

Ellwood Trails and Habitat Restoration Design Project
Public Workshop #2
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Scribe Notes

- Annie Lynn - "Friends of Ocean Meadows" Representative:
 - Wants to address connectivity, neighborhood compatibility; regional context
 - Concerns regarding noise adjacent to SFRs;
 - Trail Option 2 is "the only option"
 - UCSB Housing – more people, and density concerns
 - Accessibility/corridors/UCSB
 - Reference to Veneco Site
 - Add another Beach access point close to UCSB and Veneco area
- Resident – Peter :
 - Historic point re: Devereux slough and trespassing signs
 - Concerns regarding cutting off access with other trails once improvements are made.
 - Overwhelmed with increasing access; will generate more problems
 - "Why create solutions when there are no problems?"
 - If you do the improvements:
 - Make De Anza Trail accessible
 - Keep hands off of Coastal Trail
- Sue – Neighbor:
 - Would like to echo some points;
 - Problem regarding erosion; if we build bridges, more people would walk and create more problems like potholes.
 - Don't need to build bridge; "when it's wet, we don't go there"
 - Not in favor of bridge, in favor of correcting water flow along bluff top.
 - Problem can be solved by prohibiting access
- Mike - Former Parks Manager – Trails Council rep
 - Think its important to do some improvements because it's been abandoned by absentee owners; don't need road... (but what about Fire Dept.?)
 - Consider integrating coastal trail closer to bluff top so we don't have multiplicity.

- In my point of view, Ellwood Mesa is in a degraded state from what it could've been and what it could be. Proliferation of trails could be trouble; use this opportunity.
- Peter – neighbor:
 - Been riding trails for 20 years.
 - Every trail that's there is used, if its not used, it goes away. Nature takes over.
 - Hasn't changed in 20 years
 - Got Haskells and Coal Point that is totally ADA compliant.
 - Part of the joy of Ellwood Mesa is it being natural; no bridges, no walkways
- Gary – Gentleman in Wheelchair:
 - Can't access sites anymore. Wants to be able to get out there.
 - Doesn't want pavement, keep trails natural as possible, but smooth... free of potholes.
 - (someone referred to paved road for access) Noted it's too steep for wheelchair access... something to think about.
- SB resident:
 - Wanted to reaffirm about accessibility and enjoying nature for all
 - Likes that ADA can provide others with access
 - Take this opportunity
- Vick Cox:
 - Bluff top erosion of trails
 - Concern about safety
- Rich Rovass - Worked in Parks; President of Anza Trail Foundation:
 - Gary is right; whole trail needs to be accessible;
 - Bring together group with disabilities and rate the options
 - If its "accessible", it better be accessible to all...
 - Who's NOT here? How do we deal with people who are going to use and leave?
 - Need to education population – "take it in, take it out"... trail ethics.
 - Benches, trash cans, restrooms ???
 - Would like to work with City on this effort; conditions regarding accessibility
- Dana Trout:
 - Reference to bluffs being abandoned for 10 years, now we see invasive species.
 - Previously stuff was mowed for fire prevention, should reinstate this practice
 - Dirt from berm to improve erosion along blufftop – excellent idea
 - Otherwise just leave it.

- Coronado Dr. Resident:
 - Traffic on Coronado – busiest access point for butterflies;
 - Reference to new crossings with creeks and access from last year... needs to be wide enough for two way traffic.
 - Bluff trails – vary in width... take average, but don't destroy widest points b/c that's where people stop to enjoy the view.
 - If stairways were agreed upon, the stairs in the power point looked attractive; concerned about material being washed away.
 - Heavy traffic on Coronado...tour buses double parking.
 - Signage on Hollister would direct to Sperling, but has only seen one sign.
 - No sign about park here for parking lot.
 - Wants sign on Coronado saying "no parking"
 - Wagner → other plans are in place to address access.
- Resident: (Dr. Jahnke)
 - Has question re: processing issue
 - Confused regarding access to all documents; Public Records Request Act.
 - Confused as to why docs/comments aren't available
 - Wants to know information about Fire Plan... website not very user friendly nor very clear; wants to be a friend of the process
 - Wells → spoke to materials being available online and to call for assistance with navigation on the site.
- Coronado St. Resident:
 - Has idea for stickers on cars (or permit) for those that are permitted to park on Coronado during butterfly seasons. And a sign on Coronado that directs people to the Sperling parking lot.
 - Sees both sides of the coin – concern re: not closing the parallel trails.
 - Berm idea is awesome
 - Concern re: access to beach and safety; knows we need to address different needs
- Marian Cohen – Docent:
 - Many more people use Ellwood now.
 - Sees the time and effort and trying to incorporate everyone's input; gave thanks to Ray for his work.
 - Likes drainage concept; was happy that bluff and parallel trails will remain as its useful for cross-traffic; also makes it more interesting visually
 - Don't make CT too wide
 - If stairs, what was depicted is the best; it could be done, but sees how it's more interesting left as-is, but is torn re: accessibility.
- Resident:

- All things heard are great; should plan to accommodate more people as Goleta is only going to grow.
- Resident:
 - Can't really access the site now... asphalt should be removed as it's a safety concern for falls and trips.
- Resident:
 - Ice plant removal – how's that done?
 - Darlene → mentioned different methods to remove ice plant
- Resident:
 - Spoke to area on northeastern side of property
 - Ray spoke to this – not really in scope of project.
- Resident:
 - Question regarding fixed budget and cost associated with project?
 - Ray → all money for this phase has been funded through grants acquired by the Trails Council. Need to know extent of project description in order to figure out future costs and budgeting needs.
- Resident:
 - Fire Dept. maintenance – once maintained when under private ownership, why not now?
 - Anne → now under fire plan, these methods would be reinstated or similar practices
- Resident:
 - Fire Dept. uses Mesa for training purposes – heads up!
- Resident:
 - The gentleman in the wheelchair should be able to access the bluffs.
 - Main issue is traffic; prefer Option 2 for trail realignment – seems to be the best alternative
 - Other bridges in other places, leave as is.
 - Likes the plan for the gully at eastern end – naturalize it.
- Resident:
 - Likes option 1C first, and then option 1B... seems like Option 2 would require too much widening and would result with tree loss
- Resident:
 - Liked Option 2 for realignment
 - Agree with removing asphalt at access point F.