

**COMMUNITY TRAILS COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
March 10, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special meeting of the Community Trails Committee of the City of Highland was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair La Chausse at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

Present:	Chair	Robert La Chausse
	Vice Chair	Erwin Fogerson
	Member	Richard Bowman
	Member	Michael McMillan
	Member	Brent Merideth

Staff Present: Lawrence Mainez, Community Development Director  
Angela Tafolla, Assistant Planner  
Camille Goritz, Administrative Assistant III

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair La Chausse.

**COMMUNITY INPUT (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes from the February 10, 2022 Regular Meeting.

**A MOTION** was made by Member Bowman, seconded by Member McMillan, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried, 5-0.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

2. 2022 Citrus Harvest Festival

Assistant Planner Tafolla presented the staff report.

Chair La Chausse asked the members what times they were available to help with the trials booth.

Assistant Planner Tafolla stated we are asking for one hour shift per member during the festival.

The Community Trails Committee gave their availability time slot to Assistant Planner Tafolla.

Chair La Chausse asked will staff have handouts to give to the community?

Assistant Planner Tafolla stated yes, we will. We will also inform the community of the Annual Trails Day, we will be prompting the trails in Highland, and how can they take care of them.

### 3. 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Trails Day

Community Development Director Mainez stated the Community Trails Committee was one of the first committees created when Highland became a city. Trails are very important; Highland was mostly orange groves in the hills and City Council wanted to preserve all the trails. The Community Trails Committee has a trails event every year to get people inspired about walking the trails, maintaining them, picking up trash, using the trails, and some people don't even know we have trails in the city.

Member Merideth stated generally there is a strong interest by a lot of people to participate. It is usually attended by 30-40 people every year. It is a great way to get out and talk especially after the pandemic. In the past we have had CVS Pharmacy sponsor the event and it provided snacks.

Community Development Director Mainez stated yes, we will have sponsorships. In the past I think the biggest Annual Trails Day generated about 300 people and then every year it dwindled down. I would expect a good turn out this year. We will reach out through social media, word of mouth, also letting neighbors know. Once we pick a date, this will go to City Council for approval on April 14, 2022.

Chair La Chausse stated I remember we were talking about making flyers and taking them to the local elementary and middle schools, however even an electronic way to reach out to the schools to inform them of trails day.

Assistant Tafolla stated we will also do a Chamber of Commerce presentation, Next Door Application, and Facebook for more outreach. She presented the three sites that is potentially where the Annual Trails Day event will take place.

Community Development Director Mainez stated I reached out to Heather, who is General Manager for San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. They recently acquired this property for reclamation and other things related to water. I told her that we would be meeting with you guys tonight and we are looking for some sites and she had talked to me about promoting the site, eventually doing some master planning out there. I thought this would be a great opportunity for us to walk the site for trails event, but also have the property owner set up a booth to show the public what's going to happen out there in the future. It's not confirmed yet, but that's a potential site. There is also Cowyn Camp Road, and City Creek. We can talk about the trails having signage.

Member Fogerson stated he would like to outreach to the west side of the city as well, so they are able to participate.

Community Development Director Mainez stated our staff including the Sheriff's Department will make sure it's a clean and safe environment for the event. There is a lot of parking I think we designated even onsite parking and the beauty of this site is amazing.

Chair La Chausse stated as a committee we should figure out where the Annual Trails Day will be held. How about we make a motion.

**A MOTION** was made by Member Bowman, seconded by Vice Chair Fogerson, to approve City Creek as the site for Annual Trails Day on June 4, 2022. Motion carried, 5-0.

Member Merideth stated he would like to make a motion on the Harmony site, is that possible?

Community Development Director Mainez stated since we made a motion we will go with City Creek for June 4, 2022, Annual Trails Day, however we can possibly do this trail in November 2022.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Merideth stated there is an existing already paved bike trail along La Cresta and there is a very nice pathway. It is open on one end and closed on the other, but it is closed at a street.

Community Development Director Mainez stated on Greenspot Road there is maintenance access gate. It's a Flood Control access to maintain the facilities and then along the larger tract homes.

Member Merideth would like staff to follow up to receive access to the trail. There is a section off Highland Avenue where Highland posted plans to start housing development, and there is potential for a bike lane extension, however the empty lot prevents any bike lane or sidewalk.

Community Development Director Mainez stated we can update you on that. If there is development, then they will have to put in a bike lane and sidewalk.

Community Trails Committee thanked Bob Hitchman for helping with cleaning up the trails.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Robert La Chausse declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Camille Goritz,  
Administrative Assistant III

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Robert La Chausse,  
Community Trails Committee Chair