

# PATHWAYS COMMITTEE Regular Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2020 at 7:00pm

Parks and Recreation Building, 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. Melissa Dyrdaahl (MD)
  - v. Bob Elson (BE)
  - vi. Val Metcalfe (VM)
  - vii. Judy Nagy (JN)
- b. Associate Members
  - i. Jim Waschura (JW)
  - ii. Susan Cretekos (SC)
- c. Town Council
  - i. Roger Spreen
- d. Staff
  - i. none
- e. Public
  - i. Kjell Karlson
  - ii. Carol Gottlieb
  - iii. Les Earnest
  - iv. Jay Sutaria

## 2. Agenda Review

## 3. Review & Approval of Minutes of:

- a. Jan 27, 2020 - VM moved to approve the minutes as corrected. AD seconded. Approved unanimously. (AB, AD, MD, BE, VM, JN)

## 4. Ex Parte Communications

- a. AB spoke to a property owner on Lower Page Mill project
- b. BE spoke to two PC members on Storyhill Project
- c. AD spoke to two homeowners on Via Ventana to Matadero Creek Project

## 5. Announcements/Updates

- a. Town Staff Updates
  - i. Status of approved CIP Projects (From Town Manager's 2/21/2020 report)
    1. Summerhill
      - a. Phase I (El Monte to Hilltop) - From Nicole Lane to Hilltop needs some county coordination so phase 1

has been shortened to El Monte to Nicole Lane.  
This small segment is moving forward.

- b. Phase II (Hilltop to Magdalena) - Staff is working with Santa Clara County regarding the segment from Nicole Lane to Hilltop.
- 2. Fremont/Redwood Grove - The survey is complete and the installation plan will be coordinated with LA.
- 3. Estacada - Slated to start work at the end of February.
- 4. La Paloma to Robleda - 3 quotes were obtained. Survey is slated to start March 22nd.
- 5. Altamont Plunge - Survey will be completed Feb 21st.
- 6. Westwind Barn to Central Dr. - The pathway is installed and just needs landscaping and a handrail installed.
- ii. GIS Map Update - no report
- iii. Status of Native Path specification - no report
- b. Maintenance and Enforcement Issues
  - i. Update on blocked paths - AB mentioned sewage is still leaking on Lupine and the pathway is closed.
- c. Update on planned schedule for Planning Commission and City Council review of pathways - none updates.

## **6. New Business**

- a. Property Review
  - i. 13254 East Sunset Dr. (New Residence, Project ID SD20-0008) - No plan set was picked up so discussion was deferred to our next meeting.

## **7. Old Business**

- a. PWC Member Presentations of CIP Project Proposals for 2020 and PWC VOTE on prioritization (All presentations will be available at town hall)
  - i. Chapin & Robleda (AD) - This proposed project is not ready yet and is withdrawn from CIP consideration.
  - ii. Via Ventana to Matadero Creek (AD) - This proposed project is to move a fence and add a switch back to improve a narrow corner. Both homeowners are agreeable to this change. See Project diagram. Cost estimate = \$4k.
  - iii. Edgerton Roadside Path (AB) - AB gave a presentation. Horses ride on the steep paved road. There is 770' of IIB path with water boards. This project could qualify for a matching grant from Bay Area Barns and Trails. Cost estimate = \$77k
  - iv. Lower Page Mill (AB) - AB gave a presentation of Lupine to Via Feliz. It is very dangerous to walk on Page Mill Rd. This proposed project would greatly improve the safety of pedestrians and equestrians. Cost estimate = \$111K proposed IIB as far from road

