

PVPLC/RPV Preserve Management Team
June 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Carolynn Petru, Ara Mhuranian, Joel Rojas, Cory Linder, Katie Howe, Daniel Trautner, Danielle LeFer, Andrea Vona, Matt Waters, Chris Ortiz, Gonzalo Garnica, and Ranger Johnson

Action Items from May 2014 Meeting

- **Peppertree area Trail Easement follow-up** - Ara reported that draft license agreement language is being reviewed by the City Attorney and that he was waiting for her comments before contacting the respective property owners.
- **Signs:**
 - **Installation of “no trail access” signs near Vanderlip Drive** – Ara will provide Chris with the template language for similar signs used in the Preserve. Andrea added that members of the Portuguese Bend Community Association would like to meet with Staff to discuss signage. Andrea will schedule a meeting and Ara will attend.
- **East Sacred Cove Trail Closure (PVPLC)** – Danielle reported that the PVPLC will be adding signage and will be physically closing this trail within the coming week.
- **Vicente Bluffs Parking Lot Signs and Unauthorized Trails** – After further discussion on this matter, it was agreed a separate meeting between the City and the PVPLC should occur to consider creating a viewing node and to dig out the existing unauthorized trail. In the interim, the City will create a handout for the Volunteer Trail Watch members to distribute directing the public to authorized beach access trails (Pelican Cove, Lunada Bay, and Christmas Tree Cove) within the immediate area.
- **Rim Trail Closure of Duplicate Trails** – The PVPLC is preparing a plan to close the duplicate trails.
- **Installing Bike Barricades at Landslide Scarp Trail** – After further discussion, the team agreed not to install the barricade and instead will continue to post “no bicycle” signs and continue to give this area priority enforcement. The team agreed that this intersection would benefit from design improvements.

PVPLC Topics

- **Preserve Decal Replacement** – The PVPLC intends to finish this task within the coming month.
- **Volunteer Trail Watch Update** - Danielle reported that there are 34 members and the PVPLC anticipates having another training session this fall. PVPLC will prepare monthly written VTW reports to share at future team meetings. Superintendent Ortiz requested assistance with graffiti removal in the Preserve, and will distribute graffiti removal supplies to VTW volunteers and part-time City staff.
- **Rapid Response Team** – It was reported that this volunteer group continues assisting the PVPLC in closing spur trails.
- **Ladera Linda / Forrestal Unauthorized Bike Trails**- Ranger Jewel Johnson clarified that the unauthorized trails are used primarily by neighborhood dog walkers. PVPLC will work to close the unauthorized trails, and rangers will continue to monitor area.
- **Grant Contracts / Agreements**
 - **Los Angeles County** – Danielle reported that the grant paperwork has been signed for this \$80,000 grant for trail delineation and wayfinding throughout the Preserve.
 - **HCF Grant Contracts** – Joel informed the team that this grant requires a deed restriction be recorded against the properties within the Preserve that are benefiting from the grant, as described in the submitted application, and that the City Attorney is reviewing the deed restriction to ensure that the City will still be able to complete its Public Work’s projects listed in the NCCP.

City Manager Topics

- **2009 Edison Litigation Update** – Joel reported that the funds received from the settlement agreement will be deposited into the City’s habitat re-vegetation fund as the City Council agreed in 2011. Furthermore, Joel asked the PVPLC to begin preparing the proposed habitat restoration plan for the burn area.

Public Works Topics

- **San Ramon Stabilization Project Update** – Chris provided the team with an update and stated that the project is nearly complete.
- **Fuel Modification Update** – Chris indicated that the City’s fuel modification is nearly complete.
- **Preserve Gate Locks** – Chris received the specifications and will be sending it to the team to review before testing his new lock at Portuguese Bend.

- **Smuggler's Cove trail gate opening for bicyclists** – this task was completed.

RPV Planning Topics

- **RPV / PVPLC Public Forum May 28, 2014 Follow-up** – the team recapped the topics discussed at the Public Forum meeting including spur trails at Del Cerro, Toyon Trail, clarification on equestrian parking, and posting the VTW reports on the City's website.
- **NCCP/IA (Joel)** - Joel reported that conversations with the wildlife agencies continue.
- **Conservation Easement Update** – The language has been approved by the City and the PVPLC and now awaits Agency approval.
- **Malaga Canyon Reserve Update** – As previously reported, the PVPLC management of this open space will begin after conservation easements are recorded on the property.
- **Abalone Cove Park Improvement Grant Update** - Ara reported that construction is scheduled to begin any day now and that a portion of the parking lot will be closed to accommodate the staging area and project construction.
- **California Coastal Trail Update**
 - **Map Boards and Interpretive Panels** – Ara reported that the panels have been delivered to the fabricator and should be installed in a few weeks.
 - **CCT trail markers in Preserve** - Ara is coordinating with Danielle on the installation of the CCT decals on the Preserve trail markers. Ara is coordinating with Public Works to have the CCT insignia decals produced that will be affixed to the trail markers rather than the placards. He also added that he noticed some have the placards have come off the trail markers and that another adhesive should be used to secure the placards to the trail markers.
- **City wide Park Signage Inventory Update** – This month's meeting was canceled and the meetings will resume in July. Ara reported that the new Park Rules signs were ordered.
- **Agua Amarga Reserve Encroachments (Joel)** – This task is to be completed by a future intern.
- **Vista del Norte/Crestridge Project Trail Connection** – Based on the proposed trail easement, Ara and Danielle determined that the trail connection proposed by the developer aligns with the actual trail in the Preserve.
- **GIS overlays:** The following GIS layers will be completed by a future intern
 - **Archaeology site**
 - **Port-o-potties**

Recreation and Parks Topics

- **Gateway Park Update** – A meeting will be scheduled with the PVPLC before scheduling the next public workshop.
- **Volunteer Trail Crew at City Parks/Archery Range** - The group discussed that the Archery Range area has been removed from the Preserve, and it would not be prioritized at this time for Volunteer Trail Crew conducted trail improvement projects. The City will work on appropriate signage for the area.
- **Abalone Cove Research Project** – The team agreed that this annual research project can occur this year provided all appropriate approvals are secured beforehand.
- **Enforcement Issues**
- **Issue Logs** - The team briefly reviewed the enforcement reports. Rangers continue to target misuse hotspots and conduct night patrols.
- **Interpretive Programs**
 - **Trail User Group/Skills/Etiquette Workshop** – Katie continues to work on trail use safety and etiquette workshops to include all trail user groups, and will reach out to LA CORBA who may be working to create such workshops. Katie will draft a letter to help the group reach out to user groups publishing incorrect trail use designations in guide books.
 - **Junior Ranger Program** – The team reviewed the schedule for the next few months.
 - **Night Hikes** – The night hikes will resume in October 2014.

| Conservancy Activity Schedule | |
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| Ongoing through June | Weed control, watering Decal installation Spur trail closure |

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| PVPLC activities through June | | Outdoor Volunteer Day: Every Friday 9-noon at Abalone Cove June 7: 9-12 Portuguese Bend Nature Walk: July 12: 9 am: Alta Vicente | |
| 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 – July 3, 2014