

## DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS (DMFPO)

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

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:00 p.m.

Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Training Room

**Leadership Members present:** *DMFPO Board Members:* Bob Roland  
*Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC) Board Members:*  
Don Eastman, Kimberly Caner  
*DMFPO Member:* Kelly Getreu

**Resource Members present:** *Pebble Beach Company (PBC):* Dawn Mathes  
*PBCSD:* Mike Niccum, General Manager  
*DMFC:* Director Jody Le Towt  
*OSAC:* Rick Verbanec, Chair

**Members present:** Richard Parrish, Gina Gianfala, Jody Clark, Nancy Dwan

**Others Present:** Rick Srigley, Kirsten Stember

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Roland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – Moved/seconded/carried to approve. There were no requested changes to the agenda.
- 3. Public Comment** – Mr. Rick Srigley questioned whether there was any action against cyclists on trails in the Forest. Ms. Mathes noted that signs are posted no bikes allowed on the trails. If PBC staff sees bikes on the trails the riders are contacted and admonished. If a hiker or equestrian comes across cyclists on the trails, contact PBC Security and they will attempt to make contact. Stevenson School will be contacted and reminded no bikes on trails.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes** – It was moved by Member Eastman, seconded by Member Gianfala, and unanimously carried to approve as presented the HETC meeting minutes of July 11, 2018.
- 5. PBCSD/Cal Fire** – PBCSD General Manager, Mike Niccum reported the environmental review to update District Fire Defense Plans for vegetative management of new open spaces being deeded to DMFC by PBC is complete. Fire defense water system upgrades since the 1987 Morse fire amount to \$18 million over the 21 years. The Zombie Race and Emergency Preparedness Fair is Saturday, October 27 at 9:00am; participation is a good way to see the results of fuel reduction work along the course.
- 6. Pebble Beach Company** – Ms. Mathes provided an aerial map of a route proposed by MPCC for equestrians to negotiate the Point Joe parking lot and the committee discussed at length. Ms. Mathes will communicate back to MPCC that the proposed route is acceptable to the committee. She requested that she along with the new MPCC general manager, Kelly Getreu, Chair Roland and others interested, meet and walk the proposed route.

Chair Roland provided notes (attached to these minutes) of committee efforts since last meeting. Genista and Pampass Grass invasive species were discussed. Steps on Crawford Trail are decomposing and PBC will be asked to repair. Chair Roland recommended there be equestrian crossing signage and a crosswalk installed on 17 Mile Drive at Dunes Road.

DMFC board president, Jody Le Towt provided a schematic of the existing Red Trail and the Red Trail reroute approved by PBC. Shawn Casey will supply and install the post and rail fence along Dunes Road across from the Casita, and will provide signage. The above ground portion of the drainage pipe will be buried.

7. **Old Business** – Consensus was to not denote the equestrian trail around Pt. Joe on new trail maps and to instead install signage for the equestrians to follow. The Sawmill Gulch Bridge is still awaiting County permit.
8. **New Business** – None
9. **Announcements** – The 2018 DMFC Donor Appreciation Event is October 14, 2018 for those who have donated to the Conservancy.
10. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton*

NOTES FOR October 10th 2018 HETC meeting.

Kelly and I have been on the trails numerous times since our last HETC meeting on 11 July and we have received helpful "spot reports" from folks hiking/riding our trails. The Pebble Beach Trail Crew have completed 3 days of major Trail day clean-ups/repairs

In September and October (so far):

