

PATHWAYS COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting Agenda
January 27, 2020 at 7:00pm

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

1. Call to Order (roll call)
 - a. Members
 - i. Alisa Bredo (AB)
 - ii. Ann Duwe (AD)
 - iii. Nick Dunckel (ND)
 - iv. Bob Elson (BE)
 - v. Val Metcalfe (VM)
 - vi. Judy Nagy (JN)
 - vii. Richard Partridge (RP)
 - viii. Sonja Wilkerson (SW)
 - b. Associate Members
 - i. Jim Waschura (JW)
 - c. Town Council
 - i. Roger Spreen
 - d. Staff
 - i. Zach Dahl
 - e. Public
 - i. Kjell Karlson
 - ii. Carol Gottlieb
2. Agenda Review
3. Review & Approval of Minutes of:
 - a. Nov 25, 2019 - AD moved to accept minutes as corrected, SW seconded, approved (AB, AD, ND, BE, VM, JN, RP, SW)(BE abstained.)
4. Ex Parte Communications - BE spoke to Jitze Couperus.
5. Announcements/Updates
 - a. Town Staff Updates
 - i. Zach Dahl introduction - With the changes going to an impact fee, Zach expects input from the PWC regarding the need for paths and easements and missing segments on properties under development. RP would like to see better communication between the PWC and Planning Commission and Town Council meeting. BE feels staff will need to champion CIP projects and follow through because no paths will be built by homeowners. Future paths should be recorded on documents. Also, landscape plans should keep in mind that a future path might go through and town wouldn't want to remove the landscaping later. Future pathway should be documented on the site development plans. Existing pathways should be on all of the drawings as well. The PWC should send a

representative to the site development/FastTrack meetings on Tuesdays to give feedback regarding future and current pathways. Many PWC members would like to see having the pathway easement properly recorded be on a checklist to ensure it gets recorded. Pathways should be as far from the pavement as possible within the road right of way. VM would like to know the expected pathway budget.

- ii. Status of approved CIP Projects
 - 1. Summerhill
 - a. Phase I (El Monte to Hilltop) - Obtaining quotes. BE would like a better schedule with actual dates. Carol Gottlieb says that she as a resident has not been approached at all about an easement, schedule or plans of any kind. JW asked if planning documents can be shared.
 - b. Phase II (Hilltop to Magdalena) - Waiting for the survey quote.
 - 2. Fremont/Redwood Grove - in discussions with Los Altos and a survey quote.
 - 3. Estacada - waiting for a quote.
 - 4. La Paloma to Robleda - waiting for a survey quote.
 - 5. Altamont Plunge - Will issue RFP in February.
 - 6. Westwind Barn to Central Dr. - Has an agreement signed waiting for a construction schedule.
 - iii. GIS Map Update - Clean base map is very close. Staff will have a GIS roadmap very soon. Existing pathways will be side specific. Need staff to clarify how future paths and side preference will be captured. PWC is still willing to split the map between members and record the information for existing paths and side preference.
 - iv. Status of Native Path specification - deferred to next month
 - b. Maintenance and Enforcement Issues
 - i. Update on blocked paths - AB will send a list of the open issues. Send any open concerns to AB. Most know issues are in code enforcement. Sewage problem is still open on Lupine.
 - c. Update on planned schedule for Planning Commission and City Council review of pathways - Storyhill is on the Feb 6th PC agenda. BE will present for the PWC. Tentative for April TC meeting for unresolved areas for the amendment to the MPP. Then South of town (aka. Newly annexed areas) will then be addressed. TC goal setting meeting is this Friday from 10am-3pm.
6. 6. New Business
- a. Property Review
 - i. 14690 Manuella Rd (Addition, Garage, and Remodel) SD19-0092 - Pathway on the opposite side. One sided road. ND recommends no pathway on this property and no easement. JN moves that we specify no

