

ESC MINUTES

Hidden Hills Community Association Equestrian Services Committee Wednesday, April 7, 2021 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, Linda Yallen, Karen Lipman, Debbie Kulik, Linda Raznick & Jackie Castillo.

Approval of February 10 and March 3, 2021 Minutes

Upon a motion that was properly seconded, the Committee approved the minutes of the February 10th meeting. Upon a motion that was properly seconded, the Committee approved the minutes of the March 3rd meeting.

Trails Reports

There were no Major Items Requiring Committee Input. All other matters are to be emailed to Jackie with CC: to Shannon and Keith

New Business

1. Trail Damage by Gophers – Discuss Possible Solutions

The Committee discussed a number of trails with gopher damage and possible solutions. Keith is going to work with Lynne to possibly lightly plow and repack the worst areas, including behind Annie Oakley along Ahmanson Ranch. Keith will follow-up with Stephany on the Landscape Committee's approach to getting rid of gophers.

2. Trail Above Saddle Creek Arena – 5209 & 5207 Saddle Creek

There has been a request to permanently close the trail between 5209 & 5207 Saddle Creek. It has been temporarily closed for some time. Keith asked the Committee members to look at the trail to discuss next month.

3. FYE'22 ESC Budget Request

Keith presented his proposed budget to the Committee. The Committee discussed and Keith will send it to Shannon.

4. Discussion of Proposed Equestrian Safety Equipment Legislation

There have been additional changes to the proposed state legislation that would require helmets to be worn by all riders under 18 years old and would require reflective equipment to be worn after dark. The Committee discussed briefly and continues to feel that it isn't necessary for ESC (or the Board) to support or oppose the legislation.

5. Discussion of Trail Safety

The Committee discussed trail safety issues, particularly riding after dark/reflective gear and dogs. We will use the Round Up Tip of Month to continue community education on these issues.

6. Tip of the Month

Jackie will email options to the Committee for review.

Old Business

1. Open Trail Issues Report/Document

Keith is working with Jackie and will have a spreadsheet to circulate before the next meeting.

2. Recommendation re Trail Licenses

- a. **24162 Long Valley** – Shannon and Jackie are preparing the information for submission to the Board.
- b. **5808 Hilltop** – Shannon and Jackie are preparing the information for submission to the Board.

3. Discussion of Street Drain Safety Concerns

- a. **Saddle Creek** – The storm drain at Saddle Creek has a new fence around it for safety.
- b. **City Streets** – The Committee also discussed that some drains along the streets should be looked at for similar concerns. Lonna will provide pictures to Jackie and we will look into who is responsible for this street drains, so that we can pass along the concern.

4. Discussion of Safety Protocols for Drivers

The Committee continued the discussion of traffic safety from last month. This is much bigger than an "equestrian issue" and Keith asked various members to reach out to Gates Committee and the City to coordinate with their on-going efforts. The Committee discussed the idea of community education efforts, including both a letter (likely from the Board) and some type of communication with service and construction workers, either through a handout or verbal communication at check-in.

5. Replacement Parkway Tree Status Report

Keith reported that Landscape Committee was going to look at alternative tree species at their next meeting. Keith reported that Landscape Committee member Robert Mahterian stated that he was in favor of using more than one tree species. This is a welcome change from the Committee's prior insistence that only the Holly Oak be used.

6. Report on Architectural Plan Review

Jill, our architectural liaison, was not present at the meeting. Keith had spoken to her and reported that she was continuing to get submissions and felt that Ryan (and the Committee) have been helpful and good to work with.

7. Spring Valley Arena

- a. **Status of Pavilion Remodel** – Keith need to speak with Ryan about the scope of work to make sure that we can bring the costs in line with the Reserves Budget for the project. Ryan's initial submission was in line with the project Ron had bid out previously. Keith did not know if this is a result of panademic-related increases in construction costs or if the price targets were not clearly communicated to Ryan.
- b. Short Court and Conditioning Requests Approved by the Board – The two Board-approved projects at Spring Valley at scheduled to be completed this month.

Meeting was adjourned at 08:07 pm.