



Riverside County Regional Park & Open-Space District Trails Committee



Park District Headquarters
4600 Crestmore Road
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MINUTES – February 25, 2015

- 1.0 Call to Order** –The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag** - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by CM Kinne.
- 3.0 Roll Call - Committee Members Present:** George (I), Bremenstuhl (I), Kinne (II), Burleson (III), Valentino (IV), Ragsdale (IV), Mattocks (V), Chair Zimmerman (V), and Jolliffe (MAL); **Absent:** Holland (II), Roberts (III); **District Staff Present:** Bangle, Herron, Brewer, and Chavez
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes - Action**
*The minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.
(M/S/C Kinne, Valentino) Abstained Jolliffe*
- 5.0 Special Recognition**
Chair Zimmerman recognized CM Mattocks for his many years of service on the Trails Committee. CM Jolliffe remembered CM Mattocks as a leader of the community.
- 6.0 Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**
None
- 7.0 Old Business**
- 7.1 Wine Country Trail Plan Map – Action**
Keith Herron, Resources Bureau Chief
Job Code: 2015-1
BC Herron introduced the Wine Country Trail Plan Map as developed by the Wine Country Ad hoc Committee. He recognized CM Jolliffe as the Chair of the Wine Country Trails Plan Ad hoc Committee. BC Herron gave a brief background on the creation of the Wine Country Trails Plan Ad hoc Committee, which was formed to fully develop and discuss the trails map at the request of the Board of Supervisors after the rest of the Temecula Valley Wine Country Community Plan was approved. He described the committee members' responsibilities. He explained how the map was created and approved by the Wine Country Trails Plan Ad hoc Committee. The map was presented for the public and Trails Committee to review. Chair Zimmerman asked about the approval process and whether the map will go before other agencies, commissions, or entities for final approval. BC Herron explained that once the Trails Committee approves the map, it will go to the District Advisory Commission for its input and approval, after which it would return to the Parks and TLMA planning staff, then to the Planning Commission, and finally to the Board of Supervisors.

CM Jolliffe noted that the next Wine Country Trails Plan Ad hoc Committee meeting will be held on March 9, 2015. He described and explained the details noted on the map and commented on the importance of approving it. CM Jolliffe pointed out each of the trails noted on the map. He commented on a number of concerns voiced by the Ad hoc Committee Members to be addressed by the next meeting and explained some of the safety requirements. He noted that tonight's copy of the map is the first concept. Due to the approval process, it is very possible the map will change. He noted the various types of trails.

The following guests spoke:

- 1) Gil Pankonin, President of the Rancho California Horsemen's Association, thanked committee members and staff for the time they spent putting the map together. The RCHA supports the efforts
- 2) Lorraine Harrington, Wine Country Trails Plan Ad hoc Committee, read a letter from Dan Stevenson asking the Trails Committee to approve the draft copy of the map, recommending the map be modified to reflect colors defining trail types. Ms. Harrington mirrored Mr. Stevenson's recommendation to modify the legends to mark the various types of trails and easement agreements. She suggested having transparent overlays depicting the locations, then styles and types of trails, and finally easements.
- 3) Mark Matson, Wine Country Trails Plan Ad hoc Committee, stressed the importance of approving the map. With the influx of the population and number of visitors, the map will denote where people can ride.
- 4) John Messina, Jr. Esq., Lytton Williams Messina & Hankin LLP, introduced himself as an attorney who represents local residents on easement concerns with the map. He has spoken with Supervisor Stone on the Trails map in the Wine Country and represents a number of residents who do not agree with the presented map. Local residents are concerned with easement markings and do not want the general public having access to their property. He and his clients are requesting easement descriptions
- 5) Russell Lorts, Wine Country Resident, addressed comments regarding items that were stated earlier in the meeting. He noted that the Ad Hoc sub-committees approved the map as presented by the local residents, and emphasized resident concerns about easements.

Public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

***A motion was made to approve the map as presented to the Committee.
(M/S Burleson, Bremenstuhl)***

Discussion among the Committee:

CM Kinne voiced a concern with easements marked on the map. She believes without a defined easement agreement, the map could go back to the committee to start over. Mr. Brewer, Senior Park Planner, explained that the map is recognized as a proposed map; easements are noted as proposed and will be addressed as the approval process continues. CM Jolliffe recommended that the proposed map be approved as a concept. He further explained the final approval process for the Trails Plan map.

CM Bremenstuhl referred to the disclaimer, stating: "While the existence of privately held easement may exist within the plan area, such easements have not been dedicated nor

accepted by the county or District.” CM Jolliffe noted that the Trails Plan and Map must be approved and completed by a number of County Agencies.

CM Mattocks recommended accepting the concept map. CM Kinne recommended removing the questionable easements before approval. CM Ragsdale recommended approving the map as a concept. CM Valentino recommended labeling the easements as potential trails. Mr. Brewer and BC Herron reiterated that the map before the committee is a planning document for a proposed concept of the trails map.

*Substitute motion was made to approve the proposed concept Wine Country Trails Plan Map, to include changes to the legend label for Easements to include “Potential”.
(M/S/C Ragsdale/George) Unanimous*

8.0 New Business

None

9.0 Committee Members Reports- Information

District I

CM George reported serving as an ambassador for trails and the Committee by talking with trail users.

