

DECEMBER 14, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
PACKET SUPPLEMENT



CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 1

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1. Financial Status Reports for October 2016.

City of Trinidad
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - GF Revenue
From 10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

		<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Total Budget - Original</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Revenue					
41010	PROPERTY TAX - SECURED	0.00	0.00	91,500.00	100.00)%
41020	PROPERTY TAX - UNSECURED	0.00	0.00	3,300.00	100.00)%
41030	PROPERTY TAX - PRIOR SECURED	0.00	0.00	50.00	100.00)%
41050	PROPERTY TAX - CURRENT SUPPL	0.00	0.00	600.00	100.00)%
41060	PROPERTY TAX-PRIOR SUPPL	0.00	0.00	200.00	100.00)%
41071	MOTOR VEHICLES	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00)%
41110	PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	100.00)%
41130	PUBLIC SAFETY 1/2 CENT	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	100.00)%
41140	PROPERTY TAX - DOCUMENTARY RE	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00)%
41190	PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION FE	0.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	100.00)%
41200	LAFCO Charge	0.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	100.00)%
41210	IN-LIEU SALES & USE TAX	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	100.00)%
41220	IN LIEU VLF	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	100.00)%
42000	SALES & USE TAX	33,223.66	48,124.20	220,000.00	(78.13)%
43000	TRANSIENT LODGING TAX	28,512.19	67,040.73	140,000.00	(52.11)%
43100	TRANSIENT LODGING TAX-TBID	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)	100.00)%
46000	GRANT INCOME	0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100.00)%
46100	Measure Z Grant Income	0.00	0.00	75,000.00	100.00)%
53010	COPY MACHINE FEE	8.00	22.74	30.00	(24.20)%
53020	INTEREST INCOME	1,016.92	1,458.20	5,000.00	(70.84)%
53090	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	534.63	4,653.99	1,000.00	365.40)%
54020	PLANNER- APPLICATION PROCESSIN	0.00	2,250.00	8,000.00	(71.88)%
54050	BLDG.INSP-APPLICATION PROCESSI	2,155.37	4,968.14	9,000.00	(44.80)%
54100	ANIMAL LICENSE FEES	0.00	30.00	200.00	(85.00)%
54150	BUSINESS LICENSE TAX	206.00	7,273.00	7,500.00	(3.03)%
54170	VDU License Fee (Vacation Dwelling Unit)	0.00	1,500.00	9,000.00	(83.33)%
54300	ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FEES	50.00	50.00	400.00	(87.50)%
56400	RENT - VERIZON	2,125.89	8,503.56	23,500.00	(63.81)%
56500	RENT - HARBOR LEASE	0.00	0.00	5,135.00	100.00)%
56550	RENT - PG& E	0.00	0.00	9,500.00	100.00)%
56650	RENT - SUDDENLINK	1,672.95	1,672.95	3,800.00	(55.98)%
56700	RENT - TOWN HALL	700.00	1,967.50	5,000.00	(60.65)%
59999	INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER INC	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	100.00)%
	Total Revenue	<u>70,205.61</u>	<u>149,515.01</u>	<u>772,615.00</u>	<u>(80.65)%</u>

City of Trinidad
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - GF Expense
201 - GFAdmin
From 10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

		Current Month	Year to Date	Total Budget - Original	% of Budget
Expense					
60900	HONORARIUMS	250.00	1,050.00	3,500.00	70.00%
61000	EMPLOYEE GROSS WAGE	8,070.15	36,707.91	115,022.00	68.09%
61470	FRINGE BENEFITS	46.16	207.72	600.00	65.38%
65100	DEFERRED RETIREMENT	347.32	2,023.24	12,342.00	83.61%
65200	MEDICAL INSURANCE AND EXPENSE	1,050.77	4,203.08	14,801.00	71.60%
	Health Savings Program	10.73	42.92	0.00	0.00%
65300	WORKMEN'S COMP INSURANCE	0.00	21.45	3,451.00	99.38%
65500	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	11.00	89.22	750.00	88.10%
65600	PAYROLL TAX	646.28	2,968.64	9,743.00	69.53%
65800	Grant Payroll Allocation	(261.78)	(1,713.80)	(6,000.00)	71.44%
68090	CRIME BOND	0.00	455.00	455.00	0.00%
68200	INSURANCE - LIABILITY	0.00	10,160.80	10,400.00	2.30%
68300	PROPERTY & CASUALTY	0.00	3,807.05	4,680.00	18.65%
71110	ATTORNEY-ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS	0.00	4,530.00	10,000.00	54.70%
71130	ATTORNEY-LITIGATION	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	100.00%
71210	CITY ENGINEER-ADMIN. TASKS	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00%
71310	CITY PLANNER-ADMIN. TASKS	7,747.70	21,393.40	45,000.00	52.46%
71410	BLDG INSPECTOR-ADMIN TASKS	660.00	3,146.59	4,500.00	30.08%
71420	BLDG INSPECTOR-PERMIT PROCESS	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	100.00%
71510	ACCOUNTANT-ADMIN TASKS	315.70	3,804.09	14,000.00	72.83%
71620	AUDITOR-FINANCIAL REPORTS	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	100.00%
72000	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	0.00	689.52	16,200.00	95.74%
72100	BAD DEBTS	52.06	52.06	0.00	0.00%
75110	FINANCIAL ADVISOR/TECH SUPPORT	380.00	570.00	5,500.00	89.64%
75160	LIBRARY RENT & LOCAL CONTRIB.	86.29	86.29	500.00	82.74%
75170	RENT	650.00	2,600.00	8,200.00	68.29%
75180	UTILITIES	686.45	3,099.08	9,000.00	65.57%
75190	DUES & MEMBERSHIP	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
75200	MUNICIPAL/UPDATE EXPENSE	353.58	629.29	4,500.00	86.02%
75220	OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	504.83	2,653.40	5,500.00	51.76%
75240	BANK CHARGES	10.00	10.00	250.00	96.00%
75300	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	100.00%
75990	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
76110	TELEPHONE	56.97	380.18	2,000.00	80.99%
76130	CABLE & INTERNET SERVICE	310.29	1,101.39	3,300.00	66.62%
76150	TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	100.00%
78160	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	124.00	0.00	0.00%
78170	SECURITY SYSTEM	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	100.00%
78190	MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMEN	0.00	73.65	1,500.00	95.09%
	Total Expense	<u>21,984.50</u>	<u>104,966.17</u>	<u>341,194.00</u>	<u>69.24%</u>

