

# PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

## Meeting Summary for July 6, 2019

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### Minutes

#### Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board July 6, 2019

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on July 6, 2019, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by members Mike Ongerth, John Levy, Tamia Marg Anderson and Ken Drexler, Secretary. Tim Stanton, IRA President also attended. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. Finance: Ken Drexler reported that the County had entered its fiscal 2019-2020 budget year. Under the new County budget, PREPRD again had authority to expend its funds on road maintenance work. As a result, the flashy fuel project which was sent to DPW for authorization in early June should now be authorized. Ken reported that by his estimate, PREPRD had about \$120,000 in funds available. He promised to provide financial information for the 2108-2019 fiscal year as soon as the County Finance Department completes updating the figures for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Late Note: The flashy fuel project was authorized on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

2. Paving Task Force: Ken reported that the Task Force had met on June 1, 2019, to review the latest ILS proposal for the paving project dated May 23, 2019. After discussing the report, the members of the Task Force believe that it is ready to be presented to a meeting of residents in the fall. As a result, most of the Task Force meeting focused on the residents' meeting. The members discussed the costs -- other than paving itself -- which would need to be included in a parcel tax, such things as the costs of the election, the bid process, the interest to be charged by the County and preparatory work before paving. Mike Ongerth identified culverts and drop boxes as being included in the preparatory work and said he was considering how to inspect culverts which include an outfall which prevent an easy inspection.

3. Current Road Maintenance Projects: Mike Ongerth reported on recent and upcoming road projects in PRE:

Flashy Fuels. Mike said that the Inverness Gardening Service would handle the removal of flashy fuels beside the roads in PRE as Pacific Slope had declined to bid on the work.

Dirt Road Work. Mike said that on July 8<sup>th</sup> he planned to tour the roads in PRE with Ismael Gutierrez to identify needed maintenance work on the dirt roads. He said the tour would focus on potholes on Sunnyside and East and West Robert, transitions on East Robert and at the lower end of Douglas and washboards on Sunnyside, East Roberts and Douglas.

Paved Roads. Mike reported that he and Ron Bennett had inspected the paved roads for potholes. Although some potholes had developed on the paved roads, most on Drakes View below the bulletin board, he said that none were serious. He does not think that any work is required at present.

4. Budget Planning: Mike said that he and Randy Merk were working on an estimate of expenditures for the new, 2019-2020, fiscal year. John Levy suggested that \$5,000 be budgeted for signs, mirrors and road dots. Tamia Marg Anderson suggested that \$35,000 be budgeted for vegetation management work.

5. Signs, Mirrors and Dots: John reported that three mirrors needed to be installed at 29 Drakes View, near Tank #2 on Drakes View and at 21 Dover. He said that the mirrors were in hand so all that was required was installation. As to the missing centerline dots on Drakes View, John said that he would again call the County shop in Nicasio to request that the dots be reinstalled.

During discussion of this item, Mike suggested that there were too many signs in PRE and there were inconsistent speed limit signs such as on Sunnyside and Dover. He said that he would invite Randy Merk to do survey of signs with him.

6. PRERAB Membership: There was a brief discussion of the membership on PRERAB. It was noted that Joe Burgess had stepped off and that Elizabeth McManus had taken a leave of absence from the Board. The members noted that Jack Soman had not attended any of the recent PRERAB meetings. John said that he would call Jack and ask if he wanted to continue to serve.

7. Inverness Ridge Association Issues: Tim Stanton, IRA President, said that the IRA's 2019 chipping program was now in process. He also reported that the noon testing

of the siren at Tank #3 would resume and that the IRA had a new webmaster, Nadav Savio, who lives in PRE.

8. New Business: Mike reported that the escape route from the end of Douglas to Laurel which provides emergency access for both persons living on Laurel and PRE residents was currently “out of service”. He said that the route had two areas which made the route impassible for passenger cars. One was a 100 foot section with exposed tree roots 4 to 5 inches high. The other was an curve covered with leaves which was sloped to one side. He explained that this combination would cause cars to slip off of the road. (Mike said his truck had slipped off the road when he drove through this section.) He recommended that both problems be addressed by adding road base and smoothing it in place. He estimated that about 6 inches of road base would be needed. He said that he spoken to Burton Eubanks of the Laurel group who agreed with Mike’s fix. The work is being held up by the need to obtain permission of the owner of the property over which the escape route passed and authorization to use PREPRD funds to purchase the road base.

Late Note: DPW has authorized the use of PREPRD funds to buy road base for use on the Laurel escape route.

Next Meeting: PRERAB members tentatively set its next meeting for September 7, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ongerth residence.

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