

## Minutes from May 2, 2017 Conservation Committee Meeting DRAFT 1

Attendees: Gerry Gulseth, Mary Clark, John Reynolds, Tom Brimacombe, Tom Bredenberg, Paul Butt, Rob Egemeier, John Parker (Meeting Secretary), John Henriksen (Board Liaison).

1. May minutes approved; Rob Egemeier motion, Jerry Gulseth second.
2. Proposed new trails in the Greenbelts approved by Board. Both are short segments providing needed connection to amenities. One will connect Fonda Road with the Compadres playground, the other the other connecting the Greenbelt trail through Los Alamos Park (which currently terminates at the community garden) with Avenida Torreon, and the new "Biblioteca Trail."
3. April 29<sup>th</sup> workday was canceled due to inclement weather. Wisdom of postponing the decision to cancel until the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> was discussed.
4. May 6<sup>th</sup> workday arrangements were discussed, John Parker and Paul Butt volunteered to retrieve tools and supplies from CC shed on Friday night to avoid expected difficulties of doing so Saturday AM during the annual Eldorado Flea Market.
5. Tom Brimacombe attended the annual meeting of the ECIA Board on behalf of the CC. He reported it went well, having satisfactorily answered questions from Board members and receiving their support.
6. Tom Dominguez, County Agricultural Agent – still awaiting response from our contact John Gervers regarding our request for a presentation on land stewardship and managing landscapes for wildlife and native vegetation ...
7. Paul Butt is in contact with vendor used by SF Fate Tire Society to produce signage for trail heads that requests that the trails not be used when muddy. Some discussion occurred around how many such signs need to be procured. It was decided that we should order 15 signs. Paul will investigate whether we also need to get new "no trespassing" signs or if we already have a sufficient supply of these signs.
8. John Reynolds reported on his coordination with the F & G and Road Committees concerning the walkability and master plan. Felicia Probert (Roads), and Russel Winslow (Roads????) have met with John to discuss walkability ...(help me John!)
9. Mark – letter from committee sent to ECIA management . Meeting requested but no response yet.
10. COTLPAC – John Parker shared that the COLTPAC is currently completing management plans for a number of the county properties in our area including Madrid and Lamy. Approval of the plan for Thornton Ranch pending meetings between the County, BLM and Indian Pueblos. John mentioned that he and new member Paul Butts were recognized by the SF County Board of Commissioners for their work with youth through the Master's program at the SF Community College . The program promotes better understanding and appreciation by our young people of our parks, open spaces and trails.
11. Old Business – Jim Daniel is looking to step aside from his duties as committee chair.

It was decided that we should wait until fall to perform treatments of salt cedar rather than at this time.

12. New Business – next trail day, efforts to reschedule spring trail day that was cancelled were postponed pending discussions between committee leadership and our contractor.

Paul Butt suggested that we finalize our designs for gates and fencing at Trailheads 2 & 3. We need to assure that the design excludes unapproved uses and allows for implementation of active controls (e.g. seasonal closures.)

13. Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.