- in the ROW. If we can get two easements, this project could be a lot less expensive by moving farther away from the roadside berm.
- v. Byrd Ln (AB) - This proposed project is on a quiet street but connects to two off road paths that are not used as much because there is on connecting path on Byrd Lane.. Cost estimate = \$56k of 880' IIB path and 40' native path in section near the driveway.
  - vi. Byrne Park Plunge (MD) - This proposed project is to repair/replace some unstable old stairs. This includes repair on a drainage pipe farther along the path near the bottom of the stairs. This is part of the annual 5k walk/run. This is on a vacant property. Cost estimate from town staff = \$17.5k estimate.
  - vii. Foothill Park Connection (RP) - This proposed project was deferred to 2021.
  - viii. La Paloma connections (JN & BM & SW) - This project was split into two phases. This proposed project is to complete missing segments along the westside of La Paloma to connect 15 already installed but little used paths because of these missing connections. JN gave a presentation. Phase 1 Cost estimate = \$75k and phase 2 cost estimate = \$438k.
  - ix. Altamont to Silent Hills Connection (VM) -This proposed project is a maintenance issue and is withdrawn from CIP consideration.
  - x. Missing Segments on Magdalena (ND & JW) - JW reported he and ND are making progress on this proposed project but involves many properties and will be presented at a future date.
  - xi. Foothill to Byrne via Story Hill Ln (BE) - BE reviewed the presentation he gave to PC. This is a native path. Cost estimate = \$85k. This proposed project connects to Page Mill and would be a good way to get closer to a pathway into Foothills Park.
  - xii. Dawnridge (AB) - AB gave a presentation. This proposed pathway connects Dawnridge to Hilltop Ln and includes property owned by Valley Water. It might be possible to get some help from Valley Water to pay for this path. Since a 4' bridge over Hale creek is needed, BE suggests asking for \$25k for an environmental study. Cost Estimate was dropped from \$56k to \$25k for the creek study.
  - xiii. Summerhill (BE) - BE gave a presentation to ask for the money to finish Phase 2 (Nicole Lane to Magdalena) of this long awaited project. Cost Estimate = \$400k
  - xiv. La Paloma/Robleda (BE) - BE gave a presentation asking for construction money for this project. If the survey report is not favorable, then this money would be reallocated. Cost estimate = \$185k. Jay Sutara wanted to let the committee know that he is still very much in favor of this proposed pathway.

- xv. Voting Results (7 members each were given 10 points with rule no proposed project can be given more than 4 points)
  - 1. Summerhill - 14
  - 2. La Paloma/Robleda - 14
  - 3. Lower page Mill - 12
  - 4. Byrne Park Plunge - 7
  - 5. Edgerton Roadside Path - 5
  - 6. Foothill to Bryne via Story Hill Lane - 4
  - 7. Via Ventana to Matadero Creek - 3
  - 8. La Paloma connections - 2
  - 9. Dawnridge - 1
  - 10. Byrd Lane - 0
- b. 5 Year Plan - Suggestions - BE would like a PWC 5 year goal to be that all parks in town are connected via pathways. JW wonders if we should follow up any maintenance issues to ensure they get finished and not lost. VM would like to have a better handle on what the costs are for installing paths.

#### **8. Presentations from the Floor**

- a. Les Earnest has two main concerns. One regarding fire safety and emergency access routes. There should be at least one additional way out of each cul de sacs. The second issue is the pathway construction standards are not designed for modern families and are too focused on equestrians.
- b. Carol Gottlieb reminded us about the History walk being held Sunday March 22nd starting from Foothill College lot one at 1 pm.

#### **9. Topics of Interest / Open Discussion**

#### **10. Agenda Topics for Next PWC Meeting**

#### **11. Reports from Other Meetings**

- a. VTA Meeting - SC reminded us that there is a call for projects. Fremont phase 2 is being presented and hopefully Summerhill.
- b. City Council - nothing to report
- c. Planning Commission - BE presented Story Hill at the PC and it was forward to TC with a 4-0 vote in favor.
- d. Fast Track -Carol Gottlieb mentioned a property on Camino Hermosa is being presented Tuesday (tomorrow) at 10am.

#### **12. Pathway Promotion & Communications**

- a. Pathways Run is coming soon in May.

#### **13. Next Pathway Walk: March 21, 2020**

#### **14. Next Pathway Meeting: March 23, 2020**

#### **15. Adjournment**