, July 8, 2013

Attendance

Ara Mihranian, Joel Rojas, Andrea Vona, Bindu Vaish Adrienne Mohan

Action Items from June 13, 2013 Meetings

- **Port-o-potty mapping (Emilio/Joel)** – Joel is to receive information from Public Works so that GIS layers can be created.
- **Jim York Permissive Use Agreement (Ara)** - Ara reported the Staff is working out the final details with Mr. York and that this item is now tentatively scheduled for the August 6th Council meeting. The PVPLC will need to receive the Agreement by July 19th for its July 24th Board meeting.
- **Peppertree area Trail Easement follow-up (Ara)** - As previously reported, Ara met with the property owners to discuss a possible License Agreement to allow the public to use the segment of the Peppertree Trail that traverses private property. The property owners indicated an interest in such a License Agreement, but wanted to review it first after the City enters into a similar agreement with Jim York for a trail that traverses his property.
- **Identifying the location of the “walk bikes” signs in the Filiorum Reserve (Danielle)** – The team was informed that the City Attorney has opined that the “walk bike” sign is enforceable per Section 12.16.080 of the RPVMC. Therefore, the City will fabricate new signs unless Andrea confirms whether new signs were already ordered by the PVPLC. The signs will be installed in the areas identified by Danielle, Councilman Knight and Eva Cicoria. Ara is going to talk to Ranger Johnson regarding the Sign language.
- **Peppertree area No Trespassing signage (Emilio)** – It was reported that this sign was installed. This item can be removed from the Action Item list.
- **Placement of a “do not proceed onto unpermitted trail” sign at the start of the unauthorized trail that leads down from the overlook area adjacent to Burma Road and a similar sign where the unauthorized trail connects to Burma Road down below (Ara/Emilio)** – This sign has not been installed yet and in light of Emilio leaving the City, City Staff will work with his replacement to have this sign installed as soon as possible.
- **Placement of a “do not proceed onto unpermitted trail” sign at the railing next to the unauthorized trail leading from Del Cerro park (Ara/Emilio)** - This sign has not been installed yet and in light of Emilio leaving the City, City Staff will work with his replacement to have this sign installed as soon as possible.
- **Placement of a “do not proceed into private neighborhood” sign adjacent to Vanderlip Drive (Emilio)** - It was reported that this sign was installed. This item can be removed from the Action Item list.

PVPLC Topics

- **Ongoing trail project update:**
 - **Coastal trail connector with PV Drive (Smuggler’s Cove)** – This project is slated to commence in Fall.
- **Agua Amarga Reserve Encroachments (Danielle/Joel)** – The PVPLC is planning on sending letters to the Preserve adjacent property owners.
- **Preserve Decal Replacement** – The PVPLC has the new decals and will begin the installation process the week of July 15th.
- **Volunteer Trail Watch Update** – Orientation occurred on June 29th and the next training sessions are scheduled for Saturday, July 13th and Saturday, July 20th. There are approximately 25 volunteers for this round that are still going through the training process and completing paperwork, etc.
- **Annual Report Update** – Andrea reported that the 3-year Restoration Plan and the Annual Report is being reviewed by the Wildlife Agencies. Joel will circulate the 3-year Restoration Plan amongst the City Departments for comments.
- **Abalone Cove Restoration Grant(s)** – The team discussed the various grants awarded to the PVPLC for trail and habitat restoration at Abalone Cove including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife grant for \$10,000. The required Landowner Agreement will be reviewed by the Council and the Successor Agency at its August 6th meeting.
- **2012 HCF Grant Approved** – The City and the PVPLC were recently informed that they are the recipients of the 2012 HCF grant for trail and habitat restoration improvements in the Preserve. Ara will update the Council of the grant award in the upcoming Weekly Report.
- **San Ramon Eagle Scout project** – Andrea reported that the project is still in the design phase and more information is pending.

City Manager Topics

- **2009 Edison litigation status update (RPV)** – The City and the PVPLC were recently notified that the July 15th case has been vacated. Further information is pending in regards to a new trial date
- **Edison Poles Update** – SCE is in the process of installing avian protection devices on 18 power poles throughout the Preserve. The installation was coordinated with the PVPLC.

