

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary for January 8, 2017

- New PRERAB leader.
- PREPRD Finances.
- Pending Dirt Road Work.
- SOD Tree Work Pending.
- Drakes View Repaving Project.
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Minutes

Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board

January 8, 2017

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on January 8, 2017, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by members John Levy, Mike Ongerth, Tamia Marg Anderson, Ron Bennett and Ken Drexler, Secretary. In addition, Bob Lundstrom, Leah Light and Victor Stangenberg were present. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. Chairman. Following up on the discussion at its last meeting about leadership for PRERAB, Mike Ongerth said that he would volunteer to serve as Chair provided that John Levy agreed to serve as a vice chair focused on calculations and signs and that Ken Drexler agreed to be a vice chair and to continue as secretary. Both John and Ken as well as the other members present agreed with this updated leadership. Mike noted that Joe Burgess had agreed to take over vegetation management and added that Ron Bennett had agreed to be in charge of road maintenance with Mike's help.

The board members noted the importance of institutional memory for the Board's operations. As a contribution to this effort, Tamia Marg Anderson said that she was writing a description of the Board's vegetation management programs. John said that he would prepare a manual about PRERAB's annual cycle to manage the roads in PRE. Mike said he would write down what he did for road maintenance.

2. PREPRD Finances. Ken reported that the Paradise Ranch Estates Permanent Road Division had about \$256,000 as of June 30, 2016, the end of Marin County's last fiscal year. He estimated that, taking into account expenses paid or committed since June

and the December property tax payments, the Road Division now had about \$218,000 in funds.

3. Dirt Roads. Mike said that he had met with Inverness Gardening Service and had identified several dirt road projects needed to prepare the roads for the winter. The Department of Public Works has approved the project at a cost of \$14,980. The work includes cleaning ditches and drop boxes on all roads, filling potholes on Douglas, Sunnyside, Dover and both East and West Robert; restoring water bars on Behr Lane, Sunnyside, Douglas and East and West Roberts, removing the middle water bar on Lower Dover, smoothing washboards on Sunnyside, Douglas and East Robert, correcting gulying on Behr Lane and on Douglas between Nos. 53 and 80 and fixing the turnout opposite the bulletin board. Mike said he expected the work to start January 9th.

4. Vegetation Management - SOD Trees The previously discussed “small” project for cutting SOD trees has grown from eleven trees to twenty-two, two of which fell in the last few days. Mike reported that he had asked Inverness Gardening Service and Pacific Slope to submit a bid for the work. So far a bid has been received from Inverness Gardening Service; a bid from Pacific Slope is pending.

The IRA’s roadside brush piles will be chipped at the same time as PRERAB’s SOD project with the cost for the roadside piles to be paid by the Inverness Ridge Association. Notice of this project was given to residents using nextdoor.com.

5. Drakes View Repaving. Ken noted that PRERAB needs to get the repaving project moving again. When the road was repaved in 1993, the project took almost four years: It started in 1989, the parcel tax vote was approved in 1992 and the work was done in 1993. As Laurie Stetson noted in an email to board members, the key issues were to fully define the project and why it is needed and to arrange its financing. In 1992-93 the County loaned the money to PREPRD and then paid itself back from the parcel tax it collected. However, in 2016 the County declined to loan the funds. Ron suggested that the Board talk to Dennis Rodoni, the newly elected District 4 Supervisor, about the project before the Inverness Ridge Association General Meeting on January 14th.

The board then discussed its report at the upcoming IRA General Meeting about the paving project and other matters that. The board also decided to invite IRA members who were interested in becoming members of PRERAB to contact a board member.

6. Road Mirrors. Mike suggested that road mirrors were needed at two new locations: on Sunnyside on the blind corner driving west before the Dover-Sunnyside

junction and at No. 19 Sunnyside. Other members suggested that mirrors should be placed on Drakes View at No. 45 and at the corner adjacent to 21 Dover.

NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2017, at the Ongerth Residence.

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