

PVPLC/RPV Preserve Management Team Meeting Agenda
8 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2014, Community Development Conference Room

Attendance

Ara Mihranian, Joel Rojas, Katie Howe, Cory Linder, Carolyn Petru, Danielle LeFer, Andrea Vona, Chris Ortiz, and Ranger Johnson

Action Items from January 2014 Meeting

- **Peppertree Area Trail Easement follow-up** – Ara reported that draft license agreement language was prepared based on the language in the York License Agreement and was transmitted to the City Attorney for review prior to contacting the respective property owners.
- **Signs:**
 - **Barn Owl Trail Sign Replacement** – The “Trail Ends” sign will be replaced in the coming week.
 - **Filiorum “walk bike” signs and “trail closure” signs** – These signs were installed with Danielle’s assistance.
 - **Packsaddle trail “Trail Ends Sign”** – Ara will provide Chris with a map identifying the location of this sign which will be installed later this month.
 - **Preserve Rules Sign** - Ara provided Chris with a map identifying the locations. The following additional signs will be installed over the next few weeks.
 - **Intrepid (Forrestal)**
 - **Calle Entradero (Vicente Bluffs)**
- **“No Access” signs along PVDS at Archery Club** - It was agreed that the City should move forward with installing these signs in advance of the road realignment project to avoid the public from trespassing across private property. Ara will create the sign for Chris to fabricate and install.
- **Rim Trail “Caution” Signs** – Due to the unstable soil condition of the Rim Trail (the pedestrian-only segment) between Burma Road Trail and the connection with the Paint Brush Trail, the City will install a “use Caution” sign near the Paintbrush Trail intersection. Additionally, at the April meeting the team will explore re-routing the trail.
- **Sacred Cove View Trail Closure** – Chris reported that after last weekend’s rain, the west segment of the trail was damaged and temporarily closed with posted signs by the City. The team reviewed the condition of both the west and east segments of the trail and determined that the following should occur:
 - Joel and Ron Dragoo will walk the trail to assess the integrity of the storm drain pipe as it relates to the west segment trail.
 - The City will install a warning sign regarding the condition of the east segment of the trail and will install another sign (to be affixed to the same post) providing alternate beach access trail via the Cliffside Trail.
- **Toyon Trail GIS Overlay Correction** – Ara reported that the City’s GIS was corrected for this trail segment.

PVPLC Topics

- **Preserve Trail Closure After a Rain Storm** – The team discussed protocol for closing trails after a rain event. The PVPLC will come back with a proposal for the City’s consideration at a future meeting.
- **Preserve Decal Replacement** – The Abalone Cove Reserve still needs to be completed, followed by the Vista del Norte and Alta Vicente Reserves.
- **Landslide Scarp Trail Widening and Trail Widening** – In response to public concerns expressed at the February 19th Public Forum meeting, the City and the PVPLC discussed options to address this concern. It was confirmed, as specified in the PUMP, that trails are not to be widened to accommodate various user groups.
- **Rattlesnake Trail Line-of-Sight** – In addition to the above, concerns were also expressed at the February 19th Public Forum meeting with the condition of this trail, particularly line-of-sight, at the trail bend. Knowing that the trail should not be widened, the PVPLC will explore if there are options to improve line-of-sight.
- **Rim Trail Signs** – See Action Items
- **Rolling Hills Residents Preserve Access** – The team agreed that residents entering the Preserve from the City of Rolling Hills on unauthorized trails are in violation of the Municipal Code.
- **Volunteer Trail Watch Update** – Danielle reported that the new recruits have two more training sessions.
- **Rapid Response Team** – This volunteer group continues assisting the PVPLC in closing spur trails.
- **CalTech’s Request to Install Geologic Monitoring Equipment** – A request was submitted to the PVPLC to install equipment that will monitor land movement at two locations in the Preserve. The City will review the proposal to determine whether it is feasible.
- **Grant Contracts / Agreements**
 - **USFWS Coastal Program Grant** – This was completed.

- **Los Angeles County** - The PVPLC reported that it is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$80,000 for trail delineation and wayfinding throughout the Preserve. The plan is still being developed by the PVPLC.
- **2012 HCF** - The City and the PVPLC are recipients of the 2012 HCF grant for trail connectivity and signage throughout the Preserve. Ara reported that the contract was recently signed by the City and is pending signature from State Parks in order for the grant to be official and permitted work to proceed.

City Manager Topics

- **2009 Edison litigation status update (RPV)** – Settlement discussions are in progress and a new trial date has been set for March 19th.

Public Works Topics

- **San Ramon Stabilization Project Update** - Chris reported that construction continues and is nearing completion with the pipe reaching daylight.
- **Calwater Trail Damage on Burma Road Trail** – Chris reported that the trail was repaired before the weekend rain storm and will now need to be repaired again due to rain runoff damage, which is scheduled to occur later this month.
- **Preserve Gate Locks** – Public Works will be testing a new lock at Portuguese Bend within the coming month.
- **Vicente Bluffs Reserve Unauthorized Access** – Despite “Area Closed” signs installed last year, the City continues to receive reports that the public is climbing over the fence at the Ocean Front Estates public parking lot to access the bluff edge for viewing purposes and in some cases access the shore on an unauthorized trail. Ara is going to explore a plan to create a viewing node in this area with fencing similar to the fencing at the Terranea viewing nodes.
- **Forrestal Reserve Exposed Fence Post Removal** – Chris requested site specific information regarding the exposed fence posts and Ranger Johnson agreed to assist by mapping out the exposed fence post locations.
- **PVDS Road Realignment Project Update** – Ara reported that a public workshop was held yesterday and concerns were raised regarding the parking lot as it relates to pedestrian safety, operations, trash, vandalism, trespassing among other things. The City is exploring an alternative plan that will be presented to the public at a future workshop before going to the City Council.
- **Smuggler’s Cove Trail Gate Opening for Bicyclists** – At the last meeting, the team discussed creating an opening in the entry gate to better accommodate cyclists. Chris is working on completing this project.

