

## **October 6th, 2020 Conservation Committee Minutes**

Committee Attendees:

Paul Butt - chair

John Reynolds - secretary

Thom Bredenberg

Carol Beidleman

Tom Brimacombe

John Parker

Carol Sanguinetti - Board Liaison

Mike Rogers - HOAMCO

Guests:

Darrel Owen

Jim and Bette Knight

Jurgen Lehman

Sue Will

Jim Olsen

Call to order 7:05 pm

Motion to convene? Motion by Thom, 2nd by John R

Minutes approved? Motion by Thom, 2nd by John R

### **Board Report by Carol Sanguinetti**

- Text for Preserve brochure has been approved
- Approval of new logo? Hoping to approve by October meeting
- 2020 Budget Forum before October Board Meeting - Vote in November

### **HOAMCO report by Mike Rogers**

- Staff is very pleased with the Kiote "bucket". It's very useful for drainage problems
- Paul: Should be useful for erosion control projects on the preserve
- Carol: Allocation between committees. Identification of the motorized equipment when used on the preserve. It's a capital expenditure.

### **Project Status Updates**

#### **Cleanup of Cactus Heaven**

Washing with water and a clean brush has fixed a lot. Chalk on the varnish is very easy to remove - on porous rocks, not so much.

- This work was really hard to do and dangerous. Thom would not recommend do this again due to the danger.

- The bolts are way too dangerous to attempt removal.
- People are using the car corral.
- Hikers with dogs off leash and no masks.

#### **404 Meadow Walk Through**

- Area behind the palisade has filled in nicely.
- With the work that was done in phase one, the treated areas appear to have stabilized.
- There are three areas where we need to do some brushing using material that is onsite.
- Use the 4x4 UTV for moving rock to the site
- Next Spring, extend the work disk to deflect the water into a natural impoundment area.

#### **410 Dam Site**

- Two bidders so far. Hoping for two more.
- A couple of trees will have to come out
- Stage one will be to reroute the water off the road/trail
- Starve the head cuts
- Plan on working around nesting season
- Paul B to plan on having committee members monitor the work

#### **Gallina Park Survey**

- Friday - West side of Rail Trail
- Weeds are going to seed. Mow them anyway for experience

#### **Preserve Sign Bids**

- One bid so far.
- 40+ signs

#### **Trail Work Days**

- One day brushing 404 ravine
- One day for rock work
- Open to people on the emailing list - keep the group to six or less
- Brushing project on Wednesday the 14th - start at upper gate 8:00 am
- Rock work day on Sunday the 25th - start at upper gate 8:00 am

#### **Unauthorized 301 Access Point**

- Thursday morning at 8:30am meet to investigate unauthorized access point with Jan Willem. 100/300 meadow. 301 E/F.
- People are trespassing, using ATVs, dumping trash, etc.
- Borders Santa Fe Housing Trust property.
- Look at the map.

#### **404 Arroyo Trail**

- Paul goes rogue!

#### **Camerada Road Access Points**

- Wait until markers are identified
- If Roads Committee gets survey equipment, we'll borrow it.

#### **Susan Will**

- Interested in joining the committee
- New to Eldorado. Resource management background - mostly in Alaska.
- BLM. Archaeology, Geology, Paleontology. Rules, laws policies

### **Jurgen Lehman**

- Thom proposed. John Parker seconded
- Three Ayes - John Reynolds, Thom Bredenberg, John Parker
- Will be recommended to the Board

### **Power line road walk**

- Gate problem
- Cut fence

### **What's the status of the wildlife watering station?**

- Nobody has seen it for a long time.

### **Dog Leash Policy**

- The current policy requires dogs on a leash on the greenbelt but not the preserve
- Action item for November meeting - Committee will be polled on whether or not to touch the topic.
- John P and Carol B: Communications are key. We need a public education campaign.
- Inform people why. Design a poll. Gather information and educate. Public education.

### **November Meeting moved to November 10th**

### **Open Forum**

#### **Rock Climbing: Archaeology, Conservation, Safety, Liability.**

Jim Olsen: Climbers view this as an amenity. There is a problem of people coming in from the outside. Chalk isn't a real problem.

There are some cliffs that are appropriate for climbing.

Carol S: This was a temporary decision to close pending research.

Thom: Are you suggesting technical climbing and bouldering?

August 2020 New Mexico magazine has an article on the bouldering culture.

Magnesium carbonate has some problems.

Jim Knight: This area isn't really a good climbing area. People can drive to better areas. Liability is a real concern.

Paul B: We're out of time. Continue the discussion.

Findings so far will be posted.

### **Meeting closed: 9:05 pm**

Thom, 2nd by Carol B. All in favor