

PATHWAYS COMMITTEE

Special Meeting Agenda

November 17, 2025, at 6:30pm

Duxbury Conference Room, Town Hall 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA

1. Call to Order at 6:38pm

Members Present: Nick Erndt, Mike Orlando, Richard Partridge, Marc Gurwith

Absent: Mike Henshaw

Guest: John Lewis

2. Agenda Review

All presents have reviewed agenda

3. Review & Approval of Minutes for September and October 25 PWC meetings

September minutes: Nick moves, Mike seconds. All in favor with abstention by Richard.

October minutes: Nick moves to approve, Mike seconds, all in favor, no abstention

4. Ex Parte Communications

Nick says he's had discussions with WooJae and Astha about 2025-27 PWC plan, with feedback and edits.

5. Staff Update on Pathways (Projects, Maintenance, etc.)

a. Summerhill Avenue Pathway update

Astha updated. She met with county roads, particularly their land development director to get clarification and their particular requirement for stop signs and crosswalk striping. The county is currently requiring curb ramps and making the pathway ADA compliant. Astha has indicated that the Town's community development director will be part of conversations with the county to help bring along the development of the pathway segments there. Nick pointed out for the Town to underscore in meetings with the county that the pathways are recreational and thus not subject to ADA compliance in the same way sidewalks might be. WooJae also indicated that some of the stop signs would go on private streets, which adds another layer of complication.

Astha indicated that they would update at the next PWC meeting. We need additional 10-foot easement. Next steps

b. Magdalena Avenue Pathway update

They have done survey staking and the design phase. Summer of 2026 is when the build will be.

Two segments currently on private property, Astha will send those out to PWC for a follow-up.

c. Altamont- Moody to Corbetta Lane Pathway update

This will be deferred to 2026-27 PW plan presentation.

d. Maple Leaf Court – Middle Fork Lane update

Site walk was planned for October, but this was deferred. GIS was put in place in early November. When the CAD file is delivered, site walk will be performed (late Nov/early Dec). Then the biological CEQA process will proceed. This should take six months, then council approval and planning commission approval. WooJae indicated that this might be a

challenging section to put into place; there is a seasonal creek that runs through this segment, plus one resident who is in opposition to this particular segment because of improvements in public ROW. Code compliance officer has notified resident. Nick pointed out that there should be a more direct plan towards moving towards a resolution with this resident. WooJae said there will be a second notice sent out to residents. WooJae also indicated that this segment has been on the agenda for two years; the Town's attorneys are working with the resident's attorney.

The conclusion was to revisit in a future month to see if there is progress.

- e. **Bicycle/Horses/Pedestrian signs on summit of steep paths update** - Bicycles on pathways – identify pathways where additional signage may be useful (can we use GIS maps to find steep paths?) Known pathways that are steep include Elena to Natoma, Elena to Taaffe, La Paloma to Robleda, Westwind Jan 1 intermediate hike path
Update on sign acquisition. WooJae said signs have been ordered and he projects that by the December PWC meeting signs should be physically in Town's possession and some possibly installed.

- f. **Old Page Mill Road to Christopher Lane Path update**

Caltrans update- Nick suggested that we have a monthly contact at CalTrans to just remind them. Nick said he'll reach out to Bob to continue to contact each other monthly.

- g. **PWC Notification of New Development**

Implementation update: WooJae said that by the Nov 18 Council meeting this will be finalized and set up on the website. This will be rolled out soon. WooJae indicated that any development adjacent to MPP where permit is approved, pathways committee will be notified timely.

Nick clarified: when a property on the MPP over 900sf comes up for development, WooJae will let PWC know so that we can go and see how this development might impact the pathways (such as overlap), we can get ahead of it as a committee.

Ad hoc committee formed: Mike, Marc.

Next step: How does PWC get notified? WooJae said that this can go on the monthly PWC agenda, unless there is a shorter timeline. In that case, planning will notify PWC via email about the site development plan. WooJae said that "notify PWC" might be added to the site development checklist starting Nov 19.

- h. **Maintenance update**

Nick said that there had been noticeable leveling and maintenance before the rain started. Mike indicated that he had noticed this as well.

6. **Review & Approval of Pathways Annual Report & Priorities for 2026-27 Council Priorities**

Nick displayed and shared the draft annual report/priorities and explained its contents. Some shifts were made in verbiage and goals were clarified.

Mike moves to approve the plan as modified, Richard seconds, all in favor.

7. Review & Approve New Years Day pathway walks starting at Westwind Barn

Nick displayed the map of proposed NYD walks and there was discussion about specific routes. Richard would lead a short walk, Nick would lead the middle route, and Mike would lead the long route.

Routes were approved as Nick penciled them out with a note that he would create three separate maps for submission to Michael and the Town. There is an intention to publish this in the Town newsletter ASAP. Nick will send the routes to Emina and Erica with the three approved walkways and WooJae will help get the word out.

8. Property Review

None this month, but hopefully this will initiate soon due to new process.

9. Old Business

a. Pathways on new development parcels – pathway segments potentially for 2026-2027

This was discussed and integrated into 2026-27 PWC plan

b. Adding pathway loops to GIS pathway maps

This was discussed and integrated into 2026-27 PWC plan

Mike shared a website he found: <https://lahrecreationtrails.org/>

Richard suggested a pathways column in Town newsletter.

c. Recruit new members for the Pathways committee

John Lewis (present) intends to join pending Town council approval.

10. New Business

There was discussion about visibility of the pathways maintenance form ("Report a concern"), and ways to make it more visible/transparent to the public.

Nick commented that certain paths get mucky in the rain or have poor drainage; are there ways to mitigate this?

Proposal to review layers for pathway grading (both on-road and off-road), and what the standards are for each and/or what they should be. Liaison with the Open space committee on this.

11. Presentations from the Floor

Action items for Bob: Christopher Lane; NYD loops; pathways materials and Open space committee voice in this

12. Reports from Other Meetings

None

13. Agenda Topics for Next PWC Meeting

See "new business"

Mike moves that next meeting be on Monday Dec 15 6:30pm due to holidays. Nick seconds, all in favor.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm