

# MINUTES

**Hidden Hills Community Association  
Equestrian Services Committee  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:30 PM  
Using Zoom Teleconferencing**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Lonna Weber, Karen Lipman, Debbie Kulik, Jill Green, and Jackie Castillo (HHCA).

## Trails Reports

The Committee addressed a number of issues requiring committee input:

- 1. 5191 Round Meadow Pilasters** – These new pilasters stick out into the parkway, block the “Equestrian Trail” sign, and impede access to the trail and exit gate. The foliage extends beyond the 3-rail fence and needs to be trimmed as well.
- 2. Penland** – There is a concrete drain on Penland that appears to be new or modified and needs attention.
- 3. Jim Bridger** – There are three metal plates over concrete drains, including one at 24922 Jim Bridger. Cary was going to investigate whether they can be made safer and less of an eyesore by just removing the metal tops.
- 4. Dogs at 24878 Long Valley** – Members of the committee have received complaints about the dogs on this property charging the fence and spooking horses. It was reported that the fence is very low and the dogs have gotten out.
- 5. Spectrum Work on Trail Behind Long Valley** – The trail work behind Long Valley has left the trail “like baby powder”. Spectrum needs to wet and compact the trail to return it to a usable hiking/riding surface.

Keith will follow up with Cary on these issues, and also asked that all minor issues be emailed to Jackie with CC: to Cary and Keith.

## New Business

### **1. Arena Work Recommendations**

- a. **Recommendation of Saddle Creek Refresh Work** – The Committee discussed the proposal from Toro Laser Leveling & Turf Specialties for the three-year refresh work to be completed at Saddle Creek. Keith explained that we have only one proposal

because the other contractor has promised but never delivered a bid. Upon a motion properly made and seconded the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve \$27,100 for completion of the Saddle Creek Refresh.

- b. **Recommendation of Spring Valley Post-Fiesta Conditioning Work** – The Committee discussed the proposal from Toro Laser Leveling & Turf Specialties for the reconditioning of the Spring Valley Arena following Fiesta. The bid is \$3500 which includes laser leveling which we have not done in the past, but which the contractor and Committee agree would benefit the arena footing. Upon a motion properly made and seconded the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve \$3,500 for completion of the Spring Valley Reconditioning.

- 2. **November Gymkhana Recommendation** – The Committee decided to reschedule the upcoming gymkhana to November 14 to provide more time to promote the event and allow for the Spring Valley Arena Reconditioning to be completed. Jill and Jackie will work on specifics of the budget. Upon a motion properly made and seconded the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve the November Gymkhana budget in an amount not to exceed \$3,750.
- 3. **Discuss of the Pancake Breakfast Budget** – Keith explained to the Committee that 236 tickets were sold to the event, but that only 100 people were budgeted. The result is a significant budget overage (partially offset by ticket sales). The consensus has been to accommodate the unprecedented demand and figure out how to find the extra money.
- 4. **Discussion of ESC Parade Entry** – The Committee discussed the Fiesta parade and won't have a Committee entry; however, a number of members will be in parade.
- 5. **Tip of the Month** – The Committee decided to run a Tip reminding people not to feed horses or other animals without permission.

### **Old Business**

- 1. **Perimeter Trail Above Saddle Creek Arena** – Keith will followup with Cary about this trail.
- 2. **ESC Pony/Horse Ride Event** – The September 12 event was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. The Committee would like to continue this event once a month on a going forward basis. The Committee discussed the tradeoffs from a budget perspective and would

like to proceed. Keith will work on the budget and discuss with Cary, Mitch, Joe whether this is feasible.

- 3. Discussion/Planning of ESC Events** – The Committee discussed upcoming ESC Events and working the calendar going-forward. At this time, the Committee is planning:
  - a. November 7 – tentative – Pony/Horse Rides
  - b. November 14 – Fall Gymkhana
  - c. November 21 – Community “Turkey Trot” Trail Ride
  - d. December 5 – tentative – Pony/Horse Rides
  - e. December 16 – Christmas Caroling – possible co-op with Theater/Parks & Rec
  - f. January 2 – tentative – Pony/Horse Rides
  - g. January 22 – Vaulting Event
  - h. March – St. Patrick’s day Gymkhana
  
- 4. Discussion of Architectural Plan Review** – The Committee a number of issues including an apparent ambiguity in the Standards regarding the distance of the turnout portion of the Equestrian Set Aside from a habitable structure. Keith will discuss with Cary and Ryan and others as needed on figure out how best to address the issue.
  
- 5. Discussion of Trail Maintenance Status** – The Committee discussed the trail behind 6097 Spring Valley, including what is planned and what can be done to improve the trail. The Committee also discussed the trail behind 25254 Eldorado Meadow, but it was not clear what the issue was with the trail and the members have been asked to take a look at the trail for further discussion.
  
- 6. Spring Valley Park Ad Hoc Committee Status Report** – Jill reported on the status of the project. Keith will follow up with Liz Moses for additional information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.