

Minutes to the June 9, 2016 Preserve Management Meeting

Attending: Recreation & Parks Director Cory Linder, Community Development Deputy Director Ara Mihanian, Public Works Maintenance Superintendent Sean Larvenz, Senior Administrative Analyst Matt Waters, Administrative Analyst Katie Lozano, Recreation Specialist David Pearce, MRCA Deputy Chief Ranger Kenn Hughes and PVPLC Conservation Director Adrienne Mohan.

Preserve Maintenance

- Review of Active Habitat / Trail Projects / Maintenance:
 - Director Mohan reported that the Volunteer Trail Crew is working at Abalone Cove and is improving the stairs near Altamira Canyon. Fuel modification at Agua Amarga is complete. PVPLC plans to have irrigation installed at the Alta Vicente phase 3 restoration site this fall. They will coordinate with the Villa Capri HOA to minimize impact.
 - Asphalt at Alta Vicente Reserve: It was determined that PVPLC would make efforts to remove the asphalt.
 - Narcissa Drive Equestrian Entry Status: Management staff will conduct a field visit to determine if Vanderlip Trail can be improved to make it sustainable, and then outreach to the Portuguese Bend Community.
 - Cal Water leak on Burma Road: Superintendent Larvenz reported that Public Works will fill the damaged trail area with dirt.
 - Ocean Trails Reserve: Recreation Specialist Pearce will conduct a field visit with Trump National maintenance staff to discuss resolution of maintenance issues. Director Mihanian reported that Trump is conducting a study on the stability of the area surrounding the closed portion of the Catalina Trail, and more information will be available within the next two weeks.
 - Preserve Trail Maintenance Plan: It was discussed that trail improvements proposed by staff and volunteers would be added to the trail maintenance prioritized list, and prioritized.
 - Active Preserve Projects: Analyst Lozano indicated that the City would follow up with the status of current projects.
 - Distinguishing between roads and trails: Superintendent Larvenz reported that the City is considering the proposed list, and that future conversations would be necessary to determine trail/road standards, maintenance, and functional connectivity.
 - Island View/Storm Drain Stairs Update – Analyst Lozano shared that LA County gave options regarding possible/acceptable security measures.
 - GIS Attribute Layers for the Preserve – Analyst Lozano shared that the Recreation and Parks Department will be working with the City's IT Division to capture Preserve assets in GIS to improve maintenance procedures.

Preserve Operations

- Review of Public Events in Preserve – Analyst Lozano reported that Los Serenos Docents will lead a public hike June 18th in the Vicente Bluffs Reserve, and that a Volunteer Native Garden event will take place June 12th at the Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

- Review of Enforcement/Patrol/Education (RP, MRCA, PVPLC)
 - MRCA Report: Dogs off leash prevalent, including Portuguese Bend and Ocean Trails Reserves; Homeless camp contact in Vista Del Norte Reserve, difficulty keeping people out of closed areas at Abalone Cove. MRCA has also met with LA County Sheriff representatives to assist with the enforcement transition.
 - OSM Report: Analyst Lozano reported that OSM staff had a successful outreach table at Portuguese Bend Reserve on Memorial Day, with great assistance from VTW. Staff has been patrolling the Preserve, performing minor maintenance, and has made 2,700 contacts in May.
 - VTW Report: VTW leaders will meet with City staff to discuss trail damage on Landslide Scarp and Panorama Trails.
- Portuguese Point Cliff/Tide Pools Closure Status (City): Director Linder reported that a portion of the Abalone Cove tide pools remain closed, and maps are posted at the site.
- Ocean Trails Trail Closure: Deputy Director Mihranian indicated that a portion of the Catalina Trail is closed, and that Trump National is conducting an assessment on stability of the area. More information will be available in the next few weeks.
- Managing Access Points/Utility Access Status: Analyst Lozano reported that the City is assessing access points in Portuguese Bend Reserve and will be proposing closing mechanisms in coordination with LA County Fire.

Additional Items

- Status of Grant Contracts / Agreements – Director Mohan reported that PVPLC is working from several small grants, and a larger grant received for restoration work at Alta Vicente. Analyst Lozano reported that the City would be seeking grant funding to install regulatory and entry signage.
- NCCP Status Update: Director Mihranian shared that City and PVPLC staff are reviewing the NCCP with the Wildlife Agencies, and the next step is for City Attorney review, and public feedback.
- Preserve Signage Plan Next Steps: Analyst Lozano reported that the City Council approved the signage plan with some minor content adjustments. Director Mohan reported that PVPLC's next steps are to work with the City to determine locations for initial installment using remaining grant funds.
- Upcoming Council Agenda Items- Considering Council Representation on PVPLC Board: Director Linder reported that this item is scheduled for July 5th.
- PVPLC/Open Space Management/Sheriff's Dept. Meet & Greet June 15th: Director Mohan shared elements of the agenda and that PVPLC is looking forward to coordination amongst the larger management team.
- Public Forum 2016 Dates: July 20th & Oct. 19th.
- VTW / City Monthly Coordination Meeting June 22nd: Analyst Lozano confirmed the group would go out to look at some trail damage to brainstorm solutions.

Next Meeting: August 4, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.