

PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD
and IRA-PRERAB PAVING TASK FORCE

Meeting Summary for January 12, 2019

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Minutes

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The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board and the Paving Task Force met on January 12, 2019, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by Mike Ongerth, Tim Stanton, John Levy, Ron Bennett, Randy Merk, Julie Merk and Ken Drexler, Secretary. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. Paving and ILS Associates: Ken Drexler reported that since the last meeting of the Task Force that Mike Ongerth and he several face to face meetings or phone calls with ILS people. Ken Drexler said that he had spoken to Mike Evans on the phone and in mid-December he had met with Irv Schwartz. He told Irv that he was concerned about the limited progress in the months since ILS was hired as the engineering contractor for the paving project. Mike Ongerth said he had met several times with Mike Evans at the ILS office or in PRE. Since these contacts, ILS has given the Task Force and PRERAB a preliminary map of the project with notes on the work to be done. The map was at the meeting so all members could see it. In addition, a pdf of the map has been emailed to all Task Force and PRERAB members. The map shows most of the road system, broken into Segments A through M. For each segment, the map includes notes about the work to be done, if the section is included in the project.

Ken noted that the preliminary map lacked detail on why work in each segment was recommended, the details of the work and its cost. He explained that the members of the Task Force and PRERAB would need a written description of the work on each segment to review and discuss before the map and the description was presented to PRE residents at a community meeting. Ken said that he would call Irv in mid-January to ask that preparation of a written description be expedited so that it could be reviewed.

Late Note: Ken called Irv Schwartz on January 16th, the day after he got back from vacation, and Irv said that he would immediately start to prepare the written description of the project. He said it was possible he would be able to send it to us by January 25th or the following week.

During discussion the members made various comments. Mike Ongerth said that when he met with Mike Evans, he had learned that Mike had been reluctant to call to ask questions. All agreed that the writeup of the project and the road segments needed to include a discussion of why work was recommended or was not recommended and tentative cost figures. Ken noted that the description also needed to include information on any work needed to prepare the roads for the paving. The need to widen some curves, replace some culverts and the installation of drop boxes were mentioned by others present. Mike suggested that the cost of fire-safety related improvements might be paid for by fire-safety grants.

2. PREPRD Finances: Ken reported briefly on the finances of the PRE Permanent Road Division, the governmental agency that held property tax funds collected from owners in PRE. At the end of June 2018, the Permanent Road Division had about \$256,000. Since then there have been at least four invoices recommended for payment. Taking into account these invoices and the \$21,500 in property taxes due in December, Ken estimated that the Permanent Road Division has about \$200,000 or more in its account. This figure excludes the approximately \$22,000 paid to ILS to date on the paving project.

3. Current Road Projects: Mike Ongerth described the status of the roads in PRE and pending projects in PRE. He noted that despite the recent rains, the roads, in general, were in good shape. Although there have been slides which blocked road side ditches, such as on East Robert, they had been fixed. Also, Inverness Gardening Service (IGS) had fixed some potholes in the dirt roads.

Mike reported there was a potential slip out on Pinecrest and that he had obtained a proposal from IGS to fix it. This work will cost about \$17,350.

Late Note: On January 15, DPW authorized this Pinecrest work by IGS.

Douglas Slide. Mike reported that despite the rains, the temporary fix for the slide below the road on Douglas had remained stable.

East Robert. Mike said that on East Robert near the Bartolini house, water flows were undercutting the road. He said that he would add fixing this to a future project.

4. Vegetation Issues and MCFD: Mike said that during the recent storm the wind had blown the top of a tree off on Sunnyside which fell had knocked the power out. Mike said that he had identified almost 20 trees which had died or were dying which would endanger the roads when they fell. There are three on Baywood and 15 on Douglas, including a live oak near 50 Douglas, which need to be removed. He said he would contact contractors who might do the work and conduct a bid walk for them.

In addition to the immediate needs described above, Mike drove through PRE with Christie Neill of the Marin County Fire Department to discuss the clearances the MCFD needed for access in case of a fire. Since then, PRERAB received a letter from the MCFD alerting PRERAB to the need to provide better road clearances in PRE. According to the letter, the Department needs ten feet to either side of the road and at least 13.5 feet of vertical clearance. Mike said that he would mention this issue at the IRA General Meeting on January 19th.

5. PG&E Road Closure: Mike said that on January 2nd, a flagging contractor hired by PG&E had posted a notice which said Drakes View would be closed from 8AM to 4PM on January 7th. The notice prompted Mike to call PG&E and the Marin County Sheriff with only limited success. At 8AM on January 7th, Mike was at 35 Drakes View where a transformer was to be replaced. Shortly later the MCFD and the Marin Sheriff arrived. The PG&E crew did not arrive until 10:00 AM. After he talking to the crew about the road, they were able to do their work with only one lane blocked. During the entire project, all of Drakes View for only 22 minutes, rather than the 8 hours the notice from PG&E suggested.

Next Meeting: PRERAB members tentatively set its next meeting for March 2, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ongerth residence on Sunnyside.

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