

CRAHTAC

County Riding and Hiking Trails Advisory Committee

Monday, September 14, 2020 3:00 pm.

By Zoom Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Kalon Kelley	Jack Bish	Mike Hecker		
Kevin Snow	Ray Ford	Faith Deeter		
	Otis Calef			
	Dan Gira			

Members Absent

David Hosking, Ruth Schuyler, Archie Mitchell, Barry Stotts, Frank Freitas

Members Excused

Staff Advisors and Visitors

John Menzies – County Parks
Mike Becker – SBCAG
Mark Wilkinson – Trails Council
George Amoon – Contract Parks Planner
Meighan Dietenhofer – District 3 Rep

I: Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Hecker at 3:07 pm.

II: Roll Call

III: Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 11, 2020 meeting were approved with one noted text fixed. Motion by Mike Heckler. Seconded by Faith Deeter.

IV: Public Comment/Announcements/Correspondence

None

V: Correspondence

None

VI: Updates

Jon Menzies – SB front country trails were closed over Labor Day weekend.

VII: New Business

Mike Becker (SBCAG) Santa Ynez River Alignment Study Update – SBCAG developed a regional transportation plan to keep up with changing requirements for the state active transportation system. 2018 – 19 SBCAG was tasked with a bicycle master plan for the valley. As part of that process, a ranking of projects in the area resulted in

a desire for a River trail. Some funding was obtained to look at possible means of aligning a trail. This work looks at completing a grant to fund most of the project to be just short of shovel ready with a coalition between Solvang, Buellton and the Chumash tribe. This would also include a trail segment from Refugio Road to Edison Road. This would be a Class 1 path along the 246. The portion of the trail in Buellton has been on the books, since 2010 with work done to get easements. At the end of Buellton at McMurray, there are still issues, but the path can always go to the Caltrans easement. There are still questions on the route and how it gets through and into Solvang. Work is ongoing. A presentation was presented on the Alignment Study. They looked at suitability of various areas and can up with an alignment. The public outreach was done online with almost 500 responses. The responses were limited to one per IP address. An overview of the survey was examined. The Jared Carvalho was the SBCAG project manager. Concerns include homeless, trash, etc.

Mark Wilkinson (Trails Council) Heritage Trail Corridor – A proposal that has been in the works for a while. This is about a trail corridor and not just a trail. This is an "into" to the idea that a Heritage Trail Corridor would provide a platform for regional collaboration and mutual support fostered by the Heritage Trail Corridor Alliance in partnership with local government agencies, private landowners, organizations, corporations, and individuals. This is were recreation and economic development meet. This idea is, in part, an outcome of the Countywide Recreation Master Plan process.

George Amoon – Sunstone project came through to convert to cannabis with land on the west side of their property. They are looking for a land use permit. This type of permit application would not let the county ask for an easement. There was a discussion about access at Refugio Road at the Santa Ynez river bridge. Meighan Dietenhofer discussed this issue with the Board of Supervisors. There is a legal right away. The sheriff's office is aware of the issue. The property owners have been made aware of the situation. Most of the signage in this area are not legally in place.

Meighan Dietenhofer – Bridge near Mattei's Tavern just south of 154 (Alamo Pintado). Caltrans has determined that the bridge is unstable. This topic has been presented to the committee in the past. There will be a public meeting on this. The bridge is used by pedestrian and bicycle traffic. There is a move to attempt to save the bridge as a route. From George Amoon, Mattei's Tavern is doing some work and as part of this would have a trail along the west side of the property. We need to follow up with this project and prior to Caltran's decision have Dan write a letter about the plan.

IX: ACTION ITEMS

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Bish