

City of Trinidad Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Notes – March 5, 2019

Attendance: Jack West, Tom Davies, Ben Morehead, Gail Kenny, Shirley Laos. HSU Students: Natasha Braziel, Grant Olin, Andie White, Alexander Brown. General Public: Dorothy Cox, David Grover.

Items from the floor: Dorothy Cox reported that there is brush dumping at the end of Parker Creek Street over the slope on the creek side. She wanted to know if the City knows about this. Also, she wanted to know what the City's response to the cutting of trees downslope of the Old Wagon Road Trail is, and why is the trail closed on the State Park's bluff trail? She was referred to the City and California State Parks.

There were no Staff/Council Reports.

Under Committee Member Reports Ben Morehead reiterated the Trails Committee recommendations and priorities at the January City Council Meeting presentation. See Trinidad Trails Committee notes from November 28, 2018 or the power point presentation from the January 2019 City Council Meeting.

Discussion/Action Items: Work Group with HSU Students: Trails Policy. Review of 2/21/2019 Draft 1 of Trinidad Trail Policy. The committee gave feedback to priorities for the Trinidad Trails Policy. Safety is most important to limit liability for the City and to maintain safe trails for the public. Ben encouraged the students to read the background documents found in the binder Angela provided to them. Discussion about what the policy will cover and what it won't. It will be more general and then specific procedures will be created by the committee and City from the general policies.

Feedback was given to the students to include under the public access area, adjacent land owners, to include Trinidad Rancheria, BLM, and California Coastal Conservancy.

Tom would like to see maintenance, stewardship, and liability as most important to focus on for the finished product. Ben recommends the overall trail policy includes maintenance, signage, safety, referring to the committee's January 2019 recommendations to the City Council.

The students need to include appendices regarding the specific agreements for trails on Trinidad Head, Wanger Street/Old Wagon Wheel Road trail, and Tsuari Study Area.

Ben suggested an annual inventory of trails be included in the maintenance and safety heading in Goal 2 of the draft document.

There was discussion of which City of Trinidad General Plan (2001 or current draft plan) to use as reference for the trails policy. Jack recommended the updated draft plan. Others recommended the 2001 plan. It may take a couple more years before the updated plan is adopted.

A consistent design policy including recommendations for good quality longer lasting material for signs was agreed upon in general.

There should be a plan for collaboration between agencies responsible for trails close by.

There was a recommendation to adopt cohesive construction standards for trail elements.

The students still need to talk to Ryan with City Public Works to get more information to help with writing the trails policy.

The student group will make recommendations for funding for the trails such as creating a category in the city budget for trail maintenance.

The students were encouraged to walk the trails to better familiarize themselves with them.

Next meeting will be March 26, at 4 PM in the Trinidad Civic Club Room.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Committee Member

Tom Davies
Council Member