

PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Agenda

January 26, 2026, at 6:30pm

Council Chambers Conference Room, Town Hall 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA

1. Call to Order at 6:31pm

Members Present: Nick Erndt, Mike Orlando, Richard Partridge, Marc Gurwith

Absent: Mike Henshaw

Guest: Joe Mitchell, Jay Bradford (LAH Staff), John Lewis (member-to-be)

3. Review & Approval of Minutes for December 15 PWC meeting

Richard moves to approve, Nick seconds, all in favor.

4. Ex Parte Communications

Nick had discussions with Barb McReynolds – bikes and pathways along Chaparral. Nick discussed with Astha and WooJae to clarify easements along Chapparal. Nick also gave presentation to Council – No issues they saw, they were particularly happy with NYD Pathways run and Mike's

5. Staff Update on Pathways (Projects, Maintenance, etc.)

a. Summerhill Avenue Pathway update

Astha reported – Town had meetings with County, who is requiring a fully ADA path. The town's next steps are to look at technical constraints at making the path ADA compliant. WooJae indicated the town has gone through multiple iterations of the plan, and the Town needs to prove to the county why the pathway is not technically possible to make ADA compliant. This would add significant cost. Nick commented that a ballpark contractor estimate/quick assessment of cost would help us decide whether or not to move forward. Jay indicated that the oddity here is that the County is working to manage/mitigate risk of not making Summerhill pathway fully ADA compliant. Nick said that someone needs to have a serious discussion with the County about the feasibility of this within the Town's budget.

There was additional discussion between Carol Gottlieb and Astha about the particular interface of the county ROW and Town easement. WooJae clarified that the majority of the Summerhill pathway would be built in county ROW, underlying these compilations. He said that this might get pushed into 2027.

b. Magdalena Avenue Pathway update

Astha - currently in-house design phase. Sent out letters to two properties where easement is necessary but she hasn't heard back. Next step would be in-person visits to property owners. Astha will email Mike and Marc to arrange a site visit.

c. Altamont- Moody to Corbetta Lane Pathway update

Astha – Still waiting for staking work, which should happen February 2026. Should be able to do this all in house. Nick asked if perhaps we could do these parts in segments; WooJae clarified that this might be possible depending on budget. Nick asked what the threshold is for contractor vs. in-house; WooJae said that it's a \$60K threshold.

WooJae commented that Michael is spending significant amounts of time maintaining current pathways.

d. Maple Leaf Court – Middle Fork Lane update

Nick and Astha – still in CEQA phase; Astha did a site walk and they didn't have any major biological or cultural findings; full report to come later this month. Astha said that a letter is forthcoming from Town Attorney to demand removal of improvements, with a reasonable time for response. Jay indicated that there is a somewhat complex code enforcement protocol for these issues, and thus the Town has employed a lawyer who is familiar with Code Enforcement.

e. Bicycle/Horses/Pedestrian signs on summit of steep paths update

WooJae says that signs are still on order from custom sign shop, but they'll be coming any day. WooJae says that someone will announce this publicly when the signs are finally installed.

g. Old Page Mill Road to Christopher Lane Path update

Nick indicated that Bob Ellson has some updates on this, but Bob was not present. Nick will try to get Bob at the next PWC meeting.

h. Maintenance update/issues

Nick indicated there were sinkholes along back of Pinewood, but those seem to be dispensed with.

6. Discuss Chaparral pathway issues and propose options

Nick showed a video of someone driving up Chapparal with near-misses between bicycles and vehicle. Nick clarified with one property owner that we do have a pathways easement along Chapparal, but there is no developed pathway on the road. WooJae indicated that the town engineers thought there was not a good place for a pathway but it was never built. WooJae said that the PWC might remove the easement or limit the use of that segment to pedestrians and horses only.

WooJae suggested that PWC will reach out for public comment at the next PWC meeting before voting on a recommendation to council. Astha and WooJae will reach out for public comment and notice involved parties.

7. Pathways Bikes/Pedestrian Incidents

Nick brought up an incident at Elena/Packard when a family who were bicycling on the pathway were confronted by a pedestrian who said they weren't allowed.

There was discussion about how to reach out to public in the Weekly newsletter as well as the Our Town magazine to let them know about safety on pathways.

Mike O will create an initial draft column for the weekly newsletter incorporating the rules and common sense using the pathways element, and will send it to Richard and WooJae for vetting/feedback.

8. Property Review

a. Pinewood School CUP25-0004

Astha gave an update as to the plan as currently iterated. Jay discussed the school being fastidious about following pathway development guidelines thus far.

PWC main recommendation is to make sure the path is roughened for horses and the possibility of a berm between pathway and roadway to prevent people parking on the pathway.

b. Natoma Oaks Subdivision

Discussion of this property with no recommendations made as per December meeting.

c. 10225 W. Loyola Drive SD25-0034

Based on audit information and MPP, PWC is not suggesting homeowners put in any pathways at this time. No recommendation from PWC.

d. 26023 Alicante Lane VAR25-0017

There are existing pathways on both sides of property. No recommendations from PWC.

e. 12020 Greenhills Court

Resident Request for Realignment of Easement. There is currently an existing, well-established pathway that the resident would like changed.

Resident Joe Mitchell brought photos that show that the corner that is proposed for change is a long, steep corner. The proposed new path would have an even steeper slope. In addition, the existing MPP has the pathway as it's currently constructed and used.

Based on discussion, Nick proposed that PWC not modify the current pathway. As shown on the MPP, the current route is safer, currently exists, and is accessible to bikes and horses. Richard moves that PWC recommends continue as constructed and do not recommend the request for realignment of easement. Nick seconds. All in favor, none opposed.

9. Old Business

a. Vote on Adding John Lewis to Pathway Committee and removing Mike Henshaw

John has been to several meetings and is committed to the PWC. Current PWC is very supportive of John's membership. We look forward to the council putting him on the committee.

There was consensus to move Mike's removal to the February agenda.

b. Adding pathway loops to GIS pathway maps

The plan at the moment is that the PWC will keep compiling lists of loops. Nick proposed that perhaps add to the weekly Town Newsletter a link/way for residents to propose pathways loops to be added to a library.

There was discussion about precisely which paths might/should be on these links, as well as the process for updating maps of pathways for the past few years. It's clear that PWC maps are not fully accurate or up to date, and the PWC is working to align the pathways that exist in the real world with the maps.

Nick and Richard discussed ways to efficiently re-map pathways; Nick will look into ways to begin this survey. Carol will work to pass what she has on to Nick so he can pick up where she left off.

c. Recruit new members for the Pathways committee

10. New Business

None

11. Presentations from the Floor

Carol discussed the history of headerboards and why they are important as to defining the scope/location of pathways, as well as how they can maintain the integrity of a pathway in the face of erosion. Nick and Carol suggested this be put on the February agenda.

WooJae and Astha brought up TDA3; PWC voted in March 2025 that the Town could use funds for any projects. Astha said that they may ask for an extension to use funds. No action required from PWC.

12. Reports from Other Meetings

Richard commented that the NYD walks went very well, even in light of the rain that day. Nick concurred. Great event.

13. Agenda Topics for Next PWC Meeting

Highlighted in the notes above.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.