

PATHWAYS COMMITTEE Regular Meeting Agenda

- Final Minutes

January 28, 2019 at 7:00pm

City Council Chambers, 26379 Fremont Rd. Los Altos Hills, CA

1. Call to Order (roll call)

- **Members**
 - i. Alisa Bredo (AB)
 - ii. Nick Dunckel (ND)
 - iii. Ann Duwe (AD)
 - iv. Val Metcalfe (VM)
 - v. Judy Nagy (JN)
 - vi. Sonja Wilkerson (SW)
- **Associate Members**
 - i. Susan Cretekos
 - ii. Eileen Gibbons
- **Town Council Liaison**
 - i. Roger Spreen
- **Town Staff**
 - i. Jeremy Koch
 - ii. Dylan Parker
 - iii. Nichol Bowersox
- **Public**
 - i. Jim Waschura - La Cresta
 - ii. Eric Bredo - PageMill
 - iii. Matt Daly - Robleda
 - iv. Lester Earnest - Dianne Dr.
 - v. Sue Welsh
 - vi. Grant Bowen - Robleda
 - vii. Kjell Karlsson - Menalto Dr

2. Agenda Review

3. Review & Approval of Minutes of:

- **Nov 12, 2019** - SW moved and ND seconded. The motion was approved. (AB, ND, VM, JN, SW) AD abstained as she did not attend that meeting.
- **Jan 7, 2019** - Nick made comments and Judy will email them tomorrow.

4. Ex Parte Communications - none

5. Announcements/Updates

- **Town Staff Updates**
 - i. Pathways Budget/Funding Update for 2019 Projects - Nichol passed around same finance information she collected regarding pathways. Total PWC Fund Balance is \$709,639.
 - ii. GIS System for mapping pathways and easements - Staff received a proposal from the GIS consultant which includes correcting the property

lines and including pathway easements. Now staff is evaluating how to proceed. The County data used was not accurate so that has caused some problems and now there are two proposals for how to fix this data. Eileen's husband has been able to quickly correct the data. She would like town to consider using resident help, instead of paying a consultant.

- Maintenance and Enforcement Issues
 - i. Native Path construction requirements - AB asked for town staff to explain what guidelines are currently used when homeowners are asked to put in a native path. Jeremy Koch mentioned that the engineering team works with the homeowner/contractor to determine the requirements but mostly it means clearing vegetation. As for the Native Path Guideline that Nick lead and was approved by the committee a while back, Jeremy responded that town staff has some comments and are still looking into how to implement a standard or recommendations. Staff feels Native Paths are each very different and should be addressed on a case by case basis. They could potentially use the native guidelines where certain situations trigger certain features. Currently, the feeling is that the current version of these guidelines are potentially too restrictive and complicated for native paths.

Les Earnest feels dirt paths are a bad idea. He would like all paths to have an improved surface and no stairs. He will send his ideas to staff. Eric Bredo suggest that paths be consistent. He has concerns about safety on pathways especially along PageMill. Kjell Karlsson says communication about changes from recommendations could be an issue.

- ii. Update on blocked paths - Matadero Creek path was paused due to staff changes and will be worked on with the compliance officer shortly. The Central Dr to Buena Vista path is waiting for the documentation for the easement information from the homeowner and his engineer is working on it and will hopefully be resolved soon. Staff has not been getting PWC recommendations. Alisa will add Jeremy to the distribution list. Jeremy will place follow up information in the drawer with maps.

6. New Business

- Property Review
 - i. 27388 Sherlock Ct, New Residence, Lands of Chung (APN 182-29-038, File SD19-0003) There is an active pathway easement and private road right of way on the property on the south side (along the blue line). It is an off road path, and was on the MMP (left off the current MPP in error and has been trying to be corrected for a long time). ND feels it would be good to have the easement cleared enough to be walkable and ask for an easement on the north side of the driveway, instead of continuing straight as the section across the next property is steep. AD moved that we ask the homeowner at 27388 Sherlock Ct to clear the existing easement

along the lower property line and ask the homeowner to grant an easement for a native path up to Sherlock Ct to connect to the current easement. VM seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. (AB, AD, ND, VM, JN, SW) Staff needs to confirm the wording for the current easement to ensure the easement allows for pathway access.

