

DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS

HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAILS COMMITTEE (HETC) MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:00 p.m.

Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Board Room

Leadership Members present: *DMFPO Board Member:* Bart Bruno

Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC) Board Member: Don Eastman

Others present: *DMFPO Board Members:* LeBon Abercrombie, Jeff Fuller

Resource Members present: *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Dawn Mathes

PBCSD: Nick Becker, Principal Engineer

Open Space Advisory Committee Chairman: Rick Verbanec

Members present: Kelly Getreu, Richard Parrish

Guests present: Julia Landers

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Bruno called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – There were no requested changes to the agenda.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – It was moved by Member Eastman, seconded by Member Bruno, and unanimously carried, to approve as presented the minutes of the HETC meeting held July 19, 2017.
5. **PBCSD/Cal Fire:**
 - a. PBCSD Principal Engineer Becker reported that the goats used for fire fuel reduction are gone for the year. Fire curtain burner equipment used to dispose of downed trees and brush in a controlled manner is being applied for by the PBCSD fire department from CAL FIRE inventory to dispose of a large stock of logs at the PBC Corporation Yard.
6. **Pebble Beach Company:**

Chair Bruno reminded the members that the role of the committee was to consult with and assist PBC on trail maintenance issues. He thanked Kelly Getreu, Dawn Mathes, and Shawn Casey for the hard work and noticeable improvements to the trails system.

Kelly Getreu reported on maintenance completed. She encouraged anyone reporting issues to use the grid map she has provided to assist PBC in pinpointing locations. Monthly “Trail days” to assist PBC in performing trail work are held on the last Tuesday of each month (except October to be held the fourth Tuesday due to Halloween) for anyone interested, meeting at the Equestrian Center at 8:00am. Two Trail Days that have been conducted so far have cleared and graded trails around the Equestrian Center, removed 12-15 reported downed trees on trails, and patched a hole created by a large tree that fell across the Bamboo Trail near Poppy Hills Golf Course and performed maintenance on water bars in the area. Where the trail crosses Forest Lake Road at Hawkins Road a bank of Acacia trees was cut back to improve line of sight. Fire Road 20 in the Spruance area where erosion is occurring will be the focus of the October 24th Trail Day (fourth Tuesday instead of last Tuesday which is Halloween).

- a. Update on trail and open space improvements – Dawn Mathes asked that bicycles seen on trails be reported to Pebble Beach Security. She thanked Kelly Getreu and Margaret Leighton for coordinating communication to PBC that assists with identifying key priorities and next steps. Spruance area trails and two other areas needing brush removal have been identified for attention this month. Erosion repair and water bar improvements will be undertaken for winter preparedness with guidance from Kelly and Margaret. Two larger scale capital projects, one drainage pipe replacement, the other a trail crossing on Congress, are both at the design/estimate phase. Priority has been given to finishing the new alignment of the trail along Stevenson Drive from Spyglass Woods Drive at the Spyglass Lots. PBC has a listing of missing or fallen trail markers that will be addressed after October.

7. New Business:

Averil Nero had suggested at the last meeting that the tradition of the PBRTA annual picnic be continued under the HETC. Past picnics held at Indian Village were very successful, included community members, forged friendships, and would create exposure for the HETC and its efforts. The committee concurred that presently work is well coordinated and progressing, that the monthly Trail Days provide the opportunity for outreach and community involvement, and that an additional social event was not necessary.

Member Eastman commented that DMFC has cleared, repaired, and realigned a portion of the Green Trail that will be closed until the spring for the changes to settle in. Also, DMFC has cleared the Indian Village trail so that horses can more easily use it instead of the dirt portion of The Dunes Road. Kelly Getreu and Richard Parish requested that the 4-foot pass-through for horses that has been provided in the past be maintained next to the gate that is to be reinstalled on The Dunes Road inland beyond the split to the new PBC lots.

DMFPO Director Abercrombie stated that the unrevised Del Monte Forest Hiking & Equestrian Trails map is available online and on mobile devices using the GPS-enabled Maplets application (app) for iPhone, iPad or Android mobile phones. The Maplets app can be downloaded to your iPhone or iPad from the App Store (cost for the app is \$2.99), or to your Android phone from Amazon using the Amazon Underground app. Once the Maplets app is installed on your mobile phone or iPad, you can download a copy of the DMF Hiking & Equestrian Trails map to your device. The app will plot your current position on the map using GPS, and once downloaded, works on your mobile device regardless of whether cell service is available. He will work to update the applications with the newer revised trail map.

DMFPO Director Abercrombie suggested installing a walking path on the ocean side of 17 Mile Drive from where the Green Trail crosses near Spyglass Hill Road going south to Fanshell Beach where the trail dead ends. Chair Bruno called for the request to be an item of new business at the next HETC meeting. Dawn Mathes took note of Director Abercrombie's request.

8. Old Business: None

9. Announcements:

- a. Next meeting – January 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the PBCSD board room

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Dadiw