RPV Planning Topics

- **RPV / PVPLC February 19, 2014 Public Forum Meeting Follow-up** – The team recapped the issues raised at the meeting and the action items stemming from the public forum meeting as discussed in these meeting minutes.
 - **Next Public Forum Meeting** – The next public forum meeting will be on Wednesday, May 28th at 6pm at PVIC. Ara will issue a list-serve notice and update the website accordingly.
- **NCCP/IA (Joel)** - Joel reported that conversations with the wildlife agencies continue and the next conference call is scheduled for later this week.
- **Conservation Easement Update** - The City Attorney is reviewing the document and will provide the PVPLC with the edits before the next conference call.
- **Ladera Linda/Forrestal Bike Riders Follow-up** – Katie reported that she contacted Pete Lyons with PVPUSD requesting that they install a fence at the existing opening on their property to prevent unauthorized access. Mr. Lyons informed Katie that it is unlikely that the School District would install the fence because it was done in the past and the School District received so much negative feedback from the surrounding neighborhood, that they reopened the area. PVPLC and City staff decided that the spur trails off the Conqueror Trail leading to the swales should be closed. Ara will contact Mayor Duhovic with an update on this issue.
- **Malaga Canyon Purchase Agreement Update** – Joel reported that escrow closed and the property is now owned by the City and that the City Council, at its April 1st meeting, will consider enrolling the property into the Preserve.
- **Abalone Cove Park Improvement Grant Update**
 - **Bid Documents** – Ara reported that Public Works will be taking the service contract to the Council in the coming weeks. He added that the City has requested from State Parks and NPS a one year time extension. The grant expires in June 2014 and the City is being proactive in securing the grant funding an additional year in case of unforeseen delays.
 - **Section 106 Compliance** - This document was submitted to the State in January and needs to be approved before construction commences. Prior to issuing an approval, the State requested additional information regarding the archaeological mapping that Ara provided this week.
 - **Interpretive Panels** – Ara met with graphic designer on the three interpretive panels that will focus on the tide pools and native plants along the exploratory trail.

- **California Coastal Trail Update**
 - **CCT trail markers in Preserve** - Ara is coordinating with Danielle on the installation of the CCT decals on the Preserve trail markers. Ara is going to see if decals can be obtained to affix to the trail markers rather than the placards.
- **City wide Park Signage Inventory Update** – The team is meeting this morning to discuss updating the City's Park Rules signs.
- **Agua Amarga Reserve Encroachments (Joel)** - Joel will draft a letter to property owners adjacent to the Preserve who have improvements that encroach onto city property.
- **Vista del Norte/Crestridge Project Trail Connection** – It was reported that as part of the Crestridge project approvals, the developer is to dedicate and install a trail that connects to the Vista del Norte Reserve. The City and the PVPLC are currently working with the developer in making that connection and recording the appropriate trail access easements.
- **GIS Overlays** - The following GIS layers will be completed by a future intern:
 - **Archaeology site**
 - **Port-o-potties**

Recreation and Parks Topics

- **Enforcement Issues**
 - **Issue Logs** - The team reviewed the ranger hotline report. Ranger Johnson emphasized the importance of making authorized trails and trail use very clear to visitors, especially in the heavily used Portuguese Bend Reserve. Rangers are continuing to conduct night patrols to target afterhours use
- **Interpretive Programs**
 - **Mountain Bike Safety/Skills/Etiquette Workshop** – Katie continues to work on trail use safety and etiquette workshops to include all trail user groups.
 - **Public Hike to Vanderlip Property** – Katie reviewed this public hike
 - **Junior Ranger Program** – The team reviewed the schedule for the next few months.
 - **Night Hikes** – The last night hike for the winter is scheduled for March 8th. They will resume in November 2014.

Conservancy Activity Schedule	
Ongoing through March	Portuguese Bend NCCP planting Decal installation Spur trail closure
PVPLC activities through Abalone Cove	Outdoor Volunteer Day: Every Friday 9-noon at Abalone Cove Mar. 29 9-12 Portuguese Bend

Status of Projects and Grants			
NCCP Plans/work		Amount	
	TERPP		Ongoing
	Alta Vicente Restoration		Planting completed
	Portuguese Bend Restoration		Planting
GRANTS			
	HCF Grant 1 REI LAWA LACSD NFWF SMBRC USFWS HCF Grant 2		Portuguese Bend trails and associated restoration Outdoor volunteer workday assistance Three Sisters Lunada Canyon Abalone Cove Abalone Cove Abalone Cove Preserve-wide

DM Mitigation

LA County Open Space District

Lunada Canyon

Preserve-wide

Next meeting date – April 3, 2014