



Posted: Friday, October 13, 2023

NOTICE AND CALL OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Trinidad Trails Advisory Committee will meet on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM

at the Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad, CA.

For your convenience, this meeting will be held in person and via videoconference hosted on the Zoom platform.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment may be submitted via email in advance of the meeting, or in an orderly process during the meeting. Please delivery your comments to 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad, CA by 2:00pm on the day of the meeting the meeting or email asouza@trinidad.ca.gov.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: You are invited to participate in person at Trinidad Town Hall or by Zoom. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87112171587?pwd=VUtMd2JWb1ZsaldqVWgrVzIIUgwdz09>

To phone in, dial 888-278-0296 (toll free); Conference Code: 685171 Meeting ID: 871 1217 1587 Password: 698790

Please note that live meeting logistics will be prioritized. The quality of the Zoom teleconference meeting cannot be guaranteed. Technical challenges experienced by either the participant or the City will not interrupt or halt progress of the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members: Jack West (City Council), Tom Hopkins (Planning Com.), Trina Matthews (Trinidad Rancheria), Sherri Provolt (Yurok Tribe), Kelly Lindgren (Tsurai Ancestral Society), Tim Needham (Resident)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04-18-2023

III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Update on the Parker Creek Trail.
2. Update on the repair of the base of the Axel Lindgren Trail.
3. Update on the Coastal Commission discussion regarding the Van Wycke Trail.
4. Update on Edwards Street striping and crossing zones next year and how it will effect the trails to the harbor, beach and State Park.
5. Bench PowerPoint.
6. Update on trails guideposts.
7. Discussion about plans and specifications for trails and signage designs. This could include maintenance and assessment of trail conditions.
8. In-Person meetings.

V. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS
COMMITTEE TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 VIA ZOOM**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (5:00 pm)

Committee Members Present: West (CC), Hopkins (PC), Needham (R)

Alternate Committee Members Present:

Committee/Alternate Members Absent: Clayburn (Y), Kelly (CC), Mathewson (TAS) Myers (Y), Lindgren (TAS)

City Staff: Naffah, Souza

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By consensus the agenda was accepted as submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

V. STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS

West reported that Cheryl and Anita Thompson are no longer members of the Trails Committee.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

None.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Trail signage - discussion/ decision on trail post replacements and whether or not to add trail names and/or safety information.

West informed the committee that three or four posts have been replaced. He would like to work with the State Parks. He asked for post and sign design ideas.

There was a discussion about the number of committee members.

2. Trinidad area management team - report out on any recent meeting outcomes or direction. Discussion about repairing and opening the Parker Creek and Axel Lindgren Memorial Trails.

Naffah explained that the goal is to open the Parker Creek Trail and Old Home Beach by Memorial Day weekend. The Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail (ALMT) will remain closed with additional fencing and signage directing people to Parker Creek Trail. Logs, driftwood and debris will be removed from the base of the trail.

Tristan Cole asked about the Trinidad Rancheria's specific concerns about the trails. Naffah stated that the lower part of the ALMT is in bad shape and the Rancheria would like to reroute the trail westward. He also explained that it cuts through the 12.5 acres of study area. He also noted excessive erosion.

Anita Thompson asked about the progress that has been made on the trails since the February 10th closure. Naffah explained that City Planner Trever Parker has been working on the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) and Coastal Commission approval. Nothing physical has been done yet. Thompson noted that trails near the ocean will always suffer from erosion and that safety will always be an issue.

Hopkins asked for clarity regarding the City's liability regarding trails. Naffah explained that usage of trails is "at own risk."

Needham asked why the Tsurai Management Team meetings are closed. Naffah explained that the meetings are closed when they discuss cultural resources. Needham voiced his frustration and noted the lack of repairs over the past 17 years to the ALMT. He also exclaimed that the Parker Creek Trail should not be closed.

Zoe Ziegler stressed the importance of open and early communication when trails are closed.

Anita Thompson noted that in addition to the ALMT and the Parker Creek Trail the Van Wycke Trail is closed and the Galindo Trail is scheduled to be closed.

3. Trail maps - continued discussion on short term and long-term approaches to trail maps (to include a few sample maps)

West provided samples of online trail maps. Zoe Ziegler shared the Land Trust meeting link. Hopkins suggested reaching out to the Trinidad Rancheria and Yurok Tribe for "native names" of locations.

4. Bench program - survey of existing benches will be presented with recommendations for plaque updates and bench repair.