City of Trinidad
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - GF Expense
301 - Police
From 10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

		<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Total Budget - Original</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Expense					
61000	EMPLOYEE GROSS WAGE	552.22	2,351.24	5,330.00	55.89%
65100	DEFERRED RETIREMENT	0.00	0.00	222.00	100.00%
65300	WORKMEN'S COMP INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	160.00	100.00%
65600	PAYROLL TAX	42.40	180.58	425.00	57.51%
65800	Grant Payroll Allocation	0.00	(17.13)	0.00	0.00%
75170	RENT	650.00	2,600.00	8,200.00	68.29%
75180	UTILITIES	134.35	629.19	2,500.00	74.83%
75220	OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	0.00	989.16	1,000.00	1.08%
75300	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	0.00	226,500.00	100.00%
75350	ANIMAL CONTROL	113.00	452.00	1,500.00	69.87%
75990	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
76110	TELEPHONE	0.00	908.44	1,200.00	24.30%
78190	MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMEN	377.44	377.44	0.00	0.00%
Total Expense		<u>1,869.41</u>	<u>8,470.92</u>	<u>247,537.00</u>	<u>96.58%</u>

City of Trinidad
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - GF Expense
401 - Fire
From 10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

		<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Total Budget - Original</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Expense					
60900	HONORARIUMS	150.00	600.00	1,800.00	66.67%
75180	UTILITIES	41.98	84.38	1,150.00	92.66%
75190	DUES & MEMBERSHIP	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00%
75280	TRAINING / EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	400.00	100.00%
75300	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	144.00	5,000.00	97.12%
76110	TELEPHONE	56.81	228.53	1,000.00	77.15%
76140	RADIO & DISPATCH	0.00	0.00	900.00	100.00%
78140	VEHICLE FUEL & OIL	0.00	87.34	350.00	75.05%
78150	VEHICLE REPAIRS	291.68	312.50	2,500.00	87.50%
78160	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%
78190	MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMEN	75.58	162.58	2,500.00	93.50%
78200	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & MAINTENANC	0.00	0.00	400.00	100.00%
Total Expense		<u>616.05</u>	<u>1,619.33</u>	<u>17,100.00</u>	<u>90.53%</u>

City of Trinidad
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - GF Expense
501 - PW (Public Works)
From 10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

		<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Total Budget - Original</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Expense					
61000	EMPLOYEE GROSS WAGE	4,073.60	25,723.30	71,561.24	64.05%
61250	OVERTIME	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
65100	DEFERRED RETIREMENT	428.22	2,979.12	8,891.13	66.49%
65200	MEDICAL INSURANCE AND EXPENSE	2,047.83	8,052.90	29,514.02	72.72%
65250	Health Savings Program	17.65	70.60	0.00	0.00%
65300	WORKMEN'S COMP INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	2,222.78	100.00%
65600	PAYROLL TAX	344.15	2,184.68	6,348.27	65.59%
65800	Grant Payroll Allocation	(3,075.92)	(8,323.96)	(22,500.00)	63.00%
71210	CITY ENGINEER-ADMIN. TASKS	2,150.00	4,232.00	6,000.00	29.47%
71250	CITY ENGINEER - PROJECT FEES	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	100.00%
75180	UTILITIES	0.00	22.47	0.00	0.00%
75200	MUNICIPAL/UPDATE EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	2,300.00	100.00%
75220	OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	0.00	392.22	0.00	0.00%
75300	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	75.00	24,000.00	99.69%
75370	UNIFORMS/PERSONAL EQUIP.	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
76150	TRAVEL	0.00	55.00	0.00	0.00%
78100	STREET MAINT/REPAIR/SANITATION	63.09	149.25	7,500.00	98.01%
78120	STREET LIGHTING	374.99	1,561.19	4,500.00	65.31%
78130	TRAIL MAINTENANCE	43.72	48.84	3,500.00	98.60%
78140	VEHICLE FUEL & OIL	323.62	1,122.62	4,000.00	71.93%
78150	VEHICLE REPAIRS	928.66	1,601.15	2,500.00	35.95%
78160	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	415.00	4,224.78	4,000.00	(5.62)%
78170	SECURITY SYSTEM	0.00	103.50	0.00	0.00%
78190	MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMEN	341.92	1,436.23	5,000.00	71.28%
78200	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & MAINTENANC	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%
	Total Expense	<u>8,476.53</u>	<u>45,710.89</u>	<u>165,337.44</u>	<u>72.35%</u>

City of Trinidad
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Monthly Reports
204 - IWM
From 10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

		Current Period Actual	Current Year Actual	Total Budget - Original	% of Budget
Revenue					
47650	RECYCLING REVENUE	1,417.05	1,800.21	7,000.00	(74.28)%
56150	FRANCHISE FEES	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	(100.00)%
	Total Revenue	<u>1,417.05</u>	<u>1,800.21</u>	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>(86.15)%</u>
Expense					
61000	EMPLOYEE GROSS WAGE	863.08	3,478.95	10,605.00	67.20%
65100	DEFERRED RETIREMENT	103.56	417.42	1,359.00	69.28%
65200	MEDICAL INSURANCE AND EXPENSE	398.99	1,556.42	5,825.00	73.28%
65250	Health Savings Program	3.50	14.00	0.00	0.00%
65300	WORKMEN'S COMP INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	340.00	100.00%
65600	PAYROLL TAX	73.94	298.04	971.00	69.31%
75120	WASTE RECYCLING PICKUP/DISPOSA	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
75130	GARBAGE	0.00	11.60	0.00	0.00%
78100	STREET MAINT/REPAIR/SANITATION	0.00	16.80	0.00	0.00%
78190	MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMEN	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	100.00%
	Total Expense	<u>1,443.07</u>	<u>5,793.23</u>	<u>20,800.00</u>	<u>72.15%</u>
	Net Income	<u>(26.02)</u>	<u>(3,993.02)</u>	<u>(7,800.00)</u>	<u>(48.81)%</u>

