

PVPLC/RPV Preserve Management Team April 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Ara Mihranian, Joel Rojas (via telephone), Katie Howe, Cory Linder, Daniel Trautner, Carolyn Petru, Danielle LeFer, Andrea Vona, Chris Ortiz, and Ranger Johnson

Action Items from March 2014 Meeting

- **Peppertree area Trail Easement follow-up (Ara)** - Ara reported that draft license agreement language was transmitted to the City Attorney for review and he was waiting for her comments before contacting the respective property owners.
- **Signs:**
 - **Barn owl trail sign replacement** – Chris reported that this sign was installed
 - **Filliorum “trail closure” signs** – The team reviewed the sign language and the sign will be installed in the coming week.
 - **Packsaddle trail “Trail Ends Sign” (Ara)** – Chris reported that this was installed.
 - **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)**
- **Sacred Cove Trail** – After discussions ensued, it was agreed that the east segment should be closed due to safety concerns while the west segment could remain open provided it was properly signed warning users of the trail condition. Based on this determination, the City agreed to install the appropriate closure and warning signs, while the PVPLC agreed to place obstacles to close access to the east segment and to install updated trail directional arrows that would direct users to the Cliffside Trail which provides coastal access.
- **Vicente Bluff and Rim Trail Site Visits** – the team will visit these two sites on April 17th. Ara will send an outlook invite.

PVPLC Topics

- **Preserve Decal Replacement** - Abalone Cove Reserve will be completed next month followed by the Vista del Norte and Alta Vicente Reserves.
- **Landslide Scarp Trail Widening** – The team explored options to prevent bicyclists from using this pedestrian trail. It was agreed that a barrier would be installed at each end of the trail that would allow hikers and equestrians to step over the barrier but would cause a cyclists to stop and carry their bike. Additional “no bicyclists” signs will be posted adjacent to the barrier.
- **Rim Trail** – See above
- **Volunteer Trail Watch Update** – It was reported that 13 new members finished training and will be joining the volunteer crew.
- **Rapid Response Team Update** - This volunteer group continues assisting the PVPLC in closing spur trails with current efforts focused at Abalone Cove. It was discussed using the volunteers at Vicente Bluffs near the parking lot to close unauthorized trails on the bluff.
- **Rolling Hills Conference Call Follow-up** – Katie and the PVPLC had a recent conversation with Kirsten Raig on Rolling Hills (RH) residents creating unauthorized trails in the Preserve. It was agreed that the City and the PVPLC will provide an article in the RH monthly magazine on unauthorized trails and its consequences on the flora and fauna.
- **Grant Contracts / Agreements**
 - **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 signed by the City and State Parks.
- **San Ramon Reserve** – The team discussed the future trail connection between the Preserve and Friendship Park. The team also discussed unauthorized vehicles entering the Preserve and Friendship Park via private property in the City of Los Angeles off PVDS. The PVPLC is going to contact the Park manager regarding this matter and Katie is going to reach out to the private property owner to properly gate the access.

City Manager Topics

- **2009 Edison litigation status update (RPV)** – It was reported that a tentative settlement has been reached and a settlement agreement is pending.

Public Works Topics

- **San Ramon Stabilization Project Update** - Chris reported that construction continues and is nearing completion.
- **Calwater Trail Damage on Burma Road Trail** – Chris previously reported that the trail was repaired but would have to be repaired again due to recent rain runoff damage, which is scheduled to occur later this month.
- **Preserve Gate Locks** – Chris reported that so far no additional locks have been installed since notice was given earlier this year. He added that Public Works will be testing a new lock at Portuguese Bend within the coming month.
- **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** – The team reviewed an updated schematic that relocates the parking lot to the sandbox further away from the Portuguese Bend Club in order to address concerns expressed at the March public workshop. An alternative plan will be presented to the public at a future workshop before going to the City Council. It was discussed having this project stand on its own as a Vision Plan amendment rather than connected to the roadway realignment project.
- **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 using a similar barrier that is being considered at the Landslide Scarp Trail which will require cyclists to dismount before entering the permitted Preserve trails.

RPV Planning Topics

- **RPV / PVPLC Public Forum May 28th 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.
- **Preserve Amendments April 1st CC Meeting Follow-Up**
 - **Malaga Canyon** – The Council agreed to enroll this property into the Preserve formal management of the property by the PVPLC will not occur until a conservation easement is placed over the property.
 - **Archery Range Property** – The Council agreed to remove this property from the Preserve.
 - **Gateway Park Reconfiguration** – The Council agreed to reconfigure Gateway Park so that 7 acres is added to the Preserve.
 - **Amendments to the Management Agreement and PUMP** – Staff will be taking the first amendment to the Management Agreement to the City Council on April 15th reflecting only the removal of the Archery Range property and the reconfiguration of Gateway Park at this time.
- **NCCP/IA (Joel)** - Joel reported that conversations with the wildlife agencies continue and the next conference call is scheduled for later next week.
- **Conservation Easement Update** – The City and PVPLC continue to discuss draft language.
- **Ladera Linda/Forrestal Bike Riders** – A plan will be developed to block access to the unauthorized trails using post and cable fencing. This is a project that will be completed when funding becomes available.
- **Abalone Cove Park Improvement Grant Update**
 - **Bid Documents** – Ara reported that Public Works will be taking the service contract to the Council on April 15th. 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.
 - **Interpretive Panels** – Ara will be meeting later this month with the 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 finalize the updated City's Park Rules signs that will be installed at Del Cerro Park as the pilot program.
- **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
- **GIS overlays** -The following GIS layers will be completed by a future intern
 - **Archaeology site**
 - **Port-o-potties**
- **"No Access" signs along PVDS at Archery Club** – Ara is working with Chris on creating the sign language.
- **Caltech's request to install geologic monitoring equipment** – Inquiries on this request should be directed to Carolyn.

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 was on March 8th and they will resume in November 2014.

Conservancy Activity Schedule			
Ongoing through April		Weed control, watering Decal installation Spur trail closure	
PVPLC activities through April		Outdoor Volunteer Day: Every Friday 9-noon at Abalone Cove May 3: 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		Portuguese Bend trails and associated restoration
	REI		Outdoor volunteer workday assistance
	LAWA		Three Sisters
	LACSD		Lunada Canyon
	NFWF		Abalone Cove
	SMBRC		Abalone Cove
	USFWS		Abalone Cove
	HCF Grant 2		Preserve-wide
	DM Mitigation		Lunada Canyon
	LA County Open Space District		Preserve-wide

Next meeting date – May 8, 2014