- ii. 24180 Dawnridge, ADU, Lands of Teratum Lowchareonkul (File SD19-0006) This is roadside, on the MPP, 15 lots on the court, and an existing off road path at the end of the street and another proposed off road path. This home is on Dawn Ridge and Princess Elena. A path could be requested on both road sides of the property. Dawnridge is very wide and there are currently no other paths segments along Dawnridge. There was discussion if there is space for a path within the road right of way since the road seems unusually wide. It was determined in our best guess that there is space in the road right of way. AD said the “bubble map” indicates the opposite side as the preferred side. AD mentioned that another property on Dawnridge recently was asked to pay an in-lieu fee. AD moves that we collect an in-lieu fee from the homeowner at 24180 Dawnridge. SW seconded the motion. The motion was approved. (AD, ND, VM, JN, SW - AB voted no because our flow chart would result in asking for a 2B roadside path.)
- Proposed pathway and easement at 12950 Robleda Road - Matt Daley and Grant Bowen, representing the homeowner at 12950 Robleda Rd, proposed that the homeowner at 12950 Robleda would like approval to build a path to complete a connection from Robleda to West Sunset and give a 5 foot easement across their property. Since this is a voluntary donation of an easement and due to the terrain, the homeowner feels the 5 foot easement is sufficient instead of the usual 10 foot easement. Les Earnest says there is a pathway easement already existing for this pathway. He will bring in documentation. There was discussion about the “hook” section near West Sunset. AD mentioned it might be best to go straight, possibly on the neighbors property. Town staff is concerned that this path is not fully on the 12950 property and needs approval from both the neighboring properties to the right and left. The homeowner knows one neighbor has agreed but will reach out to the neighbor on the other side to confirm they agree as well. AD pointed out that tree number 7 in the existing new path that connects to this proposed path blocks horse access. AD requested its removal to allow horse access. The applicant agreed to look into tree number 7 and will go back to the neighbors to confirm their agreement of this proposal.
- Proposal for PWC to forward a recommendation to Council re: MFA Allowance for pathways easements - Jim Waschura gave a presentation regarding pathway concerns and ways to mitigate resident concerns regarding off road pathway requirements and granting of easements. A packet was handed out. We went around the table to hear what everyone thinks. Some felt it might not be

necessary to give an incentive. Many agree that an incentive might encourage homeowners to allow off road pathways on their property. One felt homes are too large as it is so MFA might not be the right incentive.

7. Presentations from the Floor

- Les Earnest suggested we look into the Foothill Path along the Adobe Creek from downtown Los Altos to Foothill College.
- Eric Bredo commented on the Moon Lane bridge and efforts on Page Mill. He would like to request a path along Page Mill just beyond Moon Lane. A house (13816 PageMill) just redeveloped there and the previously existing native path has disappeared. He would like the committee/town to look into why a native path was not cleared during the redevelopment.
- EG would like the MPP to be approved and completed. She asked that the MMP approval be a standing item on the agenda until it is approved by TC.

8. Old Business

- Updates from individual PWC members on potential CIP projects - Time was running short so we did not discuss each project. Members were reminded to have a presentation packet ready the Thursday before the next meeting.

9. Open Discussion

10. Reports from Other Meetings

- VTA Meeting - Susan had to leave
- City Council - Roger had to leave
- Planning Commission - La Paloma property was reviewed for landscape review and the homeowner was asked to remove the proposed pavers that crossed the road side path.
- Fast Track - We need to select someone to keep follow FastTrack properties. AD will do it for now.

11. Pathway Promotion & Communications - none

12. Topics of Interest

a. Easement tracking - EG demonstrated how to look up the recorded easements and view the parcel map. You can go to the Country Survey Record website. A link will be shared via email. There is an old database that had easement information by APN and she is hoping we can get this information updated and available online.

(<https://sccplanning.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=bc21a949580746968cb7139386996978>)

13. Next Pathway Walk: Feb 23

14. Next Pathway Meeting: Feb 25th

15. Adjournment