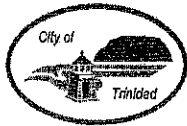
City of Trinidad
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Monthly Reports
601 - Water
From 10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

		Current Period Actual	Current Year Actual	Total Budget - Original	% of Budget
Revenue					
53020	INTEREST INCOME	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	(100.00)%
53090	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	(100.00)%
57100	WATER SALES	27,593.47	110,996.52	305,000.00	(63.61)%
57200	Water Sales - Wholesale	2,130.00	3,270.00	3,000.00	9.00%
57300	NEW WATER HOOK UPS	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(100.00)%
57500	WATER A/R PENALTIES	(1,423.75)	(4,545.02)	1,000.00	(554.50)%
	Total Revenue	<u>28,299.72</u>	<u>109,721.50</u>	<u>314,000.00</u>	<u>(65.06)%</u>
Expense					
61000	EMPLOYEE GROSS WAGE	7,059.43	31,715.94	98,044.00	67.65%
61250	OVERTIME	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
65100	DEFERRED RETIREMENT	765.60	3,507.02	11,766.00	70.19%
65200	MEDICAL INSURANCE AND EXPENSE	2,946.47	11,690.32	40,587.00	71.20%
65250	Health Savings Program	23.77	95.08	0.00	0.00%
65300	WORKMEN'S COMP INSURANCE	0.00	11.55	2,994.00	99.61%
65600	PAYROLL TAX	598.77	2,691.94	8,534.00	68.46%
65800	Grant Payroll Allocation	0.00	(1,915.04)	0.00	0.00%
68090	CRIME BOND	0.00	245.00	0.00	0.00%
68200	INSURANCE - LIABILITY	0.00	5,471.20	6,125.00	10.67%
68300	PROPERTY & CASUALTY	0.00	2,049.95	2,275.00	9.89%
71110	ATTORNEY-ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%
71210	CITY ENGINEER-ADMIN. TASKS	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	100.00%
71510	ACCOUNTANT-ADMIN TASKS	170.00	2,048.36	6,500.00	68.49%
71620	AUDITOR-FINANCIAL REPORTS	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	100.00%
72100	BAD DEBTS	0.00	221.77	350.00	36.64%
75180	UTILITIES	1,493.63	5,146.43	11,000.00	53.21%
75190	DUES & MEMBERSHIP	0.00	188.44	1,000.00	81.16%
75220	OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	880.00	1,427.41	3,000.00	52.42%
75240	BANK CHARGES	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00%
75280	TRAINING / EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
75300	CONTRACTED SERVICES	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	100.00%
76110	TELEPHONE	48.68	402.00	1,800.00	77.67%
76130	CABLE & INTERNET SERVICE	67.35	269.40	750.00	64.08%
76160	LICENSES & FEES	0.00	0.00	2,750.00	100.00%
78120	STREET LIGHTING	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	100.00%
78140	VEHICLE FUEL & OIL	78.97	527.09	1,500.00	64.86%
78150	VEHICLE REPAIRS	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00%
78160	BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%
78170	SECURITY SYSTEM	711.59	785.09	500.00	(57.02)%
78190	MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMEN	115.44	115.44	14,000.00	99.18%
78200	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS & MAINTENANC	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%
79100	WATER LAB FEES	115.00	803.00	3,500.00	77.06%
79120	WATER PLANT CHEMICALS	1,135.86	2,612.58	7,500.00	65.17%
79130	WATER LINE HOOK-UPS	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%
79150	WATER LINE REPAIR	0.00	8,484.45	15,000.00	43.44%
79160	WATER PLANT REPAIR	786.54	1,585.23	8,000.00	80.18%
90000	Capital Reserves	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	100.00%
	Total Expense	<u>16,997.10</u>	<u>80,199.65</u>	<u>307,075.00</u>	<u>73.88%</u>
	Net Income	<u>11,302.62</u>	<u>29,521.85</u>	<u>6,925.00</u>	<u>326.31%</u>

City of Trinidad
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Monthly Reports
701 - Cemetery
From 10/1/2016 Through 10/31/2016

		Current Period Actual	Current Year Actual	Total Budget - Original	% of Budget
Revenue					
58100	CEMETERY PLOT SALES	2,845.00	3,045.00	9,500.00	(67.95)%
58150	Cemetery Plot Refunds	0.00	(1,410.00)	0.00	0.00%
	Total Revenue	<u>2,845.00</u>	<u>1,635.00</u>	<u>9,500.00</u>	<u>(82.79)%</u>
Expense					
61000	EMPLOYEE GROSS WAGE	1,091.53	4,397.08	13,291.00	66.92%
65100	DEFERRED RETIREMENT	130.96	527.59	1,718.00	69.29%
65200	MEDICAL INSURANCE AND EXPENSE	497.14	1,932.54	7,344.00	73.69%
65250	Health Savings Program	4.35	17.40	0.00	0.00%
65300	WORKMEN'S COMP INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	429.00	100.00%
65600	PAYROLL TAX	93.54	376.75	1,227.00	69.30%
75180	UTILITIES	44.13	176.52	750.00	76.46%
78190	MATERIALS, SUPPLIES & EQUIPMEN	0.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%
	Total Expense	<u>1,861.65</u>	<u>7,427.88</u>	<u>25,259.00</u>	<u>70.59%</u>
	Net Income	<u>983.35</u>	<u>(5,792.88)</u>	<u>(15,759.00)</u>	<u>(63.24)%</u>

