

Trails and Paths Meeting 2-15-23 at 9:00 a.m.

Notes on Trails Committee:

Fred Leach assumed the Chair role, Gary Hanning assumed the Vice Chair role, and Liz Babb became the secretary of the committee.

The committee reviewed its budget, and noted particularly the storm-related costs incurred. They noted that the Public Works Committee, including notably Bob Boyle, made huge efforts at all hours of the day and night to mitigate storm damage, working with Howard Young's team closely. Howard reviewed other maintenance and repair work to be conducted with respect to storm damage along certain trails.

The committee discussed the need for timely communication on trail closings for equestrians, and where such closings should be posted.

A subcommittee reported on the safe routes to school efforts, including generating a new map, and work on safe crossings across Alpine Road using grant money Howard applied for. Some concern was noted regarding new housing regulations impinging on trails and paths, with a comment that understanding the easements for the trail system are not as clear as ideal.

The committee is planning to conduct a horse fair this year, after a hiatus driven by the pandemic and an equine virus. This will occur on Saturday, May 20th from 11 am to 2 pm. Parking for the tennis courts will need to be moved for that day to elsewhere in the town center (but importantly pickleball will be permitted all day).

The committee discussed the Town-required statement on the committee agenda. Committee members offered their views, and the committee committed to discuss concerns with the Race and Equity Committee and, potentially, the Town Council.

The committee also observed that contractors in Town were seen parking on the Town trails and paths during construction hours, which spurred a discussion of enforcement of the Town policies against such parking. Howard reviewed the process that the staff follows when reports of impermissible parking along Trails and Paths occur.

Last, the committee discussed a particular site along a trail where the layout of the trail was moved and narrowed. The property owner joined to explain his commitment to reinstating the trail in the cited area.

**Informal annotation of agenda by liaison as recommended by Mayor Aalf for
Geological Safety Committee by Mary Hufty**

Date: 02/06/2023 10:00 AM The hybrid technology did not turn up. Following instruction sheet we got to “the software needed to be updated to connect” before passwords could be entered. Committee was there at 10 AM. Individual computers were used to allow public to see committee members and give public input. It is recommended (by me:) that earphones be provided for committee members who are hard of hearing so they can be plugged into the hybrid system.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – A quorum was present- Nan, Chet, and Ernst,
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Continued discussion and comment on questions on the Draft Safety Element that were submitted to the Geologic Safety Committee during the November 29, 2022 meeting.

Excellent power point and presentation. Committee handbook and charter were reviewed.

Charter changes and comments are being prepared for presentation on the safety element, including flooding and landslides. A 5-year updated of the element is being recommended to coincide with the recommendation of the General Plan. Maps and significant events such as earthquake or flood may trigger a 6-month schedule for an update.

2. Discuss and comment on the town’s Draft Safety Element FAQ.
3. Discuss the committee’s workplan, priorities and budget for fiscal year 2023-2024

A unanimous vote was taken to recommend to the Council that the committee be increased in number to 7 people. Bob Wrucke at 30 Cima Way and Troy Douthit at 160 Willowbrook have both agreed to serve, if asked.

4. Decide on time and date of next meeting.

A unanimous vote was taken to meet at 10 AM on the second Monday of each month if approved by the Council.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Until 10 AM March 13.

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Hearing impairment accommodation – Liaison agreed to find out what has been done so far.

Adnan and Cole the student representative would like to work on the policy for student participation. I will talk to Jeremy about what is now policy and this committee's desire to be as inclusive as possible for youth. Should they be allowed to vote.

Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.

Lucy Neely, Chair Johnathan Clark, Vice Chair Patt Baenen, Member Adnan Iftekhar, Member Cole Kawaja, Member Kirsten Kingdon, Member Kim Marinucci, Member Judith Murphy, Member Andrew Pierce, Member

Housing subcommittee- Adnan

a. November 8, 2022

4. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meet new Council Liaison
2. Discuss land acknowledgement and reception in community; listen to members of the public about their experience; discuss committee discernment of how to guide land

The acknowledgment creates Distract from the work that is trying to get done, it is political and endangers volunteers.

