

Minutes of HMDAC Meeting, 7:00 pm August 3 2011, 2378 Lansdowne Place.

Attending: Mike Baldwin (Chair), Joyce Estes, Ginger Bryant, Paul Norberg, Robert Schussel, Richard Tirrell, Kathy Wildermuth, Kevin Smith.

1. Introduction of new members. Mike welcomed Kathy Wildermuth to the committee and reported that she would be joining Jane and Joyce on the inspection team. Kevin Smith arrived later and was introduced to the committee as the new HPOA Liaison, in place of Eli.
2. Initial performance by Coast Landscaping. Joyce expressed reservations about the quality of recent landscaping work, particularly weed control. Mike pointed out that this was a widespread problem this year as the late rains have caused the weeds to keep growing far beyond the normal date. The firebreaks are normally cut once or maybe twice each year but this year they have been cut several times, and this will continue right into August. It was suggested that we should establish some personal contact with Coast landscape staff and their supervisor Sergio. Mike will be away until mid-October and not available to meet but he agreed to make a proposal to James Nichols and James Olson that Joyce and perhaps one other member might meet with Sergio.
3. Painting of monuments. Joyce expressed considerable dissatisfaction at the quality of the work in the recent painting of several monuments. She documented the deficiencies, the salient points of which are as follows:

1. Large monument trellis has dry rot that was painted over. Should be inspected/treated for dry rot. Large monument letters were not painted and cut in was poor.
2. Small pillars at front – two at entrance and two next to large monument – letters and logo not painted. Marble is picking up stain from water runoff.
3. Monument on inbound lane – trellis could not be inspected as it was too tall to reach but should be inspected. Looks like wiring to nowhere was painted over.
4. Castillo monument – letters were painted with flat paint and green paint is on the monument. Cut in on back side was good but poor on the street side. Caps on this monument were painted at one time - they have brown paint on the top.
5. Orchard monument – Letters were painted with flat paint, cut in was poor. Caps painted with flat paint which doesn't give any definition and also won't last.
6. St. Andrews monument. Annuals have died and replaced with weeds. Granite sign is starting to discolor - can this be polished out? The 2 feet high weeds in back are still there.

Mike agreed to pass this list on to James N and James O for remedial action. This message would also report the need for cleaning out v-ditches and cleaning the white fences along the Parkway.

4. Update on plans for the waterfall and entrance areas. Mike reported on phone conversations with James Nichols concerning a meeting on Monday 8/1 with Kelly (?) of Coast and Michael Moore. Both of these had been given photos and plans of both sides of

the entrance to the Parkway, including the waterfall, and had been asked to prepare outline proposals for upgrading the landscaping. It is anticipated that their plans will be available for review in about 2 weeks. James stated that HMDAC staff will be invited to participate and comment on the proposals. Assuming that Jane is still recovering from surgery, the committee agreed that Joyce and Kathy would be involved in this review.

5. Situation re vandalism clean-up. Mike has spoken to both James N and James O on this subject. We were not satisfied with the tardy response to the vandalism occurring to the Orchards bridge on July 4th, which was actually cleaned up by residents, thanks to whom the offending graffiti had been removed and painted over. This as a line item in our budget and we expect a better response. We were told the situation should be improved in the future. James N reported that the entire bridge will be painted. Meanwhile the car driven by the perpetrators might have been identified and All-Phase is increasing patrols in the Orchards area. It was suggested and unanimously agreed that the resident clean-up crew, Maria and Bret, should be rewarded with a voucher for a meal at a local restaurant, courtesy of HPOA, as an acknowledgement of their contributions.
6. Update on repairs at the Welcome Center. Richard reported that the Vallejo Building Inspector Gary West turned down the initial plans for repairs to the dry rot in the arbor posts which involved replacing the posts only above the tops of the stone piers. Further investigation of the construction details will be carried out and new plans will be developed.
7. St John's Mine Road - Proposed meeting. Robert reported that he would be attending a meeting between the Vallejo Dept. of Public Works, represented by Bianca Gomez, and members of the Regulatory Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to be held in San Francisco on 8/10/11. The object of the meeting is to discuss what is formally described as the Hiddenbrooke Utility Corridor Erosion Repair and Slope Restoration Project. Robert has been advised he will be there only as an observer.
8. Update on crack and slurry sealing sidewalk/bike path along the Parkway. Mike reported that he had spoken to Mike Schreiner, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor for Streets. The sidewalk/bike path along the Parkway from the entrance to the Bennington cross-roads will be crack sealed within the next 6 weeks. At that time a determination will be made as to whether there is a need for slurry sealing.
9. Any Other Business – Tree replacement. There were questions as to when and where trees might be planted to replace the sick and dying trees that had been removed from the Parkway. Any discussion of the choice of replacements will be delayed until their locations are known. The Orchards mini-park site is one possibility but there should not be too many planted to block future development of the mini-park.