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 2

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2. Law Enforcement Report for November 2016

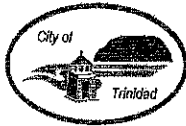
ACTIVITY REPORT
TRINIDAD
BY DEPUTY WILCOX

11/01/2016-11/30/2016

- Robbery at Cher-Ae Heights Casino. Suspect was a former employee. Suspect was apprehended.
- Arrested wanted person(s) at Cher-Ae Heights Casino.
- Hidden Creek is still conducting evictions on problem people in the park. The crime in the park has been greatly reduced. The majority of the problem people within the park have been evicted.
- Hiked trails, picked up trash, and removed abandoned transient camps.
- Deputies responded to custody disputes.
- I contacted a subject who was reported by his family to be having a difficult time with his mental illness. He was transported to Semper Virens where it was discovered he had also consumed narcotics. He was from out of the area and staying at the Ocean Grove.
- Numerous citizen contacts and vehicle investigations.
- Towed abandoned vehicles and removed abandoned trailers.
- Arrested subjects for public intoxication.
- Responded to restraining order violations.
- Contacted subjects with open containers.
- Contacted panhandlers and campers.
- I gave numerous verbal dogs off leash warnings. The City will be actively enforcing the ordinance beginning this week.
- Disney was in the area filming an upcoming film. I met with the young Actress Storm and gave her Trinidad Police pins to give to the Cast.
- Assisted National and State Parks with a case that involved numerous arrestees.
- Deputies have removed trespassers from 934 Patrick's Point Drive (Iris' place).
- Responded to alarm calls. All were accidental.
- Numerous traffic stops.
- Conducted welfare checks of citizens.
- Assisted the Rancheria in a problem property on the Rancheria. This is an ongoing issue.
- The city has assisted person(s) in obtaining food and bus passes. Thanks again to the Lion Club's for their donation, which makes this possible.

Pam Wilcox
Deputy Sheriff
HCSO

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3. Consider Selection Process and Appointment of Councilmember to fill the remaining term of Susan Tissot.

Attachments include:

1. CV from candidate Susan Rotwein - (1) page
2. Letter of Interest and CV from candidate Laura Scott - (3) pages

Susan Golledge-Rotwein
PO Box 952
Trinidad, CA 95570

Skills/Accomplishments

Leadership, team building and problem solving
Strong communication and public speaking skills
Ability to work effectively with disparate groups toward common goals and solutions
Successfully plan manage and operate multimillion dollar budgets in both public and private sectors
Successfully manage and operate a local small business for more than 20 years

Education

Humboldt State University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies: Transcultural Health Care
Certification as Diabetes Educator
Certification as a Public Health Nurse

Professional Activities:

Hupa Health Assoc Worked as Clinic RN in out patient clinic setting
1986-1989
United Indian Health Inc. Director of outreach program covering Humboldt and Del Norte Counties 1989-2007
Public Health Nurse Consultant 2007-present

Awards

Indian Health Service Nurse of the year for the state of California 2000

Civic Activities:

City of Trinidad City Council person past
City of Trinidad Planning Commission Chair past
Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Trinidad Bay Watershed Council member current
Trinidad Blessing of the Fleet committee current

Business Activities:

Cap'n Zach's Crab House Inc. owner/CEO 1996-present
F/V Miss Phyllis owner commercial fishing vessel

Laura N. Scott
98 Berry Road
Unit B
Trinidad, CA 95570
December 8, 2016

Trinidad City Clerk, Mayor Dwight Miller, and City Council
Re: City Council Letter of Interest
City of Trinidad
409 Trinity Street
Trinidad, CA 95570

Dear Trinidad City Clerk, Mayor Dwight Miller, and City Council:

I am writing to express my interest in the open seat on Trinidad City Council. I have been a Trinidad resident for two and a half years, and a resident of Humboldt County for five years after relocating here to finish my degree at Humboldt State University from the Sacramento area. Many of you know of me, as I am a very active member in the community: I am an Emergency Medical Technician and firefighter with Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department, and I have also been serving my community as a City Planning Commissioner since this last April.

Why do I do these things for the city I live in? Why the City Council when I am already on the Planning Commission? As Thomas Jefferson once said, "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." We as part of local government, should be taking care of *each other*, the living, breathing, human beings that live in our city first; and everything else comes secondary.

My tenure as a volunteer in the city, as a renter as opposed to property owner, and as someone who is locally employed, gives me an incredibly unique and valuable view point that the City Council could strongly benefit from. I have been physically on the street, helping our community members in their times of need. I regularly run our local trails, walk down our beaches, and paddle in the ocean. I am here, I am participating, and I am working very hard to make Trinidad a better community for *the people*.

With these things in mind, I strongly encourage the City Council to consider me for the appointment to the Council.

Sincerely,

Laura N. Scott

Laura N. Scott

916-505-7034
lnscott@icloud.com

Self-starting, goal driven, and detail-oriented individual with a variety of skills including customer service, problem solving, risk assessment, and conflict resolution.

Education

Bachelor of Arts – Geography, with a minor in Geospatial Analysis
Humboldt State University [Arcata, California]

May 2017

Associate of Arts – Liberal Arts
Associate of Arts – General Education

American River College [Sacramento, California]

May 2011

Volunteer Work

Planning Commissioner: City of Trinidad
[Trinidad, California]

April 2016 - Present

Training Officer/EMT/Firefighter: Trinidad Volunteer Fire Department
[Trinidad, California]

May 2014 – Present

Cartography: Humboldt State GIS Club for the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust
[Arcata, California]

Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

Trail Building: Truckee Donner Land Trust
[Truckee, California]

Summer 2008

Wildlife Care/Educational Program Assistance: Effie Yeaw Nature Center
[Carmichael, California]

Summer 2001

Recent Employment Experience

Senior Visitor Services Park Aid: Patrick's Point State Park
[Trinidad, California]

April 2016 – October 2016

- Exemplify a friendly and professional attitude to every guest that enters the park.
- Oversee Park Aides, audit deposit paperwork, practice dispute resolution, and promote teambuilding in a small workspace with sometimes stressful situations.