Indigenous tribes are interested in “relationship”

Mutual conversations to – the council wants this committee look at the acknowledgement. Council will need to put the land acknowledgement of any change. Correction of process.

acknowledgement process in community.

3. Explore possibility of a special meeting before next regular meeting.

Kirsten March 14- have complaints come to members. Andrew suggested that public comment come in to the committee- complaints that went to the council should they have been forwarded to the committee

4. Discuss meeting structure and frequency.
5. Discuss creation of committee contact list
6. Review Subcommittees –

Design of town seal is under consideration. Discussed budgeting for a design.

7. Discuss Committee priorities and strategy for 2023
8. Discuss Race & Equity Committee Budget and budget process for upcoming cycle
9. Discuss inclusionary housing fund implementation and process.

Policy for the inclusionary housing fund Council Subcommittee will meet with all relevant committees to look at their past work on inclusionary housing as well as decisions. That are already part of the General Plan.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT - The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Tuesday March 14th, 2023 at 6:30pm.**



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

Liaison Memo

TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Sarah Wernikoff

DATE: February 13, 2023

RE: ASCC Meeting 2.13.23

OVERVIEW:

1. Project at 3 Grove Court - Approved
2. Project at 151 Brookside - Approved
3. Project at 315 Grove Drive – Approved with request to transition existing lawn to ~ 1000sq feet over time.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

Liaison Memo

TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: Sarah Wernikoff

DATE: February 14, 2023

RE: PVSD Monthly Meeting 2.14.23

OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Ormondale School was recognized as a CA Distinguished School (CMS was recognized last year).
2. District reached settlement with Portola Valley Teacher's Association; details will be shared at the 3/30 board meeting.
3. Construction update: Ormondale opening is ongoing, CMS opening is scheduled for mid-April.
4. School events: Successful science fair, ORM & CMS musicals upcoming in May.
5. Discussion of "bridges between PVSD and Town" i.e. tennis courts, classes, school events, etc.
6. No dogs on school campus fields this summer due to field maintenance projects.
7. PVSD will offer input on sheriff contract.
8. PVSD will offer input on anticipated WFPD fire mitigation ordinance.



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY

Liaison Memo

TO: Mayor and Members of the Town Council

FROM: SMC Library JPA

DATE: February 6, 2023

RE: May 6th Governing Board Meeting Summary

OVERVIEW:

1. Approval of 2021-22 Audit

2. **Review of 2022-23 Mid-Year Financial Report** indicates the JPA's financial condition continues to be strong: The FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget, approved in September 2022, totals \$77,818,179 and distributes resources designed to meet performance and service objectives. Expenditures in the budget contain all operational functions including ongoing operations and one-time projects totaling \$50 million and Reserves of \$27.8 million. Due to the leadership provided by the JPA Governing Board and Operations Committee and sound fiscal stewardship, our financial condition continues to be strong.

3. Received Director's Report, highlights included:

- a. SMC Libraries recognized by Library Journal with a 5-star rating, the highest level possible, representing the top 1% of all public libraries in the United States. Among peer libraries SMC ranked 10th nationwide and 2nd in California.
- b. Atherton Library has achieved LEED Gold, a certification offered under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program.
- c. U.S. Representative Jackie Speier secured federal funding for 15 improvement projects throughout San Mateo County including funding of \$1.5M for a the new library project in East Palo Alto.
- d. Spotlights on Community Resources/Community Learning:
 - i. Awarded \$160,000 grant to support 3rd grade literacy outcomes in rural/Spanish speaking communities in Pescadero.
 - ii. Increases in ESL and English conversation tutor programs
 - iii. Resources to support HMB
 - iv. Domestic Violence Support Partnerships