

# MINUTES

**Hidden Hills Community Association  
Equestrian Services Committee  
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Using Zoom Teleconferencing**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Lonna Weber, Debbie Kulik, Sarah Phillips, Jackie Saiz, & Linda Yallen.

## Approval of September 9, 2020 Minutes

- Upon a motion that was properly seconded, the minutes of the September meeting were approved by the Committee.

## Trails Reports

- The trail erosion at the Moriarity trail is getting noticeably worse. This needs to be fixed before the rains to prevent failure of the trail.
- The Bridle Trail construction near Hoback Glen is a mess. The electrical vault on Hoback Glen is in the parkway very close to the mouth of the trail. There is a general concern about underground electrical boxes being put in the trails and parkways, especially with continued construction trends and the City's undergrounding project. Can we offer input on where the boxes are put, and is there anything that can be put on them so that they are not slippery?
- Low-flying helicopters and drones (for SoCal Edison) have been in the City recently and multiple members reported safety issues / close proximity to horses. Lonna will follow up with Kerry Kallman to see if Hidden Hills can get advance notice of SoCal Edison surveys, like they do in Calabasas.
- The construction site at 6006 Spring Valley Rd was reported to have trash and debris on the parkway.
- Behind the spec home at 5757 Hoback Glen, water is leaking onto the trail and the trail is eroding.
- A number of properties were noted to have construction fencing despite not having ongoing construction.

## New Business

### **Ratification of New "SLOW DOWN & YIELD" Signs (Gates/Parkways)**

- Keith explained that after consulting with Eric Toeg, Lonna recommended a higher quality sign than originally quoted with a sturdier base. The signs are slightly more than the previously approved expenditure.

- Upon a motion that was properly seconded, the Committee ratified the decision to purchase the better signs for \$1,088.49 total for all three signs.

### **Tip of the Month**

- Jackie will send the Committee prior Tips on:
  - Nighttime riding safety, use of reflectors, daylight savings, and
  - Safety Reminder that No Bicycles are allowed on the trails.

### **Old Business**

#### **Update of Reassignment of Trail Sections / New Map**

- No problems were reported with the new trail section assignments.
- Keith asked the Committee to send any corrections to the Trail Map to him as soon as possible. Ron is working on updating the map with the new trail sections and Keith would like to get the changes and mistakes fixed.
- When the new maps are printed we need the larger size to be able to accurately report the addresses – 14" x 17" or larger.

#### **Discuss Trail Issues List**

- Open Maintenance Issues
  - There are many; overgrown trails and garbage on the trails are pretty easy to clean up.
  - Keith reported that the trail that runs below Hidden Ridge is still flooding. This is likely due to over irrigation of the new build along with grading changes. The runoff is damaging the trail down the hill to almost Old Farm and water is flooding the trail down by Saddle Creek, making it unrideable.
  - The Committee discussed the use of sandbags and would like to reduce the number used. Irvin says that they use them at the mouths of the trails to keep mud out of the streets, but it's not clear they are effective. Keith will follow up with Shannon
- Mulch Placement
  - Continue to report trails that would benefit from mulch.
- Grooming Issues for FY'21
  - Steep Trails with Erosion – The committee discussed targeted scraping, putting mulch into the areas that are hard and need to soften, importing dirt and compacting, all as possible options.
  - Vehicle Ruts – The committee discussed plowing or disturbing the ground, working mulch into the ruts to help to soften the ground.

- Gopher Holes – There are a number of areas with excessive amounts of gopher holes. The committee discussed the need to collapse the holes either by plowing or driving heavy equipment over them.

### **Replacement Parkway Tree Selection**

- If you have not given Jill your preferences, please do so as soon as possible so we can present to the Board.
- Holly Oaks are not horse friendly trees, and we need the Board to approve an alternate species before more Holly Oaks are planted on the parkways.

### **Report on Architectural Plan Review**

- All plans should be shared with Jill as the ESC Liaison to the Architectural Committee, not just selected plans. Keith will discuss this again with Ron.
- Jill was provided a number of plans. Two properties appear to not comply with the new set-aside rules. Jill will follow up with Ron.

### **Spring Valley Arena**

- Status of Pavilion Remodel – Keith reported that Ron has completed a scope of work that includes opening the downstairs area, keeping the bathroom and upstairs, and replacing the concrete pad. We are waiting for the bids to come in for this project.
- Jump / Pole Refurbishment – Sarah sent pricing from 3 different companies to Keith, along with an estimate for 6 sets of standards. The committee discussed the usefulness of jumps and rails at Spring Valley Arena both for residents and events. Upon a motion that was properly seconded, the Committee approve a not to exceed budget of \$6,000 for new poles and standards.
- 2021 Reserve Expenditure (Short Court) & Arena Refresh –
  - The Committee discussed options for refurbishing the Short Court. It is almost unusable at this time. Rather than a complete replacement, the Committee is recommending that we repair the low spots of the base and putting in new sand and GGT. This should be considerably cheaper than a full rebuild.
  - The Committee discussed options for the scheduled refresh of the large arena. The arena needs conditioning to loosen the sand and reestablish the proper depth. The footing appear to be in good shape and Sarah is awaiting to hear if Dave recommends adding any extra sand.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.