- Assist Park Aides in the construction and maintenance of accurate daily attendance records, along with current campsite data, with precise cash handling and accounting practices.
- Distribute information regarding park facilities, regulations, and programs in addition to information about the surrounding area and services.
- Report injuries and crimes, as well as assist with park search and rescue operations.

Lead Outfitter: Pacific Outfitters
[Arcata, California]

June 2014 – April 2016

- Provide customers with the most up-to-date information about the latest in outdoor equipment, the technologies that are utilized, and how/where to use them.
- Promote a culture of stewardship and appreciation for the outdoors via reusable products and Leave No Trace ethics.
- Maintain training, merchandise departments, adjust prices and report changes to the buyers.
- Exercise loss prevention while focusing on quality customer service rooted in kindness and respect.

Host/Appetizer & Dessert Prep: The Larrupin' Cafe
[Trinidad, California]

June 2014 – June 2015

- Greet and seat guests, manage reservations and phones, bus tables, refill water, deliver orders to tables, and assist servers who need back-up.
- Prepare appropriate quantities of appetizers and desserts for upcoming reservations or special events, rotate stock by first use, manage needs lists to prevent shortages of items.
- Prepare appetizer boards in advance of reservations while adding walk-in boards on the fly, execute tickets in a timely fashion and send them out to the dining room.
- Maintain a clean, safe, sanitary and well-stocked station every shift.

Certifications

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer: American Heart Association

Valid through 04/30/18

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

Valid through 03/31/18

California State Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

Valid through 02/28/18

National Wildfire Coordinating Group: S-190, S-110, S-130, & L-180

Completed 03/18/16

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DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 6

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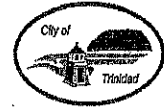
6. Consider Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Grant Agreement for the Van Wycke Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project

Attachments:

1. Resolution 2016-05; Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Grant Agreements and Documents for the Van Wycke Trail Improvement Project.
2. Public comments

TRINIDAD CITY HALL
P.O. Box 390
409 Trinity Street
Trinidad, CA 95570
(707) 677-0223

Dwight Miller, Mayor
Gabriel Adams, City Clerk



RESOLUTION 2016-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TRINIDAD AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE VAN WYCKE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Trinidad is eligible to receive Federal and/or State funding for certain Transportation Projects, through the California Department of Transportation, and grants from other State and Federal Agencies from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trinidad has been awarded funding from the California Department of Transportation for the Van Wycke Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project; and

WHEREAS, there are Grant Agreements, Master Agreements, Program Supplement Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, and/or Fund Transfer Agreements, and there may be amendments thereto, (collectively 'Agreements') that will need to be executed with the California Department of Transportation or other State or Federal Agencies before such funds could be claimed; and

WHEREAS, once the project is underway, there will be invoices, reports, and other documents (collectively 'Implementation Requirements') that require signature on behalf of the City of Trinidad as part of implementing the Van Wycke Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trinidad wishes to delegate authorization to execute these Agreements and Implementation Requirements in order to complete the Van Wycke Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trinidad City Council does hereby authorize and delegate the Mayor and/or the City Manager, as its representatives to execute said Agreements, amendments thereto, and Implementation Requirements, with the California Department of Transportation and/or other State and Federal Agencies.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL of Humboldt County of the State of California on Wednesday, December 14th, 2016

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Trinidad City Council by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Attest:

Gabriel Adams
Trinidad City Clerk

Dwight Miller
Mayor

Trinidad City Manager

From: Ben Morehead <benm161@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 9:50 AM
To: Trinidad City Manager; City of Trinidad; Dwight Miller
Subject: support for Van Wycke Trail Project

I attended the field tour and maps presentation for the Van Wycke Trail Project. I support all aspects to fully implement the project and look forward to the city being funded to start the final planning stages of design. I believe a priority is addressing the failing land on Van Wycke street with the proposed retaining wall. I am also in favor of redesigning Edwards street east of the memorial lighthouse to accommodate a walking area with benches, maybe a picnic table, and permanent outdoor spotting scopes for public use; giving this vista spot a 'boardwalk' feel. It would be nice if the Wagner Street trail access easement could be promoted as a walking trail option too.

As you know I also support the city reinstating an appointed trails committee. This committee could be assigned to work both within city limits and with adjacent agency entity partners to help coordinate new projects including more comprehensive signage, a trail brochure, and proposed improvements to the trail system along the Trinidad coast.

Ben Morehead
Executive Director, Trinidad Coastal Land Trust
707-677-2501
www.trinidadcoastallandtrust.org

December 9, 2016

Dan Berman
City Manager
City of Trinidad
409 Trinity Street
PO Box 390
Trinidad, CA 95570

Re: Van Wycke Trail Restoration -- For Distribution to the City Council

Dear Dan:

As you know, my wife Rachel Duclos and I purchased 807 Edwards Street recently and despite a rather challenging beginning, are thrilled to be part of the City of Trinidad. We believe that comes with an obligation to be good neighbors and supporters of the community.

Our introduction to the community so far has been colored by finding ourselves part of a years long debate on vacation rentals threatening the existence of our permit which we knew about when we purchased the property, and now being at ground zero of both a trail restoration grant under consideration and a more than decade long dispute regarding the obstruction of coastal views by trees on Ms. Julie Fulkerson's property, neither of which were disclosed to us by anyone at the City or by the previous owners when we closed on our property.

The key segment being addressed by the Van Wycke trail restoration grant is the portion of the trail in back of our home. Restoration would markedly increase pedestrian traffic on the trail in our view of the ocean. It would, also, in its preferred approach, require access to, and dedication of a portion of our property to the City. It would entail substantial construction disturbance proximate to our home for an as yet unknown period of time.

