

MINUTES

Hidden Hills Community Association Equestrian Services Committee Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:30 PM Using Zoom Teleconferencing

The meeting as called to order at 6:36 pm. Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Lonna Weber, Sarah Phillips, Jill Green, Linda Yallen, Debbie Kulik, Linda Raznick (board liaison), Jackie Castillo (HOA), and Cary Brackett (HOA manager).

Trails Reports

Major Items Requiring Committee Input Only:

- The fence behind 24748 Long Valley Road was fixed.
- The Gate Latch in Saddle Creek Arena needs to be fixed – A border reported that horses can open it.
- Complaints of No Bathroom at Saddle Creek – There used to be a porta-potty which was ugly, and neighbors complained so it was removed. Several people have complained that it is hard for kids (especially) to ride and play in the park without a bathroom. A kid (or two) has gone in the grass. It was asked that complaints be directed to Cary to show that there is a need to replace the porta potty. One possible solution was to consider either a permanent trailer or bathroom in conjunction with Parks and Rec.

New Business

1. Discuss Walker Road Perimeter Trail Development – The Committee confirmed that we should be developing the perimeter trail behind Walker Road with a trail up to the cul-de-sac. Sarah will look at this for a specific plan.
2. Discuss Repair of 24600 John Colter Road Trail – The homeowner has been using the trail for their construction project and appears to have graded the trail but has really made a mess. We need to figure out how to rebuild / repair the trail and work with Bob and Ryan to make sure that it gets done.
3. Discuss Round Meadow Gate Trail Access / Possible Grading – Cary is going to talk with the landscapers to consider placing a landscape tie at drain level to help create a softer grade to the sidewalk while diverting the water into the catch basin.

4. Discuss CPUC Battery Upgrades. Keith explained to the Committee that Spectrum would be placing additional “furniture” in the parkways as part of their compliance with a new network resiliency obligation. They are ugly, but we don’t have any real options.
5. Discuss Trails Post-Rain
 - a. Mitch Jacobs Trail (High and Low)
 - i. Mulch appears to have slowed water and spread it out with minimal erosion – consider it a success.
 - ii. We would like to extend the mulch to the connector trail that goes up and over to Spring Valley to see if the mulch will be successfully on slightly steeper trails.
 - b. Annie Oakley Gopher Trail
 - i. Softer ground has eroded a bit too quickly. Suggest planting some grass to help keep the soil in place. Keith is discussing with Lynne from Seed Landcare.
6. Tip of the Month
 - a. Semi-Annual Maintenance – Jackie will send to the Committee for review and comment.

Old Business

1. Saddle Creek Refresh and Spring Valley Reconditioning Work – Keith reported that the Board approved the Budget and Sarah reported that the work is scheduled for the end of November.
2. Discuss November 14 Gymkhana – English/Western Classes, pony rides/petting zoo, crafts, a chili lunch, and candied apples are scheduled. Jill, Sarah, Jackie, and others will finalize the plans.
3. Final Report on Pancake Breakfast
 - a. Ticket Sales – highest ever – in the end we are glad that we didn’t put a limit because it all worked out. Keith will adjust the budget accordingly for next year.
 - b. Wonderful feedback. The quality and selection of food was excellent with the new vendor. The guitar background music was well received. There had been concern about Marketplace set up, but it worked really well without any conflict or distraction.
4. Discuss Perimeter Trail Above Saddle Creek Arena – Cary will be following up to remove fence currently blocking the trail and uncover the trail sign so that the trail can be used again.

5. Discuss Future ESC Events / Planning – The Committee discussed upcoming events:
 - a. Sarah will organize Turkey Trot Trail Ride – The meet location, date, and time will be distributed by email.
 - b. Jackie will contact Jill regarding the caroling idea and try to coordinate with Parks and Rec.
 - c. Vaulting Event is tentatively scheduled for January 22. Jackie will reach out to the Vaulting company and try to secure the dates.
6. Discuss Architectural Plan Review – Keith and Jill reported on recent submittals.
7. Spring Valley Park Ad Hoc Committee Status Report – The Ad Hoc Committee is waiting for Ryan to present an initial plan to the Board.
8. Pony Rides – The ESC would like to offer monthly pony rides to residents. We feel that there is a lot of interest and a need. Discussed trying to find multiple trainers/vendors that might be able to help.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm