

**COMMUNITY TRAILS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 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
	Member	Richard Bowman
	Member	Brent Merideth

Absent:	Vice Chair	Erwin Fogerson
	Member	Michael McMillan

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair La Chausse.

COMMUNITY INPUT (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

Bob Hitchman, Public Speaker thanked Assistant Planner Tafolla for setting up Annual Trails Day, she was prepared and knows how to multitask very well. I would like to also thank our HIT team, Denise Moreno, which was a spur of the moment. There is a lot of homeless living in the wash, but the one comment I heard from the community walking to the trails was "Is it safe?" we let the community know to stay on top of the levees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the May 12, 2022 Special Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Member Bowman, seconded by Member Merideth, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried, 3-0, with Vice Chair Fogerson and Member McMillan being absent.

BUSINESS ITEM

Members of the board made a motion to add an additional business item to the agenda: An overview of the Annual Trails Day event on June 4, 2022. Motion carried, 3-0-2, with Vice Chair Fogerson and Member McMillan being absent.

Community Development Director Mainez thanked the CTC members for the effort and time spent on Trails Day. We had approximately 26 participants. Assistant Planer Tafolla did a great job.

Member Bowman stated he thinks it went very well, didn't have any issues, however he wishes there was more participants and advertising for the event.

Member Merideth stated he did see Peachjar and San Bernadino Sun advertisements which was helpful. There was mention of a firetruck being at the event, however it never showed up. Do you know what happened?

Community Development Director Mainez stated I did not follow up, but I assume they were called out, but I will follow up.

Member Merideth stated in the future it would be nice combine Touch a Truck and Trails Day event, so kids could be more involved. It was great weather, anytime between mid-March and June could work. There was a lot of snacks and water provided. I'm not sure how effective the signs were that we had pointing people to the park.

Chair La Chausse stated I'd like to have seen greater participation, given the money spent on advertising for this event. I do not recall seeing school aged kids at the event. I think a better way to advertise next time is if we can put a Caltrans flashing sign two months in advance on Baseline that says Trails Day event is coming up. I made copies of the flyers myself and distributed them to businesses and residents. We couldn't have picked a better day; however, we could have picked a better spot that shows off the city. I didn't hear anybody complain about the rigor or the distance of the trail. I appreciate the hard work and investment staff put into this event, coming into work on a Saturday morning. I think we can take the lessons that we learned from this and carry those forward into the next Annual Trails Day.

Member Bowman suggested to start planning and providing flyers earlier next time.

1. Eagle Scout Project Proposal

The Eagle Scout Benjamin Shumate did not show to the meeting to give an overview of the project proposal.

Community Development Director Mainez apologized for the Boy Scout for not showing.

A MOTION was made by Chair La Chausse, seconded by Member Merideth, to table the agenda item to hear Benjamin Shumate's Eagle Scout project proposal and provide Mr. Shumate with comments and or recommendations, as necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Merideth thanked Bob Hitchman for helping the CTC members set up the Annual Trails Day.

Community Development Director we are planning on having a meeting July 14, 2022.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair La Chausse declared the meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Camille Goritz,

Robert La Chausse,

Administrative Assistant III

Community Trails Committee Chair