Reading this far, you might anticipate that we would be reluctant to support the restoration effort. Nothing could be further from the truth. Rachel and I are true believers in public physical and view access to the coast. It makes California the wondrous place that it is and gives the public an experience of the magic of Trinidad. We are even willing to consider a donation of our land to the City as part of the effort.

We are willing to support the effort wholeheartedly, but that support comes with a non-negotiable requirement that festering disputes be fully and promptly resolved. We have already communicated to the City our proposed conditions to our full participation which consist generally of the following:

- Support for building a packed gravel trail behind our home up to 8 feet wide with a limitation that any bikes accessing the trail (if such access is allowed) be dismounted for this portion.
- Removal of the alders in the viewshed near our property which have destabilized the bluff as part of the construction of a well-engineered retaining wall protecting the trail and a deed restriction on the property between our home and the ocean that would insure no return of view obstructing vegetation.

- Complete and enforceable resolution of the ongoing public and private view obstruction issues occasioned by the trees on the Fulkerson property while protecting, and if possible, enhancing the stability of that property.

We understand that \$45,000 was set aside in the trail restoration budget for land acquisition and frankly have not assessed the fair value of a dedication of our property and whether it fits in that budget. Having said that, we are willing to donate whatever those funds would be allocated to our property to the City, including to fund tree removal/trimming/maintenance on the Fulkerson property to protect the public and private viewshed. We have been discussing these issues with our neighbors with impacted viewsheds and believe this approach has their full support.

My wife has been coming to Trinidad for more than 40 years and we have been coming as a family for the last 15 and are dedicated supporters of the community. We look forward to working with you all to take full advantage of the grant and to do our part to keep Trinidad the special place that it is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a cursive combination of the names Rachel and Marc.

Rachel Duclos and Marc Gottschalk

Dwight Miller
Jack West
Jim Baker
Steve Ladwig

12.11.16

CC: Dan Berman and Gabe Adams

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The trail needs to be repaired to hiking trail standards, 3 to 4 feet in width. The common sense plan to move the trail north is appropriate. It reduces stress on the bluff and allows a coastal, aesthetic, "village" walk to the beach.

Julie Fulkerson and Lynn Evans
723 Van Wycke

Trinidad City Manager

From: Kimberly Tays <kimkat067@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 2:24 AM
To: Berman Dan; Julie Fulkerson; Susan Tissot; Jack West; jbakera@gmail.com; Dwight Miller
Cc: Kraemer, Melissa@Coastal; Merrill, Bob@Coastal
Subject: Comments Re: Van Wycke Trail Project

Dear City Manager and City Councilmembers:

As I have stated before, I am very much a proponent of trails. I do not wish the Van Wycke Trail to be closed, as I have always enjoyed this trail, and I know it is an important trail for locals and visitors, alike.

However, instead of accepting Caltrans' grant for \$714,000 (which has very strict standards that do not allow for modifications due to aesthetics or sensitive coastal environments), I am respectfully asking the City to return the \$714,000 Caltrans grant and, instead, seek a grant from another source (such as the California Coastal Conservancy) that would allow the Van Wycke Trail to be repaired in the least intrusive and environmentally damaging manner.

I attended the Van Wycke Trail site walk a couple weeks ago and, even after listening to the information presented, I feel the project is incompatible with Trinidad's village character and this scenic bluff environment. During the site walk, the public was told a large retaining wall would need to be constructed along the bluff. The retaining wall, it seems, would be a soldier pile or a wire-welded wall that would be 100 feet long, 20 feet deep and go many feet into the side of the bluff (I can't recall the exact number of feet). I looked online for images of these retaining walls, and they both look very industrial and unnatural. The images also gave me a sense of how intrusive the excavation activities would be (including the need for much vegetation removal) in order to construct a 100-foot long, 20-foot deep retaining wall along a fragile, unstable coastal bluff. On top of the 100-foot long retaining wall, we were told an 8 to 10-foot wide paved trail would be built. I have since learned (from the staff report for December 14 City Council meeting) that instead of 8 to 10 feet wide, the trail would be 12 to 14 feet wide because of the 2-foot wide horizontal clearances required on both sides of the trail. So, what was once a meandering, natural path would more resemble a road (for reference, a highway lane is 12 feet wide). In fact, the staff report mentions that vehicles would be able to drive down the new trail for maintenance purposes. There were also discussions about paving the hard-packed gravel road from Julie Fulkerson's house to the top of Edwards Street.

I believe the proposed 12 to 14-foot wide multi-purpose trail project will not only significantly damage the fragile bluff and natural appearance of the trail, it will also create safety problems, because bicyclists (and skateboarders) will likely be speeding downhill from Edwards Street. Speeding bikes and skateboarders will likely create safety problems with hikers and bicyclists/skateboarders, with elderly or handicapped people that do not see or hear as well or have slower reflexes, or with the children that use the trail for school outings. I am also concerned that speeding bicyclists and skateboarders, once they get to the bottom of the hill, will not stop at the stop sign where Van Wycke intersects with Edwards Street, and this may lead to accidents or collisions between bicyclists/skateboarders and motorists.

I want the Van Wycke Trail to be repaired for everyone's use and enjoyment, but I do not want it repaired according to Caltrans' standards, because those standards will degrade the character of this peaceful, beautiful trail. Not only is the proposed project out of character with the natural surroundings, I feel it is inappropriate to design the Van Wycke Trail for speed, as it has--for decades--been the kind of trail where people can relax and

enjoy the outstanding harbor and ocean views and not have to worry about being hit by speeding bicyclists, skateboarders or maintenance vehicles.

I understand trail improvements are needed (as are relocation of the utilities in this area), but it is important that we nurture a strong vision and high standards for this beautiful part of California's coastline. Caltrans is a highway/transportation agency, so it is no surprise the agency's inflexible design standards resemble a highway project more than a trail project. That is why I feel it is important to seek grant funding from another source, such as the Coastal Conservancy, that would allow more flexibility in designing a project that is compatible with its surroundings. Whatever project is built, we will have to live with for decades to come, so it is important to build a high-quality project that we can all be proud of and that will enhance this beautiful coastal setting.