Public Works Topics

- **San Ramon Stabilization Project Update** – The project staging area is off PVDE at the switchbacks and construction continues to move forward. Ara reported that he will be working with Ron from public works to identify a trail route to hopefully connect San Ramon to Friendship Park. The plant palette for revegetation is being reviewed and provided by the PVPLC.
- **GIS overlays:**
 - **Dewatering wells (Public works)** - this item was tabled until funding can be identified to cover the associated costs of creating a GIS layer with this information.
- **Crenshaw Red Curb Project** – Ara reported that Public works is taking an item to the City Council on July 16th to consider restricting parking on the north side of Crenshaw because of safety concerns raised by the public, especially surrounding property owners. The City is also in the process of designing a new Preserve parking lot off PVDS in the area of Gateway Park
- **Bollard removal at PVIC (Emilio)** - Work is scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks.
- **Fountain grass at Ladera Linda** - The LACC removed the fountain grass located behind the yellow gate along Forrestral Drive as part of the City's fuel modification work. It was suggested that some removal occur in the area of the PVDS and PVDE intersection.
- **Portuguese Bend Reserve Eucalyptus Tree** - The PVPLC previously reported that the burned trees from the 2009 fire near the water tank appear to be unstable and asked for the City Arborist to determine what should be done. Based on the City Arborist's assessment, two trees will be dropped within the coming weeks.
- **Vista del Norte Reserve Fuel Modification** – Staff determined that the recent fuel modification work was conducted by the County with the City's authorization. The team reviewed the Fuel Modification map overlays on the City's GIS system and stressed the importance if City or County crews adhering to the approved fuel modification areas within the Preserve.

RPV Planning Topics

- **RPV / PVPLC Public Forum Meeting**
 - **May 22nd Follow-up** – the action items from this meeting are being completed by Staff.
- **Schedule August Meeting** – The next Focus Group meeting is scheduled for August 7th at 6 p.m. at the City Hall Community Room. Ara has made the appropriate reservations and announcements.
- **NCCP/IA (Joel)** - Joel indicated that the City is exploring removing the 40-acre parcel formally owned by the RDA which contains the archery club from the Preserve for various reasons and adding more of the Gateway Park area into the Preserve. The PVPLC is discussing this proposal with its Lands Committee.
- **Conservation Easement Update** – The final language is still under review by the City, PVPLC, and Wildlife Agencies.
- **Malaga and Windport Canyon Purchase Agreement Update** - Joel reported that the appraiser delivered the appraisals for these properties to the State for their review and approval. Once the appraisals are approved, the WCB is scheduled to consider award of the purchase monies at its November meeting.
- **Abalone Cove Park Improvement Grant** – Ara reported that the construction plans will be completed within the next few weeks and that the Focus Group and City Council will review the plans in August before going out to bid.
- **California Coastal Trail Update** – Ara reported construction is underway and final details, such as bench specifications, are being finalized.
- **City wide Park Signage Inventory Update (Planning)** – Ara updated the team on the progress of the City Park and Preserve Sign Master Plan. The team reviewed the Preserve Rules Sign to be posted at all the entry points to the Preserve within the coming weeks. The PVPLC will work on creating a Preserve Identification sign as previously discussed at this meeting.
- **GIS overlays:**
 - **Archaeology site (planning)** - Joel is looking for an intern to work with the City's GIS Staff to create a GIS layer.
- **Water Department habitat impact at Portuguese Bend follow-up** – Danielle provided Joel the requested information so that a letter can be sent to the Water Department.

Recreation and Parks Topics

- **Park Ranger update** – This item was continued.
- **Hike handout** - This item was continued.
- **Junior ranger program** - This item was continued.

Conservancy Activity Schedule			
Ongoing through July	Portuguese Bend NCCP maintenance Weed control at restoration sites Decal installation		
PVPLC activities through July	Outdoor Volunteer Day: July 20: 9-12 Portuguese Bend Walk: Aug. 10: Agua Amarga		
Status of Projects and Grants			
NCCP Plans/work		Amount	
	TERPP		Ongoing
	Alta Vicente Restoration		Weeding ongoing
	Portuguese Bend Restoration		Weeding ongoing
GRANTS			
	Coastal Conservancy Grant		Coastal Trail
	HCF Grant		Portuguese Bend trails and associated restoration
	REI		Outdoor volunteer workday assistance
	LAWA		Three Sisters
	LACSD		Lunada Canyon
	NFWF		Abalone Cove
	SMBRC		Abalone Cove
	California Trails & Greenways		Abalone Cove (near Coastal Trail)

Next meeting date – August 1, 2013