1. We attended the Open Space Committee meeting on 9/11 where a major topic was the current Genista Infestation. We have a helpful flyer on Pampasgrass and Jubatagrass threats to California Coastal Habitats and can make copies. **We will socialize this with the Equestrians**, so they can spot areas of concern. See [Http://wric.ucdavis.edu](http://wric.ucdavis.edu)
2. The Monterey Bay Equestrian group came to our trails for their annual trail ride. Vainca Bauman, Lee Gilbert and Kelly met the group on Saturday the 22nd of September to lead them on a 3 1/2-hour ride, making a big loop that went up the Crawford Trail, Bamboo Trail to Fire road 20 and back to Indian Village. The ride was about **13 miles**. They rent Indian Village for the day and have a potluck after the ride. Its reported that everyone had a great time and at the end - people, horses and trails were in good condition. The riders did have to clear a tree that was down on the Crawford Trail (now gone). **Because of the ride**, Kelly was able to provide a detailed list of "Trail Day" items for Crawford, Poppy and Bamboo trails which were knocked out with Shawn's PB crew. ***It is good*** to have the Equestrians and regular hikers as our Eyes on the trails. Take some copies of the Grid Map!
3. **A great example** is the hazardous condition identified by Equestrians was on "The Steps" trail between Riata and Rhonda Roads. A spot report on those condition was submitted to PB, supplies to replace the rotted rail were delivered to the site and **work was completed this week!**
4. Jose Sosa and Shawn's Trail crew addressed numerous items on the Crawford and Poppy trails during the September Trails Day. Some potentially hazardous trees were removed, brush was cleared, and trails were mowed and raked. One set of railroad tie steps on Poppy Trail is deteriorating much like those on "The Steps Trail". In one case a spike holding the rails in place was exposed and protruding about several inches. The crew rendered this safe. **Those steps will also need to be replaced.**
5. We looked this weekend at all the great work that has been done around The Casitas and adjoining Red Trail supervised by Jody Le Towt. It is **vastly** different than our visit two months ago when he invited us to review what he had planned. Kudo's to Jody on this amazing transformation!
6. Sunday, we tracked a group of Equestrians as they made their turn-around near Seal beach up Dunes road to return to the Red Trail and Equestrian Center. We saw no evidence of horse dropping on the road and the revised routing around the Casitas appears to be working. Will ask Jody about that to confirm.

7. We did notice that there is **no marked crossing** from the ocean side of the Equestrian ride across the intersection up Dunes road. **Recommend** that a Double-sided Horse Crossing sign be placed at the intersection of 17 and Dunes. **Perhaps a cross walk could be highlighted** as pedestrians regularly cross that intersection as well.
8. I've been trying out the PB Digital Trails map and applet when I'm moving around the trails and am still getting the hang of it. It helped a lot when I was trying to find a downed tree which Kelly had previously encountered. It a bargain for \$2.99 with lots of other maps to download.
9. Laura sent out a mass invite this week for our HETC meeting today at 4 PM in the Training Room. We hope to have some more information on the proposed Equestrian Trail inside the MPCC Dunes course from Pt Joe to The Old Drive and Green Trail to 4 Corners. Let us know how things are going on the trails.

Bamboo Trail Equestrian Hazard



Bamboo Trail Hazard Removed



Serious Trail Hazard on Poppy



Trail Hazard on Poppy Removal



**Steps Trail Repair as of 10/10/2018**

*Thank you Shawn Casey and Crew for a job well done!*



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Steps on Poppy with decomposed rails  
Spike was removed to reduce hazard

