

## **ECIA Conservation Committee ZOOM Meeting Summary for May 3, 2022 and updated information**

- **Called to Order by Chair Susan Will at 7:03 PM with a quorum. Present were Carol Beidleman, Thom Bredenberg, Paul Butt, John Parker, and Susan Will. Tom Brimacombe was excused. Carol Sanguinetti (Alternate Board Liaison), Mike Rogers, and Jocelyn Rizo were also present. Guests included Mike Schneider, Joan Mitchell, and \_\_\_\_\_. John Parker recorded. The agenda and April minutes were approved.**
- **Carol Sanguinetti reported on the Welcome Event and Susan Will is agreed to man the Conservation Committee booth on June 5, 2022.**
- **HOAMCO report by Mike Rogers: staff has removed the timbers and stairs from the 401 Trail. Mike will coordinate to remove the graffiti on rocks off the 201 trail, and maintenance will be removing tumbleweeds from the along the hike/bike pathway. Mike checked into sprayng native grass mix along the waterline disturbed areas. (This has been done and the contract states the native mix and how it will be handled).**
- **Carol Beidleman has transmitted a compendium of articles on weeds to ECIA which has been posted on website. We have already received favorable comments.**
- **Greenbelt trail introduction - John Parker reported on the Saturday, April 23rd walk through Pueblo Canyon Park which, despite being exceedingly windy, was educational and netted us four new volunteers.**
- **Paul Butt worked with HOAMCO maintenance on 4/14 to move a load of rock from the 401-S damsite to just off Tr 202, just east of the gate at TH2. He will arrange with Mike R. to move more of the remaining rock that isn't needed at the damsite up to Tr202.**
- **Paul Butt sent out the recommendations for Tr 301condition assessment and site evaluation of the 301-302 meadow after 4/27 meeting with Jan-Willem Jansen. This may be postponed due to high fire danger.**
- **We will begin the work to install new and replacement signage in Preserve Trail System 200 when Tom Brimacombe has some free time in July.**
- **Thom Bredenberg will evaluate the Camerado Loop Greenbelt access marker and erosion issues and update on it at the next meeting.**
- **Reconnaissance of the Apache Spring and well to monitor and document flow in anticipation of future development - John Parker will coordinate this activity with committee members further into the spring or summer.**

- **Fuels Reduction Volunteer workdays in Greenbelts.** This has been postponed due to problems of logistics, the actual value of the activity since current debris is a bigger problem, and timing of new growth.
- **Ongoing Fire issues:** Susan has fielded numerous emails concerning high fire danger: mowing, parking on high grass, closing the Preserve. Concerning the latter, soliciting the Committee membership has resulted in a recommendation to NOT close the Preserve since it is not enforceable (the committee addressed this same issue in 2018). It was felt that “more eyes on the ground” would be better. It is recommended that the trailheads be posted with a “High Fire Danger – Be Cautious” (or something to that effect) signage.

**Tabled Items:**

- **Ensure funds are budgeted for trail emergency issues that arise.**
- **Boundary monitoring: Need system for documenting.**

**New Business:**

- **Library Trail project tentatively scheduled for fall 2022.**
- **Fire mitigation – Carol Beidleman has worked to get an eblast out about the high fire danger.**
- **Greenbelt Access issues - this item deferred until Paul and Jonathan are back.**