West discussed the bench inventory and policy. The new bench policy offers plaques for \$1,000 for ten (10) years. He will provide a PowerPoint at the next meeting.

5. Update- Steps to Trinidad Head

There was a discussion about the steps to Trinidad Head. Naffah explained that he spoke with the California Conservation Corp. about restoring the steps. He provided a scenario in which 15 people worked for one week at a cost of \$15,600.

VII. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

- Signage Inventory and Recommendations
- TMT Meeting
- Trinidad Head Steps
- Galindo Street Updates
- Benches Update
- Trail Maps Update
- Trail Policy
- Bench Policy

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M. Next meeting will be on July 17, 2023 at 5:00P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Anton J. Souza
Deputy Clerk

Jack West
Council Member

Index:

CC: City Council

PC: Planning Commission

R: Resident

TAS: Tsurai Ancestral Society

TNCLT: Trinidad North County Land Trust

TR: Trinidad Rancheria

Y: Yurok



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 1

NO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

1. Update on the Parker Creek Trail.



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 2

NO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

2. Update on the repair of the base of the Axel Lindgren Trail.



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 3

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3. Update on the Coastal Commission discussion regarding the Van Wycke Trail.



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 4

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4. Update on Edwards Street striping and crossing zones next year and how it will effect the trails to the harbor, beach and State Park.



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 5

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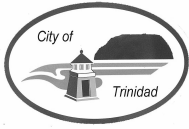
5. Bench PowerPoint.



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 6

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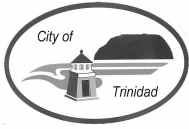
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DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 7

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7. Discussion about plans and specifications for trails and signage designs. This could include maintenance and assessment of trail conditions.



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 8

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

8. In-Person meetings.

- *Summary pf AB2449*
- *Memorandum on in-person meetings.*

AB 2449, SHORT SUMMARY

Per AB 2449 when other criteria (i.e. state of emergency) do not apply, there must be just cause or emergency circumstances for the member to participate remotely. The following must be applied:

Just Cause:

- Can only be used two times per calendar year.
- Member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances related to their need to appear remotely. (No action of legislative body needed.)
- “Just cause” means any of the following:
 - (A) A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely. “Child,” “parent,” “grandparent,” “grandchild,” and “sibling” have the same meaning as those terms do in Section 12945.2.
 - (B) A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.
 - (C) A need related to a physical or mental disability as defined in Sections 12926 and 12926.1 not otherwise accommodated by subdivision (g).
 - (D) Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

Emergency Circumstances:

- “Emergency circumstances” means a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.
- The legislative body must take action at the earliest opportunity to approve the request (agendize if possible, vote to approve. If no time to agendize, take action at the beginning of the meeting per GC 54954.2).
- Member must provide a general description regarding the need to appear remotely.
 - This description does not need to exceed 20 words, no medical diagnosis, disability, or personal medical info exempt under the law required to be disclosed.
- Member makes request as soon as possible. Member must make a separate request for each meeting they intend to appear remotely.

A member may participate remotely for just cause or for an emergency (combined) only for three consecutive months, or for 20 percent of regular meetings in a calendar year.

In both circumstances, member must publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member’s relationship with any such individuals.

Member must participate via AUDIO and VISUAL technology (i.e. camera must be on).

Roll call vote will be required for all items when any member is participating remotely.



THE MITCHELL LAW FIRM, LLP

October 4, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Russ Gans

From: Shae Johnston

Re: Trinidad Trails Committee

While the trails committee is permitted to use teleconference services for the benefit of the public, a quorum of members must be physically present at the meeting. Under Section 54953(f)(1) of the Brown Act, a teleconference service such as Zoom can be used for the benefit of the public, but a quorum must be physically present. The quorum can only be composed of members present at the meeting and does not include members participating via Zoom.

However, in some instances, for emergencies or just cause, members can participate remotely when the committee approves. In the case of just cause, the member must notify the committee at the earliest opportunity by providing a general description of the reasons for the need to appear remotely. Just cause includes a need to provide childcare or caregiving, a contagious illness, needs relating to a physical or mental disability, or an inability to attend because of official business travel. Excusal from in-person attendance for just cause can only be granted twice in a calendar year.

In the case of emergency circumstances, members must request the committee to allow them to participate remotely due to an emergency. An emergency circumstance is a family or personal medical emergency preventing a member from attending in person. As for just cause, a general description of the reasons for the need to appear remotely is required. A member is not permitted to participate remotely for more than three consecutive months or twenty percent of the regular meetings for the committee or more than two meetings if the committee meets less than ten times per calendar year.