

# PARADISE RANCH ESTATES ROAD ADVISORY BOARD

## Meeting Summary for August 25, 2018

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### Minutes

#### Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board August 25, 2018

The Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board met on August 25, 2018, at the Ongerth residence in Paradise Ranch Estates. The meeting was attended by members Mike Ongerth, John Levy, Tamia Marg Anderson, Ron Bennett, Joe Burgess, Randy Merk and Ken Drexler, Secretary. Tim Stanton, IRA President, and Jennifer Howard also attended. Ken Drexler led the meeting.

1. Finance: Ken Drexler reported that the Paradise Ranch Estates Road Division had over \$255,000 in its account at the end of June 2017. Ken said he would prepare a summary of the PREPRD finances for 2017-2018.

2. Paving Task Force: Ken reported that the Task Force had received a \$1,875 bill from ILS Associates for its work through July 23, 2018, and had forwarded it to DPW for payment from Road Division funds. On July 25, the Task Force and Irv Schwartz and Mike Evans of ILS, walked down Drakes View and portions of the side roads to inspect the roads and discuss the project. The following week, Mike Ongerth and Mike Evans met and toured roads which had not been walked on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The next step will be for Irv and Mike Evans to prepare a preliminary description of the core project and plus possible optional parts with a rough cost estimate for each. Their description will be reviewed by the Task Force and PRERAB. Ken said that after this is received, the Task Force would meet to discuss it and the work to be included (or not) in the final project. It is likely that there will be questions and clarifications requested from Irv.

Ken said that the description, with clarifications and recommended options will be presented to residents for feedback at a meeting of PRE residents. He also said that he had briefed Rhonda Kutter, Aide to Supervisor Dennis Rodoni on the progress to date on the paving project.

John Levy and Randy Merk suggested that the members discuss various features to be included or excluded from the project be discussed. Ken suggested that PRERAB's discussion of features be deferred until the preliminary project description was received. At that time, he suggested the items to be discussed would include culverts, drop boxes, and the outfalls from existing culverts, among any other issues proposed by members. John also requested that we get cost estimates for all options PRERAB is considering.

3. Inverness Ridge Association Issues: Tim Stanton, IRA President, reported that the first phase of the summer chipping project had been completed and that a second phase of chipping was scheduled in early September after Labor Day. So far about 40 piles of cuttings have been chipped. The chipping project is now being handled entirely by the IRA which is charging members \$25 for each pile to be chipped. As of the date of the meeting, the program had resulted in seven new IRA members. There are already several new piles ready for chipping in September.

4. Current Road Projects: Mike Ongerth described three pending projects in PRE:

Douglas Slide. Mike reported that Inverness Gardening Service had not yet been able to do the temporary fix for the slide below the road on Douglas shortly before the upper driveway at 7 Douglas. The work will move the traveled portion of the road away from the slide by several feet (a "shoo fly") and placing of rock on the slide area below the road.

Asphalt Potholes. Mike said that potholes had appeared on Drakes View, Baywood and East Robert and Baywood Place and that he and Ron Bennett were checking with firms about their ability to do the patching work. Inverness Gardening Service and Lunny Grading and Paving were mentioned.

Dirt Road Work. Mike said that later in the fall work would be needed on the dirt roads in PRE. The work would include removing washboards, repairing potholes and restoring the road base piles. Mike said that the work should be done after the first fall rains so as to eliminate the need for a water truck and to reduce dust. He plans to contact Inverness Gardening Service and, perhaps others, to see if it can do the work.

5. Vegetation Issues and MCFD: Tamia Marg Anderson she had spoken to Christie Neill of the Marin County Fire Department and was told that the "envelope," the clearances beside and above Drakes View, needed to be enlarged for fire engine access. Christie suggested contacting Captain Ben Ghisletta of the MCFD to arrange a drive through PRE in a MCFD vehicle to see exactly how much vegetation needs to be cut back. Joe Burgess said that he had called the MCFD in Pt. Reyes twice to discuss such a drive and had received no response.

Mike observed that PRE continued to have dead and dying trees which endanger the roads and traffic. He said that he planned to mark trees needing attention. Once this had been completed, Joe and Mike would contact potential companies to do the needed work. The project will require a bid walk to make sure that all of the bidders understand the job.

6. Traffic Counters: In a recent email, a resident had noted that the traffic counts from several years ago showed the percentage of drivers turning off of Drakes View onto side roads. The resident questioned whether the traffic pattern had changed in the last year or two. This led to discussion of the two traffic counters that PRERAB purchased several years ago. John said that he had the two counters but that he did not know their current condition.

#### 7. Miscellaneous Items:

CalFire Grants. Tamia said that she and her husband had friends who had been evacuated during the recent Ferguson fire near Yosemite. These friends have extensive experience with obtaining grants from CalFire for fire hazzard work for their community. (Their community was saved in part due to this work.) Tamia suggested that they might be willing to make a presentation to residents in PRE about obtaining and executing CalFire grants. Tim said that the IRA would be interested in such a presentation either to the IRA Board on at a general meeting. He said that a smaller meeting would be preferable because the most interested residents could attend and there would be time for questions and answers.

Douglas-Laurel Exit. Randy Merk noted that the road from the end of Douglas to Laurel was one of the potential exits from PRE and suggested that road be added to PRERAB's program of flashy fuel and road side clearance work. Tamia and Mike agreed with his suggestion. Randy agreed to contact Nancy Bertelson to obtain permission for the proposed work. Ron said that he would contact the Laurel group about the work. Mike suggested that a representative of the Laurel group be invited to PRERAB meetings.

Open Issues. Tamia noted two unresolved issues which affected PRE: One was the PG&E powerline running from Elizabeth Place to Sunnyside and along Sunnyside. Despite token work by PG&E it remains a notable fire danger. The second issue was that owners or residents at 200 Sunnyside continued to park cars which sometimes spill out on and partially blocked Sunnyside Drive which is an exit route to Limantour Road.

Next Meeting: PRERAB members tentatively set its next meeting for November 3, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Burgess residence on Sunnyside.

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