

# PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

## Regular Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023 at 6:30pm

### TELECONFERENCE SPECIAL NOTICE

*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e):*

### NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING

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**Topic: LAH Pathway Committee**

**Time: January 23, 2023 at 6:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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1. Call to Order (roll call)
  - a. Members
    - i. Laura Bailey (LB) - here
    - ii. Melissa Dyrdaahl (MD) - absent
    - iii. Bob Elson (BE) - here
    - iv. Judy Nagy (JN) - here
    - v. Richard Partridge (RP) - here
    - vi. Sonja Wilkerson (SW) - here
    - vii. Joe Mitchell (JM) - here
    - viii. Rajesh Shakkarwar (RS) - Absent
  - b. Associate Members
    - i. Val Metcalfe - here
  - c. Staff
    - i. WooJae Kim (WK)
  - d. Town Council
    - i. Linda Swan
  - e. Public
    - i. Carol Gottlieb
    - ii. Kit Gordon
    - iii. Cris Schiebold
    - iv. Dennis M.
2. Agenda Review - RP asked to move property review to after presentations from the floor

3. Review & Approval of Minutes for: November 28, 2022 BE moved to approve the November minutes with addition that BE spoke to Peter regarding goal setting JM seconded. LB, BE, JN, JM, RP approved (SW abstained)
4. Ex Parte Communications RP spoke to Peter and WooJae about Edgerton RD and BE spoke to WooJae about Edgerton and Maple Leaf Ct.
5. Introduction of Woojae Kim, new Public Works Director replacing Oscar. Was City Engineer in Los Gatos. Has been on the job 3 weeks which have been busy with all of the storms.
6. Project Status — No Action to be taken, only a status report (WK, BE)
  - a. CIP Projects approved by City Council
    - i. Redwood Grove - WK walked the site today. The City of LA is asking for some ADA language. Current path from Fremont is slippery and dangerous and maybe should be closed until this project moves forward. All of this steep section is on LA property.
    - ii. 27447 Edgerton Rd (Town extend path along property toward Wallace Stegner Path) - Staff was thinking about taking a retaining wall system project to council but after talking to RP and BE, staff are going to hold back on taking it to council and trying to get a small easement which would greatly reduce the cost. Staff has been trying to contact the homeowner but have had no luck so far. Sue Welsh lives across the street. BE will check in with Sue to get her opinion.
    - iii. Page Mill, Lupine to Via Feliz - no report
    - iv. Summerhill Rd - waiting for final design from the consultant. Will send it to the county and get proper permits. Survey studies are done.
  - b. Projects being tracked but in Public Works
    - i. Saddle Court - staking needs to be done and then the tractor can then cut the cross grain.
  - c. '10' Segments for FY 22/23 - waiting for soil to dry out. May employ a contractor if needed or possible
    - i. Briones
    - ii. La Paloma
    - iii. Concepcion
7. Development of Work-Flow for Pathway Projects (WK, RP) - How do we process and deliver pathways to completion. From simple projects to more difficult ones. WK will bring a suggestion soon. BE mentions we have been working on the prioritizing of off road paths and are beginning work on sorting the roadside pathways.
8. Property Review (RS) - RP needs to make sure all committee members are getting the project review updates.
  - a. 13867 Robleda - JM made a motion to pay the fee, increase the ROW to new standard since this is an old property and show the existing 5 ft pathway. SW seconded the motion. (BE, LB, JN, JM, SW, RP - vote yes)
  - b. 12800 Alto Verde - BE recommending the property pay the fee and show the 5 ft pathway on the conception side of the property on their drawings. SW seconded. (BE, LB, JN, JM, SW, RP - vote yes)

## 9. Old Business

- a. Naming pathway after Art Lachenbruch (Kit, possible vote) - Kit Gordon presented a proposal for naming a pathway after Art Lachenburch inside the Byrne Preserve. There are 3 gates across these proposed segments; one is not operable. BE would like to walk it before we vote. SW agreed. LB would like to walk it. JM walked this one last week. Some neighbors were not in support of naming a pathway in Byrne Preserve. This trail would possibly be seasonal because it crosses a wetland. This will be brought back for a vote at our next meeting.
- b. Organization and membership of off-road and on-road pathway prioritization subcommittees (All) RP discussed with committee turnover who will be on these subcommittees. JN will try to look into working on prioritizing the On Road paths. LB and RP will help. BE will meet and give some advice and assistance. There are 3 times as many properties to sort segments but less time researching easements and such afterward. BE, RP and JN will meet and figure out how to best move forward. For off road pathways, LB and JM are interested in helping BE. MD will be transitioning off the pathway committee.
- c. Status update from subcommittee on prioritizing off-road paths (BE) Data is sorted and now with the committee assigned they will make some
- d. Parking on pathways (JN) - JN has not made much progress but will drive around town to take pictures. WK will talk with planning staff and public works on possible solutions. Mayor Swan mentioned she could get it put on a future TC meeting agenda.

## 10. New Business

- a. Report on January 11 presentation on 2022 accomplishments and 2023 goals (RP) - RP gave the annual presentation to Town Council and it was well received.
- b. Maple Leaf Court to Middle Fork (BE) - BE made a quick presentation. Attorney for 13466 North Fork sent a letter upset over having survey work done on this property. All survey work was supposed to be on existing easements and ROW. Oscar wanted to stake the easements so we know where the existing easements are. The town holds easements from Maple Leaf Ct to Middle Fork. There are no paths here yet. His recommendation is to stake the existing easements. This route used to be on the MPP and seems it was rerouted to Via Feliz but that route is not very feasible or realistic. BE moved that this route be staked to gather the information needed to make further decisions in this area. RP second (SW, JN, JM, RP, BE, SW)

## 11. Presentations from the Floor - none

## 12. Reports from Other Meetings

- a. TC regular meeting- Council liaisons will be assigned tomorrow.
- b. TC Goal setting meeting is Wednesday at 9am - 2pm. BE can be there for the first hour.

## 13. Pathway Promotion & Communications

- a. Report on Westwind barn lighting (12/4) – LB, BM, JM - LB says it was a bigger event than she expected. It was a little cold but they had a nice evening. Someone suggested a degree of difficulty might be helpful for pathways.
  - b. Report on New Year's pathway walk – BE, RP, VM - RP thought it went well. On the medium hike, some people lagged behind but everyone seemed to enjoy it. BE had 15 people. RP had 12-15 people. VM had 12-15 people.
14. Agenda Topics for Next PWC Meeting
- a. Naming pathway for Art L.
  - b. If goal setting meeting gives us some miles, maybe we could do some planning.
  - c. Student from Woodside Priory project to volunteer to do some projects on pathways.
15. Adjournment