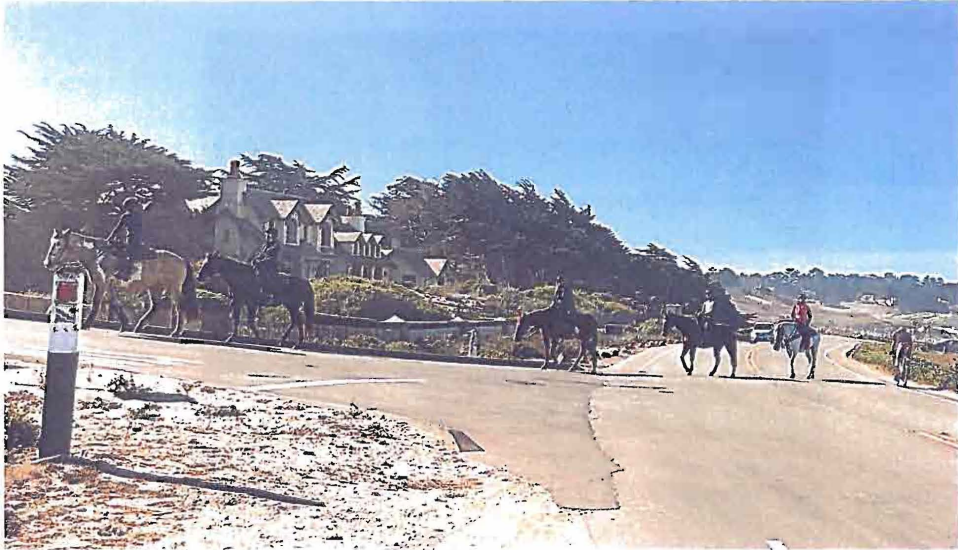


Replacement Beams ready for The Steps Trail repair



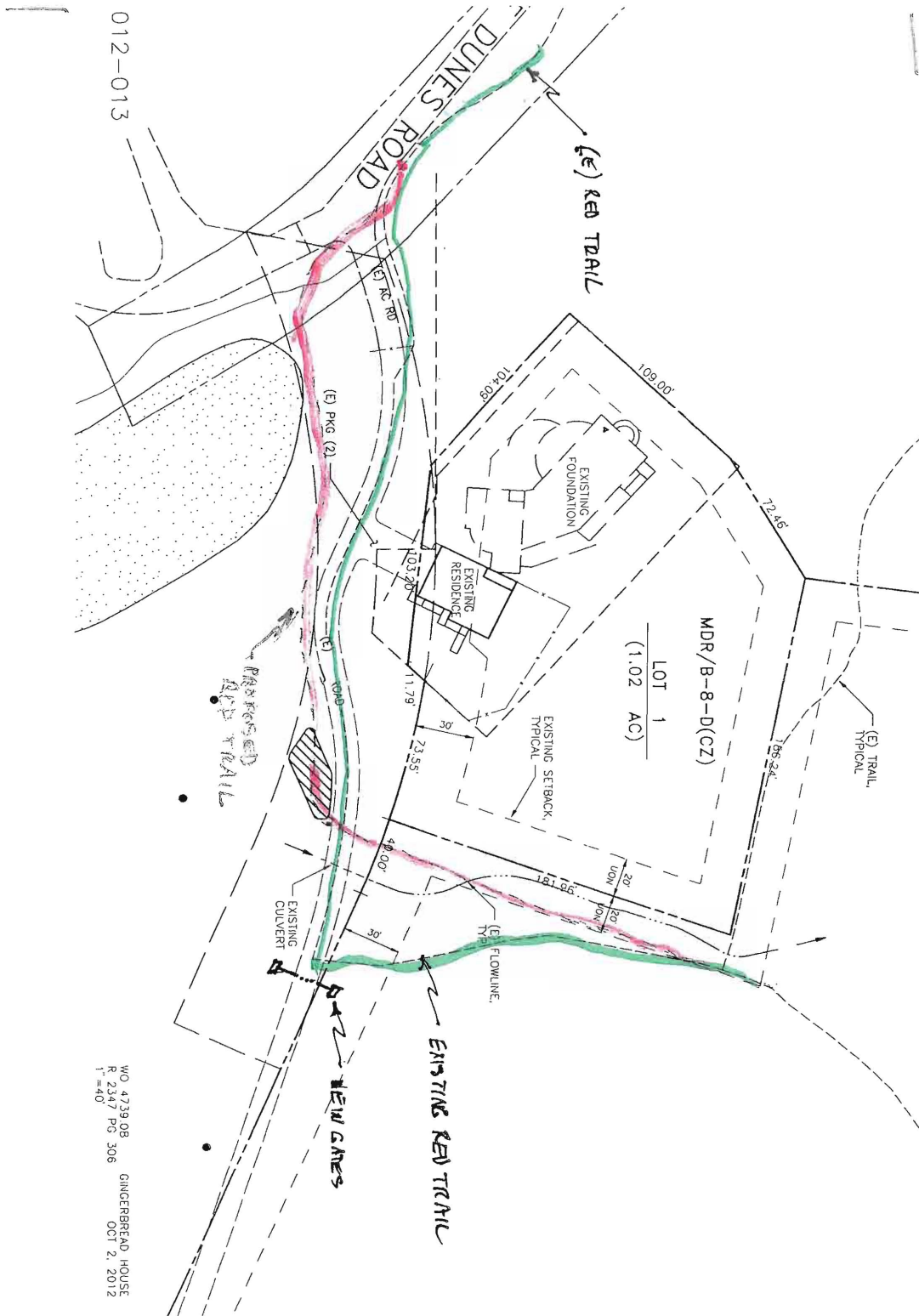
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Horses making the turn from the Shore side up Dunes Road -no Signage or marked Crossing



Horses making their way up Dunes Road to the Red Trail entry





WO. 4739.08 GINGERBREAD HOUSE  
R. 2347 PG. 306 OCT. 2, 2012  
1"=40'



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Lovely wide and cleared trails around the Conservancy Property



Steps over the new drainage pipes to the boardwalk below

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Equestrians moving up Red trail from Dunes Road  
No sign of Horse Droppings on the Road as of 10 Am this day



Cleared Red Trail around the GingerBread House – New Drainage