- pathway and no easement on this property. SW seconded. Approved unanimously. (AB, AD, BE, JN, ND, RP, SW, VM)
- ii. 14210 Baleri Ranch Rd (Landscape Renovation) SD19-0093 Note: Pathway easement not shown. Please review/comment on new fencing. This property has an offroad pathway on two side (South East and South West side) AD moved for easements on Page Mill side and off road (SE) side to be verified and recorded at county and that the paths and easements be shown on the Site Plan and Landscape Plan as a condition of development for the project. RP seconded and the vote was unanimous (AB, AD, BE, JN, ND, RP, SW, VM)
 - iii. 24269 Dawnridge Dr (Major remodel and addition) SD19-0089 - There is an off-road path that is not installed but is on the map. Two easements are on an adjacent water company property. Dawnridge is quite wide and not much traffic. There are no roadside pathways on Dawnridge. There are 20 homes on Dawnridge. Typically people walk along the North side of Dawnridge. It would be nice to have a pathway along Dawnridge on the North side. AD moves that we ask the homeowners add a future roadside 2B pathway on the Dawnridge frontage on the site plan in the road right of way. BE seconded. Approved unanimously. (AB, AD, BE, JN, ND, RP, SW, VM)
 - iv. 13940 La Paloma Rd (New residence and ADU) SD19-0090 - Only 4 homes. RP moves that we take no action. JN seconded. Approved unanimously. (AB, AD, BE, JN, ND, RP, SW, VM)
 - v. 27408 Deer Springs Way (New Residence) SD20-0002 - There is an existing path. AB moves to request a 10' PE easement on top of the existing SDE to match the existing path and a 5' way around the chain fence for Equestrian passage and to update the site development and landscape plans. VM seconded. Approved unanimously. (AB, AD, BE, JN, ND, RP, SW, VM)
- b. Discussion of fencing guidelines in relation to pathways impact - A metal fence is being proposed on the edge of the 10 foot pathway easement. Carol Gottlieb believes this is a danger to equestrians. Solid fencing and shiny metal should not be allowed and are not allowed per town fencing ordinances. BE thinks a setback for off road pathways could be a suggestion for safety. The wording for the fencing ordinance is open fencing is preferred. ND feels the PWC could put forth a recommendation that for safety fencing should have a setback. VM seconded. (JN, BE, ND, AN, VM approve) (SW and RP oppose.)

7. Old Business

- a. Review of Existing Easements on Dawn Ln - There was an existing easement on the Elena frontage but not on the Dawn Lane frontage.
- b. PWC Member Presentations on CIP Project Proposals for 2020
 - i. Chapin & Robleda (AD) - AD has no update
 - ii. Via Ventana to Matadero Creek (AD) - AD has a call into the homeowner.

- iii. Edgerton Roadside Path (AB) - AB gave a presentation on her proposed CIP project. 27447 currently underdevelopment would cover the steep section. Could potentially apply to Bay Area Barns and Trails could give a matching grant. AB has had no discussions with the homeowner.
 - iv. Lower Page Mill (AB) - Very dangerous and the current footpath is super narrow. AB needs to talk to the homeowners.
 - v. Byrd Ln (AB) - Near the Sterling subdivision. One section near the driveway is being recommended as native. 40' native. 800' of 2B. Could be easy to do and will be used more in the future. Santa Clara County images link was shared at our last meeting. As an alternative, a native path for all 840' could suffice.
 - vi. Byrne Park Plunge (MD) - Finished and Nicole has priced it.
 - vii. Foothill Park Connection (RP) - Punt until 2021. Kit Gordon has offered to help.
 - viii. La Paloma connections (JN & BM & SW) - JN gave a quick summary
 - ix. Altamont to Silent Hills Connection (VM) - VM thinks this is more a maintenance issue.
 - x. Missing Segments on Magdalena (ND & JW) - JW is making good progress on these segments. This covers 31 properties so will not be ready in 2020. There are some safety issues but mostly shrubbery and drainage issues. There might be a few grading issues and wooden retaining walls.
 - xi. Summerhill (BE) - BE is going to represent finishing this.
 - xii. La Paloma to Robleda (BE) - BE is going to represent finishing this.
 - xiii. Foothill to Byrne via Story Hill Ln (BE) - This is ready and in progress.
 - xiv. Dawnridge to Hilltop (AB) - AB is starting to document this.
 - xv. Opening the pathway from E. to W. Sunset. (AD)
- c. 5 Year Plan - Suggestions
8. Presentations from the Floor
- a. Carol Gottlieb - History Committee is having a history walk on March 22nd at Foothill College at 1pm. Parking lot 1. About a 2 hour walk.
 - b. Kjell Karlsson - likes the idea of having pathways as far from the road pavement as possible for safety.
9. Topics of Interest / Open Discussion
10. Agenda Topics for Next PWC Meeting - BE suggests our agenda be limited to CIP project presentations.
11. Reports from Other Meetings
- a. VTA Meeting - Call for projects in March. SC is hoping to get on the committee to review projects.
 - b. City Council - none
 - c. Planning Commission - There are soon to be 3 openings on the committee.
 - d. Fast Track - no report

12. Pathway Promotion & Communications - AD sent out a draft letter for explaining what the PWC committee does. SW suggest we put this on a future agenda. JW feels we should wait for the CIP discussion to be finished. RP feels we should have more experience with the new system before we write this letter.
 - a. New Year's Day Walk – VM wrote up a nice summary about 40 people and dogs walked on New Year's Day.
13. Next Pathway Walk: Feb 22, 2020
14. Next Pathway Meeting: Feb 24, 2020
15. Adjournment