

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary for November 5, 2016

- Drakes View Patching Completed
- Update on Pending Dirt Road Maintenance
- Signs and Mirrors to be installed.
- Drakes View Repaving Project.
- More below. . .

Minutes

Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board

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The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on November, 2016, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by members John Levy, Mike Ongerth, Tamia Marg Anderson, Ed Stetson, Laurie Stetson, Elizabeth McManus, Ron Bennett and Ken Drexler, Secretary. In addition, Tim Stanton, IRA President, and Bruce Baum were present. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. Pothole Patching of Drakes View. Mike Ongerth reported that Lunny Grading and Paving had completed the patching of Drakes View Drive and did a good job. Because of confusion caused by markings on the payment made by others, Lunny had paved a few areas which PRERAB had not marked and skipped a few it had. Lunny was paid \$26,400 for the work.

2. Dirt Roads. Mike said that he had identified several dirt road projects for Inverness Gardening Service to do at an expected cost of about \$10,000. They included: cleaning ditches and drop boxes, restoring two water bars, removing the middle water bar on Lower Dover, smoothing washboards on Sunnyside, Douglas, Lower Dover, and East Robert, removing the deep rut on Douglas near the Merk residence, spreading gravel and fixing the turnouts opposite the bulletin board and on Bucks Point. On Behr Lane either the top row of rocks in the roadside ditch will be removed or material will be added to raise the level of the road. The culvert and drop box additions mentioned at prior meeting will be deferred. Mike will prepare a list of the projects so that it can be send to the County for approval.

3. Trees, Sight lines and Chipping. Tamia Marg Anderson discussed the needed tree work: It is a small project to cut dead trees that could fall on the roads located on Douglas near No. 100, on East Robert and on Drakes View at the 10 MPH turn and near No. 100.

According to Tim Stanton, this year the chipping of roadside piles will be handled by the Inverness Ridge Association, perhaps at the same time that the dead trees are cut.

4. Work Parties. Mike suggested that PRERAB from time to time sponsor road-related work parties for residents to do such projects such as clearing duff on the edge of Drakes View, light trimming of sight lines and sign cleaning. There was a consensus that this was a good idea.

5. Signs and Mirrors. John Levy reported that he had ordered a “Fire Lane, No Parking” sign to go on Sunnyside. He also arranged the installation of mirrors on the steep section of Drakes View near the Lundstrom residence and at the blink corner on Sunnyside near the Burgess residence. He also hoped to install a larger mirror on the Drakes View corner below the bulletin board. Mike said that he had a “No Outlet” sign for installation on Dover at the Dover - Lower Dover intersection to indicate that Dover was a dead-end.

The Board briefly discussed the need for additional roadside reflectors at several places such as on East Robert before the second culvert. John and Mike said they would look for other locations where reflectors would improve safety.

6. Drakes View Repaving Project. The board members noted that the key issue on the repaving project was its financing. Ken noted that the Mello-Roos funding appeared too bureaucratic and expensive. Laurie Stetson said that the County thinks that PRERAB should pass a parcel tax to raise funds now and that it would not finance a project for more than five years. There was consensus that in early 2017, PRERAB should begin discussions with the newly elected District 4 supervisor. Although PREPRD has about \$250,000 in reserve, it is not enough to pay for a project which could cost as much as \$1 million.

7. Chairman and Communications. Ken noted that with Laurie’s and Ed’s upcoming departure from PRE, that PRERAB needed a new chair. Although there were no volunteers, John Levy offered to chair meetings provided that someone else handled communications with people other than board members. Ron Bennett suggested that to reduce the volume of communications handled by the chair a flyer be sent to residents identifying which the board members’ in different types of road issues. Laurie agreed, for the present, to continue to handle PRERAB communications.

Tamia noted that a new person to handle vegetation management matters needed to be identified as she was overwhelmed with her other work. Someone else mentioned that Joe Burgess has volunteered to take on this work.

Note: A list of the PRERAB members and their roles handling road matters is on Board Members section of the PRERAB portion of the IRA website.

Thank you Celebration. At the end of the meeting, there was a reception at which board members and several residents who joined the gathering thanked Laurie and Ed Stetson for their long, productive service on the Road Board.

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2017, at the Ongerth Residence.

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