

MINUTES
CITY OF YUCAIPA
TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Yucaipa City Hall, 34272 Yucaipa Blvd.
November 2, 2021

A regular meeting of the Trails and Open Space Committee was called to order by Kristine Mohler at 6:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: All in attendance rose to salute the U.S. flag.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristine Mohler, Mike Bagg, Kathy Barton, Kandie Cansler, DeDe Chudy, Rob Richmond, and Kathy Utley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adam Tissot (excused).

OTHERS PRESENT: City staff members Fermin Preciado, Scott Washburn, and Ben Matlock; community members Denise Allen, Doug Chudy, and Kent Colby.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION to approve October 2021 minutes by Kathy Utley; SECOND by Kandie Cansler. APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION to approve revised agenda (adding presentation on the Yucaipa Valley Wine Country Planning Committee); Kathy Utley; SECOND: Kandie Cansler. APPROVED.

PRESENTATION ON THE YUCAIPA VALLEY WINE COUNTRY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

- City planning manager Ben Matlock provided an update on the goal of the committee to advise the city on planning for fostering a wine tourism industry while preserving exiting property owner rights and complying with state housing regulations. The North Bench area of the city is identified as a suitable environment for viticulture, and the advisory committee is working to establish a rough framework for planning. The advisory committee consensus is roughly 50% residential/trails and 50% vineyard activity and open space (75% planted in grapes). The advisory committee has further identified three proposed categories of wineries: 1) micro-winery (minimum of 2-1/2 acres); 2) artisan winery (minimum of 5 acres); and 3) boutique winery (minimum of 10 acres). The advisory committee is charged with making specific plan recommendations to the City Council. Mr. Matlock invited members of the Trails & Open Space Committee and guests to contact him for additional information or to ask questions.
- Members of the Trails & Open Space Committee and attending guests asked questions regarding zoning, parking, protection of Wilson Creek, open space and trail opportunities, and public outreach. Several expressed concerns about the 2-1/2-acre minimum size for the micro-wineries. Kristine Mohler encouraged members of the Trails & Open Space Committee and meeting guests to remain engaged in the planning process and to attend meetings of the Yucaipa Valley Wine Country Planning Committee to express their opinions.

COMMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public in attendance participated in the discussion of the Yucaipa Valley Wine County Planning Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence addressed to the committee has been received.

FLOOD CORRIDOR PROTECTION GRANT: Fermin Preciado reported the city will stay abreast of potential grant opportunities which could potentially support trail connectivity along Wildwood Creek from the Wildwood Creek Basins to Bryant Street.

TAKE-A-HIKE:

- The next hike is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, to the Love Tree via Three Hawks Trail. Rob Richmond will lead the hike. Parking will be adjacent to the trailhead at Crafton Hills College. Kristine Mohler reported she would order additional hats to be awarded to hikers who complete six hikes.
- Rob Richmond will draft a hike schedule for 2022 for the committee's consideration.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

- Rob Richmond reported he has received the spreadsheet of trail adopters and will work with city staff to restart the quarterly reports process. Fermin Preciado added that the community services division is the point of contact for the Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Park, and Adopt-a-Street programs.

DESIGNATED PUBLIC MULTI-USE TRAILS: No update.

TRAIL CONNECTIVITY: There was discussion about desires to establish a trail in the area of the historic olive grove and connectivity along the flood control channel between 2nd Street and 10th Street.

CRAFTON HILLS CONSERVANCY: Rob Richmond reported that Adam Tissot and a group of mountain bike riders has volunteered to maintain the 38 Special trail within the conservancy.

YUCAIPA EQUESTRIAN ARENA COMMITTEE: Kathy Utley reported there has been increased event activity at the arena, particularly for youth.

YUCAIPA VALLEY CONSERVANCY: No update. Next board meeting will be February 2022.

SUPPORTERS OF WILDWOOD CANYON: DeDe Chudy reported the next board meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021.

STAFF REPORT:

- Fermin Preciado reported the City Council has approved an event for reopening El Dorado Ranch Park/Five Winds Ranch in March 2022.
- Fermin Preciado reported the city has begun the bidding process for improvements to the parking lot at the entrance to the soccer complex adjacent to Oak Glen Road.

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY (MADD) 2021

- DeDe Chudy asked if there was a plan to maintain the newly planted trees at Five Winds Ranch (weeding, securing stakes). Scott Washburn reported the city is exploring adding this to an

existing landscape maintenance arrangement, and that it could be suitable for a community volunteer effort.

TRAILS STANDARDS & TRAIL MAP: No update.

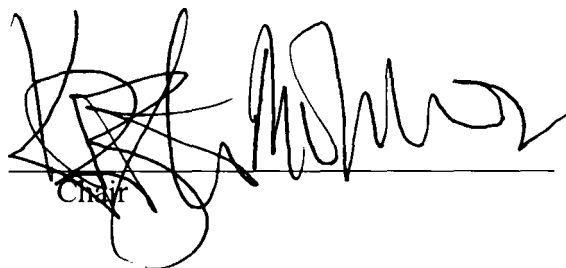
OTHER BUSINESS:

- Adopt a Park - El Dorado Ranch Park: No update.
- Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - Ad Hoc Committee Mountain Bike Park: Kathy Barton reported she will resume grant-seeking efforts for the third phase of the Wildwood Canyon Mountain Bike Trail. Kristine Mohler and Mike Bagg recapped the recent fundraising event at Hops and Spokes which raised more than \$1,000.
 - Ad Hoc Committee for Five Winds Ranch: No update.
- Proposition 68 Grant Application:
 - Dunlap Park: No update, city expects to receive decision on grant application by December 2021.
- American Viticultural Area Planning Committee: No additional update beyond earlier presentation.
- Five Winds Improvement Advisory Committee: No update.
- Grant Funding Update: Kathy Barton briefly described three potential grant programs from the state Department of Parks, all of which city staff are studying as well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Kathy Utley to adjourn meeting; SECOND by DeDe Chudy. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: _____



Chair