

EQUESTRIAN FRIENDS OF ED LEVIN PARK

Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 9, 2010; 8:00 a.m.
Ed Levin Maintenance Shed - Milpitas, CA

An informal meeting with Park Maintenance Supervisor Angel Macatiag was coordinated. Representing EFOEL, were Becky, Cliveden, and Debbie.

Becky advised that this would be her last EFOEL meeting due to her resignation and move to Washington State.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the EFOEL Board to Angel and to discuss maintenance of trails.

Angel advised that Trail Management within the County Parks is supervised by Greg Bringelson at SCC Parks Admin.

Angel explained that the scheduling of trail maintenance is very difficult due to scheduling conflicts with the trail grading contractor (Jin Mark) and uncooperative weather patterns. Trail Grading crew and equipment must be reserved approximately 1-year in advance. A major grading project is scheduled for the Airpoint trail and a reconstruction project is scheduled for the Los Coches Ridge trail later this month, weather permitting. The work will occur from October 25 – 29, at which time both trails will be closed to traffic.

We discussed several project ideas with Angel, who advised that we would need to submit these project plans to Parks Admin using the appropriate county forms. Angel will send Debbie a sample of the forms.

Several of the projects that we discussed were:

1. Repair / Replace plastic water trough located on Tularcitos trail at the single horse paddock near the dog park.
2. Install picnic table and tie rail near same area.
3. Install picnic table and tie rail near water trough located at the intersection of the Agua Caliente and Monument Peak Trail.
4. Create a safe creek crossing, possibly replacing the footbridge on the Agua Caliente Trail at the S. Fork of Calera Creek.
5. Install suggestion boxes (2)
6. Install water diversion logs on some of the steeper trails, to avoid erosion from runoff.

We advised Angel that the prior years of trail grading have not been efficient. After a few rains, the dirt washes out of the troughs and the trails become very rough again. Angel advised that he would ask the trail crew to complete a deep grading to resurface the trails.

We thanked Angel for his time and we look forward to working with him in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Souza
Secretary, EFOEL