CM Bremenstuhl announced that the next California Trails & Greenways Conference will be held the week of April 22 -24, 2015 in Yosemite. He reported that the Downtown Area Neighborhood Association is still active doing volunteer work on the Santa Ana River Trail (SART), and there is one section of trail available for adoption in the City of Riverside. CM Bremenstuhl announced that the 6th Annual Santa Ana River Watershed Clean-up is scheduled for May 9, 2015. He reported that in the last six months of 2014, a two-mile section of Brockton Avenue in the City of Riverside was restriped to accommodate official parking and bike lanes on both sides. He reported completing Ethics training, and encouraged other committee members to do so.

District II

CM Kinne reported that she continues her work with the planning/scouting team, headed up by the National Parks Service, to collect information, walking routes, and gather pictures during the initial assessment portion of the Butterfield Overland Emigrant Trail. The team is now putting the information together into one document that will be available for public viewing during a community outreach period.

In January, CM Kinne attended a meeting hosted by the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) in Norco. This was the second meeting in a series of meetings designed to solicit public opinion on Arundo and other non-native plant removal in the Santa Ana River. She reported that the ACOE appear to be receptive to the residents, adapting their plans to help preserve the trail system.

CM Kinne reported that the City of Corona continues to improve the situation at the Skyline Trailhead by installing a water fountain and trash receptacles in the area. A parking lot for trail users is also in the works. Quarterly hikes are being led by USFS staff.

CM Kinne reported citizens interested in funding repair of washed-out equestrian trail in Jurupa Valley.

CM Holland did not attend the meeting.

District III

CM Roberts did not attend the meeting.

CM Burleson reported that she continues to attend the Wine Country Trail Plan Ad hoc Committee meetings. She also continues to attend Rancho Water Department meetings on the second Thursday of each month to keep apprised of the Vail Lake Trails that will be implemented there. She was asked to GPS the Vail Lake Wild Flower Ride and plans to present her report by the March meeting.

CM Burleson reported that she actively attends the monthly meetings of the Murrieta Creek Trail. She also attended the Rancho California Horsemen's Association's (RCMA) Annual Meeting on January 17 and also attended the RCMA trail ride. Over 100 members and guests from the community attended this meeting; Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Director Juan Perez and Senior Planner Matt Straite were guests to explain the upcoming "opt in" zone changes to bring equestrian businesses in the Equestrian District into the new Wine Country Community Plan. On January 4, she attended the quarterly Southwest Riverside County Multi-Species Reserve meeting at the Santa Rosa Plateau; topics of discussion included commercial riders, hitching facilities, and rerouting as loop and/or around key species. She noted that this is her fourth year reporting tour Jeeps trespassing on Riverside Conservancy land in the hills above Wine Country; she also reported tractors grading trails.

District IV

CM Valentino had nothing to report.

CM Ragsdale engaged in ongoing projects protecting equestrian trails.

District V

CM Mattocks officially resigned from the Trails Committee effective the end of business at the February 25, 2015 Trails Committee meeting. He said that he will make a recommendation to Supervisor Ashley for his replacement. Mr. Mattocks received a standing ovation for his years of service.

Chair Zimmerman reported monitoring development projects to encourage trail inclusion and connectivity. He also reported plans to tour area trails with Mr. Mattocks and to report findings at future meetings.

CM Jolliffe reported on the Murrieta Creek Trail Project, which would connect Murrieta, Temecula, Lake Elsinore, and Wildomar. There will be a dedication ceremony on June 6, National Trails Day, in each of the four cities. He explained that working with multiple jurisdictions is difficult and time-consuming, but very rewarding. CM Mattocks commented that discussion on the trail began in 1977.

10.0 Park District Reports – Information

10.1 Park District Staff Report – Receive & File

Marc Brewer, Senior Park Planner

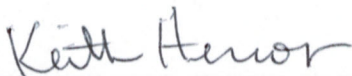
The Park District Staff Report dated February 25, 2015 was received and filed. Questions were asked about the map for Murrieta Creek trail, which CM Jolliffe offered to provide. Mr. Brewer addressed questions that were asked regarding the report. Chair Zimmerman asked for clarification of the Deleo Technical Bike Park. Mr. Brewer described the site and plans for the park adjacent to Deleo Sports Park, on a 14 acre property below the park, which the District has filed Intent to Purchase around \$158k ; the level of development is TBD, possibly as a link to Cleveland National Forest or Sycamore

Creek. Chair Zimmerman asked for clarification on the Box Springs Master Plan. When does the District believe the Trails Committee will see a draft plan? Mr. Brewer responded that it is possible by the May meeting (but must be done by the end of June, with one public hearing and one presentation required).

Chair Zimmerman asked for a large-scale map to accompany the future reports to allow for clarification; Mr. Brewer offered to also sort reports by District. CM Burleson asked for clarification on the McCall Park / Hurkey Creek Trails Plan. Mr. Brewer explained that most trails are re-opened, but that National Park Service has delayed completion of planning and Environmental Impact Report. CM Burleson asked if the annual clean up event will continue at McCall Park. Staff responded that it has yet to be discussed. Staff will follow up with Anthony Richardson, Volunteer Service Manager, regarding events with outside water support.

11.0 Next meeting – The next meeting will be held on May 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park District Headquarters located at 4600 Crestmore Road, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509. It was noted that the next meeting will include elections for the 2015/16 year.

12.0 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. (*M/S/C Valentino/Mattocks*)



Keith Herron, Chief
Secretary to the Trails Committee