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

The Trinidad Trails Advisory Committee will meet on

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 at 5:00 PM**

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

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*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](mailto: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/85138295926?pwd=OH64YDZ3kjLTDLJszPpdjHPeNf8tTj.1>

To phone in, dial 888-278-0296 (toll free); Conference Code: 685171 Meeting ID: 851 3829 5926 Password: 884441

**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), (Trinidad Coastal Land Trust)**

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04-18-2023, 10-17-2023**

### **III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

### **IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. Purpose of the meeting.
2. City Manager Update.
3. Trail Committee Goals.
4. PowerPoint: Outlining post locations, types of posts and decals.
  - A short PowerPoint will show where the City would like to add posts within the City, including areas of concern, types of posts, and trail maps.
5. Benches: Consider sales of benches for the next meeting.

### **V. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

- Bench Policy
- Decision about types of posts, trail markers, and trail signs

### **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

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**TNCLT: Trinidad North County Land Trust**

**TR: Trinidad Rancheria**

**Y: Yurok**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD TRAILS  
COMMITTEE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 VIA ZOOM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (5:00 P.M.)  
Committee Members Present: Jack West (City Council), Tom Hopkins (Planning Com.), Trina Matthews (Trinidad Rancheria), Sherri Provolt (Yurok Tribe), Kelly Lindgren (Tsurai Ancestral Society) joined via Zoom  
Committee Members Absent: Tim Needham (Resident)  
City Staff: Naffah, Souza

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04-18-2023  
*This item will be postponed to the next meeting.*

- III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR  
*None.*

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Update on the Parker Creek Trail.

City Manager Naffah explained that the Parker Creek Trail was reopened the Friday before Memorial Day. A large log was removed and the base of the trail was made more gradual and less dangerous.

West inquired about future maintenance.

Provolt asked if signage had been updated for Old Home Beach.

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

Naffah informed the Committee that the ALMT remains closed. The six-month closure expires in November. Using a Seventh Generation grant the Tsurai Ancestral Society commissioned GHD to create a report. That report will not be available to the City until after it has been presented to the TAS board.

Lindgren noted that the GHD report is a comprehensive redesign plan and includes restructuring the base of the trail. She said the plan is to present the report to the Tsurai Management Team at the November meeting.

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

Naffah reported that the Coastal Commission voted not to accept the appeal and gave the City six months to pursue steps toward opening the trail. He said this would require meetings with the Yurok Tribe, Tsurai Ancestral Society, and the Coastal Commission.

Provolt asked if an erosion study had occurred. Naffah said he would talk to the City Engineer to find out when the last geological report took place.

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.

Naffah provided an overview of grant-funded crosswalks and striping at Hector Street and at Galindo Street. He said there is also potential for sidewalks.

5. Bench PowerPoint.

West shared the Trails Bench PowerPoint presentation. He also provided a brief overview of the bench policy.

Provolt suggested creating a unique coastal bench style. Hopkins recommended thicker boards or second growth redwood. Mathewson asked about the budget for bench maintenance.

6. Update on trails guideposts.

West provided photos of various guideposts.

Lindgren recommended metal posts that require less ground disturbance. She asked that post information be sent to the Tsurai Management Team.

West will meet with State Park representatives in November. He stressed consistency with signage.

There was a discussion about the State Park sign across from the Cal Poly Marine Lab. Hopkins suggested incorporating native names for trails and locations.

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

West provided photos of various trail signs and asked for ideas.

Provolt would like to standardize the rock foundations on the benches.

West said that he will also talk with State Parks regarding trail maintenance.

Eli shared that a bench on Edwards is currently being restored. He asked about moving it slightly to the east to provide a view.

8. In-Person meetings.

The Committee discussed AB2449 requiring in-person meetings.

V. REQUEST FOR FUTURE ITEMS

West asked for future items to be emailed to him.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 6:20 P.M.

Submitted by:

**Anton J. Souza**  
**Administrative Assistant**

Approved by:

**Jack West**  
**Council Member**

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## **DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 3**

### **NO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

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#### 3. Trail Committee Goals.

**Trail Committee Goals:** These are goals I would like to consider for the meeting. Please bring any suggestions:

- Maintenance Timeline (2024)
  - Develop a timeline for regular maintenance
  - Develop a budget for regular and emergency maintenance
  - Work with the City to define the emergency contact
- Benches (2024)
  - Develop a method for purchasing a bench
  - Open bench purchases to the public
  - Develop a plan for keeping track of dates of purchase and renewals
  - Follow the Bench Policy for all other matters
- Trail Markers (2024)
  - Work with the various partners to come up with consistent markers for all Trinidad trails
  - Work with the State Parks to develop similar signage for travel between entities
  - Find posts that all partners agree look nice but provide the least ground disturbance
  - Decide on the most important trail signage for each post
- Trail Signs (2025-26)
  - Develop signage for larger trails or more information with partnerships
  - Work to develop names or change names for all trails
- Maps of trails and connections (2024-25)
  - Create a map that shows current trails & connections through the City of Trinidad
  - Include connections outside of Trinidad to State lands to the north, the Little River Trail and the Trinidad Head trails
  - When the Axel Lindgren Trail is opened and the decisions about the Van Wycke/Galindo trails are settled, update the map to a permanent design
- State Park Partnership
  - The State Park will be working on the connection to the north of the City
- Yurok Tribe Partnership
  - The Yurok Tribe has an interest in protecting land while keeping trails open, but only on designated trails and benches
  - The Yurok Tribe is concerned about protecting artifacts and ground disturbances in the Trinidad area
- Tsurai Partnership
  - The Tsurai is concerned about protecting the Tsurai Village area and wishes to have public trails defined to keep tourists and locals from leaving the trails
- Rancheria Partnership
  - The Rancheria
- Land Trust Partnership
- The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust would like to see well-marked trails throughout the greater Trinidad area, including stronger signage and well-maintained trails systems
- Vegetation Removal (Ongoing)
  - All partners would like to see invasive plant species removed and native plant species planted