My proposal would be to re-route and build a 5-foot wide (ADA compliant) trail upslope, away from the bluff (after purchasing the necessary easements from adjacent property owners), or building a 5-foot wide (ADA compliant) natural, wooden bridge (similar to the beautifully-constructed wooden bridge that crosses Mill Creek at Trinidad State Beach) over the failing section of bluff. Building either a 5-foot wide trail or bridge would not preclude bikes or skateboards from using the trail; it would just discourage them from speeding downhill and threatening the safety of trail hikers. Instead, bikers/skateboarders should be required to dismount and walk their bikes or skateboards down or up the trail. That is another reason to retain the gravel road to the top of Edwards Street, as a gravel surface would effectively discourage bicyclists or skateboarders from speeding downhill towards the trail.

This email conveys my continued opposition to this highly intensive and intrusive project. I respectfully request the City Council reject staff's recommendation to accept Caltrans grant and, instead, return the funds so the money can go towards other well-deserving, viable trail projects in Humboldt County. I am also asking the City to please seek grant funding from the California Coastal Conservancy or another agency that would give the City the flexibility to repair the Van Wycke Trail in a more aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sensitive manner.

Thank you,
Kimberly Tays, Coastal Advocate
Arcata, CA

citymanager@trinidad.ca.gov

From: Gail Kenny <gailgkenny@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 4:45 PM
To: citymanager@trinidad.ca.gov
Subject: Trail Grant

Hi Dan:

Here are my preferences regarding fixing and upgrading the trail that goes along the bluff by the lighthouse and down to Van Wick by Julie Fulkerson's house. I don't want to see the trail closed. I would prefer the most conservative approach to be taken. Keep the trail width as narrow as possible per the grant requirements. Use a permeable surface. No bridge across the slide. I prefer the retaining wall approach. Keep the design to the lowest impact possible to preserve the rural nature of our town.

Sincerely,

Gail Kenny
462 Ocean Ave.
Trinidad

From: Cynthia Lindgren <cynbell2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2016 11:39 AM
To: trinidad.miller@gmail.com; Julie Fulkerson; jandjwest@yahoo.com; jrbakers@gmail.com;
Trinidad City Manager
Subject: Van Wyke Trail

Dear Dan and Trinidad Councilmembers,

I think that the proposed Van Wyke Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Project should not move forward as planned.

I think that the bike and pedestrian trail should be re-directed OFF the fragile and failing bluffside.

I believe that this project -with the excavation and heavy equipment disturbance, vegetation removal and the creation of a 200' X 10' "paved" trail will exacerbate the problems on an eroding, water- saturated bluffside with an ocean toe that keeps receding each year.

I realize it is difficult for the city and our engineers to turn down such a lucrative project.

For the record I am opposed to this project and think that the City should return the money to Caltrans. Other grant sources should continue to be pursued that are more flexible in design such as the Coastal Conservancy to enhance the City's trail system.

Thank you.

Cindy Lindgren
335 Westgate Drive
Trinidad, California
(707) 498-5919

Trinidad City Manager

From: Don Allan <allan707@suddenlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 11:50 AM
To: Trinidad City Manager
Cc: Steve.Allen@ghd.com
Subject: Van Wycke Street Trail

Dear Dan - thank you to you and Steve Allen for the presentation and walk-through of the Van Wycke Trail project yesterday - and congratulations on the successful grant application to fund the project. I support the design concept (soldier piles with retaining wall and 8 to 10-foot wide trail) presented in the Caltrans grant. Although I share some of the concerns about the aesthetic impacts of an 8 to 10-foot wide trail, and the height of the retaining wall and its visual impact from Trinidad Harbor, I believe the impacts can be mitigated with a well-thought-out vegetation plan and retaining wall design features. I would encourage the utilization of 50 gallon or larger potted plants (native plants - azalea, rhododendron, vine maple) along the completed trail to provide traffic calming and improve the aesthetics on the section over the slump where the soldier piles/ retaining wall are proposed. Plantings of native trees and shrubs such as pepperwood/ bay, cascara, silk tassel, ceanothus, twinberry, ocean spray, red-flowering currant, and/ or big leaf maple at the base of the retaining wall will in time lessen the visual impact from the Harbor. A concave curvature incorporated into the design, in the uphill direction, could both result in a stronger retaining wall and add sinuosity to the trail. I understand this may require encroachment onto private property but I think the enormous benefit in terms of slope stability would be a small trade-off in comparison to the benefit to the property owners.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the project.

Sincerely,

Don Allan,

821 Second Ave., Trinidad, CA 95570

Meeting with city manager, Dan Berman, with residents Alan Grau and Leslie Farrar

November 29, 2016

Points of consideration for Van Wycke trail project

1. Residents were not informed of the details of trail improvement project until November 16, 2016.
2. Public comment and discussion period was bypassed due to time constraints of grant acceptance.
3. This has been a coastal footpath for generations.
4. The current plan changes the essential character of the path, use and character of town.
5. Additional plans for traffic flow, road markings on Edwards, etc. have not been ~~disclosed~~^{disclosed} prior to meeting November 16, 2016.
6. Presenting the plans on November 16, 2016 with less than thirty days before a decision has to be made to accept or reject the grant puts the City Council and residents in a difficult situation of seeming that there is no choice in the matter. This may be an unintended oversight on your part, but you may have assumed that the residents would be as enthusiastic about your idea as you are. Most expressed opposition at the meeting.
7. If there is not community support from residents for this plan we ask that you do not recommend the City Council accept it as this goes against your statement that this is a "community decision". By not getting community input and support it will only further divide the city on another very important issue. It should be a community decision by the residents.
8. There is lack of clarity from the city whether the trail will be 8 or 10 feet when residents ask.

Due to these points, we request that the CalTrans grant be returned and another source of funding be sourced that allows more flexibility as to the repair.

Suggest in the future that the residents' opinion be canvassed prior to writing grants to funding agencies that have requirements that may not meet Trinidad's needs or desires.

During the meeting it was brought to our attention that the hillside and parking area at the memorial lighthouse is eroding and cracking. This is a bigger concern to the city in light that this road is the main access through town to the pier and beach. This situation needs immediate attention and cannot wait.

General Comment Sheet

Please provide any feedback, comments, ideas, or suggestions you have about the project here:

The trail of 10' is too wide for the character of the town
please consider not doing this grant. let's consider other options.

thank you for having this meeting

i think doing the one-way traffic on part of the project is unnecessary
and confusing to tourists. the locals will know about it and learn
not to use it as it had been in the past.

i suggest just funding the actual failing trail. all of the other aspects
are not what we need/want as a community. it doesn't suit the
small town character of 300 residents (if that is still the #).

gravel surface for permeability. very important in the coastal locations.
please no hand rails — let's keep it simple.

Dwight Miller
Jack West
Jim Baker
Steve Ladwig

12.11.16

CC: Dan Berman and Gabe Adams

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723 Van Wycke

City of Trinidad

From: Trinidad City Manager [citymanager@trinidad.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 2:56 PM
To: Gabe Adams
Cc: Dan Berman
Subject: FW: Additional Thoughts on Van Wycke Trail Project
 Please print and add to comment pile for Van Wycke

Daniel Berman
 City Manager
 City of Trinidad
 (707) 677-3876
 (707) 498-4937 mobile
 P. O. Box 390
 Trinidad, CA 95570

From: Kimberly Tays [mailto:kimkat067@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 1:30 PM
To: Berman Dan; Julie Fulkerson; Dwight Miller; Jack West; Bakers; Susan Tissot
Cc: Kraemer, Melissa@Coastal; Merrill, Bob@Coastal
Subject: Additional Thoughts on Van Wycke Trail Project

Dear City Manager and City Councilmembers:

I have some additional thoughts and questions that I would like to submit so that they can be addressed at Wednesday's meeting (December 14).

I do not recall seeing any information in the staff report or in GHD's plans/materials that covered the following details of the proposed Van Wycke Trail project, even though the City Manager has recommended that the City Council accept Caltrans grant funds and move this project forward.

Questions:

1. What type of excavation equipment would be used to construct the retaining wall and trail?
2. How many cubic feet of soil would need to be removed to accommodate construction of a 100-foot long retaining wall and a 12 to 14 foot wide trail (8 to 10 feet wide if there are no shoulders)?
3. Where would the excavated soil be placed?
4. How much additional weight would be added to the bluff once the retaining wall and trail are constructed?
5. How would any additional weight from a retaining wall and trail effect the stability of the bluff?
6. Could the weight of the wall and trail create more erosion problems and / or further destabilize the surrounding bluff area?

7. How will a retaining wall secure the outlying areas of the bluff or the bottom of the bluff when the toe of the bluff continues to be eroded by rising sea level and strong storm surges?
8. How much of the wall would be exposed above ground?
9. How much vegetation / how many trees would need to be removed to access the site with heavy equipment and to carry out excavation and construction activities?
10. What are the consequences of converting a historically 3-foot wide, relaxing footpath into a trail that is as wide or wider than a road, situated on a steep incline, that is promoted to bicyclists / skateboarders and that would allow access to motorized vehicles?
11. Will the premise that this trail is now designed to allow vehicles set the stage to allow other motorized vehicles on this trail at various times or for various purposes?
12. What additional safety hazards, for all concerned (especially hikers/elderly/handicapped/school children), will result from widening the trail to the width of a road, thus, creating a direct shot for bicyclists / skateboarders from the top of Edwards Street to the bottom of the hill where Van Wycke Street intersects with Edwards Street?
13. What hazards will be created from the likely scenario that bicyclists and skateboarders will fail to stop at the bottom of Van Wycke Street where it enters a very busy traffic area (Edwards Street)?

Additional Comments:

It appears that many serious consequences of this project have been overlooked by the City due to its desire to accept the lucrative \$714,000 grant from Caltrans and to avoid investing anymore time and energy into seeking other grants that would allow for greater flexibility to design a sensible, safe, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sensitive hiking trail.

I understand the lure of this much money, but I believe the price of that grant is too high. Caltrans is not concerned with aesthetics or the constraints of environmentally sensitive environments. Instead, the agency's grant standards are a one-size-fits-all approach to trail design that would force the City to build a project that is incompatible with the natural setting and beauty of this area. It would also, sadly, convert what has been, for decades, a relaxing, meandering footpath into a road-width trail on a steep incline. If the City wants to encourage a safe trail and greater public access, it can do so without merging fast-moving bikes and skateboards with hikers, elderly, handicapped, school children or people walking dogs . The City can direct the trail away from the bluff (upslope), construct a 5-foot wide, ADA compliant trail (or install an attractive wooden bridge) with a hard-packed gravel surface and install a couple bollards and signs on either ends of the trail, asking bicyclists / skateboarders to dismount and walk their vehicles down or up the trail. This would effectively keep the trail open, safe and accessible to everyone without sacrificing the look and feel of this scenic coastal trail.

My further concerns regarding this project is that if the City is allowed to construct a 100-foot long retaining wall and a 12 to 14-foot wide trail on a sensitive, fragile coastal bluff, what sort of precedent will this set for the rest of Coastal California. Will other coastal communities get the idea that they should do the same thing along their coastline. The idea that we can install a retaining wall wherever a coastal bluff is failing is unsettling to me, as I imagine most of California's coastline would qualify as needing such reinforcements to keep their bluffs in tact. This is the last resort we should take, as this is a natural process that ultimately cannot be stopped.

Thank you for considering my additional comments.

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