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APPENDIX A

PERSONS CONTACTED

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APPENDIX B

QUESTIONNAIRE SUMMARY

A questionnaire in the form of a comment sheet was provided at all public meetings and was made available at the park entrances. The following is a summary of responses:

1. How often do you visit Huddart and/or Wunderlich Parks?

- I have never been – 0
- I have visited once – 2
- I visit once a year – 2
- I visit 2 to 4 times per year – 17
- I visit once a month – 36
- I visit once a week – 35
- I visit several times each week – 53

2. What activities do you pursue at the parks?

- Hiking – 92
- Horseback riding – 67
- Trail running – 40
- Picnicking with friends/family – 31
- Nature Study, birding, etc. – 26
- Picnicking in organized groups – 13
- Scouting or other youth organization – 8
- Archery – 7
- Ride bike on park roads – 2
- Photography – 2
- Volunteer Horse Patrol – 2
- Mountain Biking – 1
- Camping at Toyon campground – 1
- Tracking wildlife – 1
- Mushroom collecting – 1

3. What improvements to existing facilities do you recommend?

- Provide additional sources of horse water, especially at the upper portions of each park, and away from trailheads – 25
- Increase horse trailer parking – 20
- Restore/improve Wunderlich Park entrance drive – 20
- Provide all-weather single track trails for equestrians – 13
- More horse tie-ups - 13

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- Additional potable water sources on trails – 10
- Improve trail drainage – 9
- Restore Folger Stable – 8
- Increase parking at Wunderlich Park – 7
- Upgrade Wunderlich Arena – 5
- Increase number of paddocks at Folger Stable – 3
- Improve restroom at Wunderlich parking area – 3
- Improve trail maintenance – 2
- Improve archery range – 2
- Pave Wunderlich parking lot to reduce dust – 1
- Decommission Richards Road and replace with single track trail – 1
- Provide larger turnout/grazing area at stable – 1
- Pave Toyon campground road and Richards Road to create a paved bicycle route through Huddart Park – 1

4. What new facilities do you recommend?

- Horse ring at Huddart Park - 5
- New mountain biking trails – 5
- Picnic tables at Wunderlich Park – 4
- Trail etiquette signage – 3
- Allow dogs on leashes – 3
- Stables at Huddart Park – 2
- Parking at Crystal Springs trailhead at Raymundo Road for hiker access into Huddart Park – 2
- Dry horse camp – 2
- New trail on McGarvey Gulch – 2
- Trap shooting – 1
- Remove migration barriers at McGarvey Gulch – 1
- Portable toilet at Meadow in Wunderlich – 1
- New trails in the upper portion of each park – 1
- Family campgrounds – 1
- More horse trails – 1
- Interpretive/history signage and brochure – 1
- Fire alarm boxes throughout parks – 1
- Historical interpretive center at Wunderlich Park stables – 1
- Indoor archery range -1
- New Huddart Park trail connection between Chinquapin and Archery Road – 1
- New Huddart Park trail connection between Chinquapin and Crystal Springs– 1
- Improve trail signage – 1
- Dog exercise area – 1
- Olympic size swimming pool – 1

5. What are your concerns?

- Bicycles should not be allowed on park trails due to safety concerns – 34
- Preserve equestrian trails and use of the parks – 25
- Mountain bikes should be allowed on park trails due to demand for this activity - 15
- Dogs should not be allowed in the parks – 13

- Horses should be allowed to cross through the creeks – 6
- Allow dogs on leash – 4
- Will have to move boarded horses during construction of Folger Stable improvements - 3
- No changes are needed at either park – 3
- Horses cause trail erosion – 2
- Cars block trailer rigs in Wunderlich parking lot – 2

6. Any other suggestions?

- Preserve wilderness character of the parks - 27
- Increased enforcement of “no bikes no dogs” policy - 10
- Allow public use of arena at Wunderlich Park – 6
- Eradicate exotic vegetation – 4
- No improvements are necessary - 4
- Allow increased use of horse trails in winter, reduce length of closure time – 3
- Charge entrance fees at Wunderlich Park – 3
- The existing parks are very well maintained – 2
- Bridges are slippery, please rectify – 2
- Decrease private horse boarding, add picnic areas – 1
- Permit wood campfires – 1
- Allow cart driving on trails – 1
- Post instructions on what to do in case of fire -1
- Eliminate horses – 1
- Allow night hiking – 1
- If bikes are allowed, keep on separate trails – 2
- If dogs are allowed, keep on leash – 1
- Remove poison oak – 1
- Increase presence of Volunteer Horse Patrol – 1
- Do not remove eucalyptus groves, they are beneficial for wildlife – 1
- Reduce manure run-off - 1

APPENDIX C

MEETING MINUTES

STAFF AND CONSULTANT PROJECT PLANNING WORKSHOP

Project: Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Master Plan
Project Number: 04.04
Date Prepared: 4/26/04
Revised: 6/30/04
Date of Meeting: 4/14/04
Meeting Purpose: Pre-Project Planning Team Meeting
Participants: Mary Burns, County Parks
Sam Herzberg, County Parks
Dave Moore, County Parks
Priscilla Alvarez, County Parks
Bill Harris, Harris Design
Tony Gschwend, Gschwend & Company
Roland Haga, BKF
Owen Lang, Sasaki Associates
Eric Lassen, Sasaki Associates
Nathan Pepple, Sasaki Associates

A pre-project planning session was conducted on April 14, 2004, on site at the Wunderlich Park Carriage House. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a shared understanding of the project conditions, issues, planning and design alternatives, and the overall project goals.

Goals:

1. Goals of the Master Plan:
 - 20-year roadmap for operation and improvement of the parks
 - Examine long-term needs
 - Define a vision for future use of the parks
 - Provide technical information to decision-makers
 - Define priorities of improvement projects
 - Identify capital improvements that will reduce future maintenance requirements
 - Work with neighbors, partners, stakeholders, and potential donors
 - Over-arching goal is to turn over the parks to future generations in better condition than existing
 - Master Plan should discuss opportunities for donor funding
 - The Master Plan should be a working document that is put into use by County Staff and updated as necessary

Wunderlich Park Discussion:

2. Stable use

- Current use is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. The Master Plan will assume the preservation of the Folger Stables and continuation of horse boarding.
 - It was agreed that the site probably could not support an increase in boarded horses beyond the current 36 due to the steep topography, and that it may be desirable to reduce this number slightly.
 - Local equestrian community includes individuals who are daily users of the park and are also potential donors.
 - Operator Pat Holmes leases and operates the facility, and is expected to retire in 5 – 10 years. The current lease runs through April 2007, with an option to cancel 180 days after April 30, 2004 by either party.
 - Board is currently \$450 per stall per month.
 - Mary intends to suggest replacing the current lease system with a sole-source non-profit group to manage the stables in the future.
 - Master Plan to coordinate with the Folger Stable Master Plan in which a program is outlined for the repair and improvement of the stable building and designation as an historic landmark.
 - Stormwater improvements are needed in the stables area to reduce pollution associated with equestrian use.
 - An intricate underground drainage system exists at the stables area. Contact Stable Committee for information.
 - Site retaining walls should be preserved.
3. Public use of the lower horse area
- Goal is to facilitate public use, appreciation, and enjoyment of the horse area while preserving the private functions associated with safe horse-keeping within the stables, paddocks, and adjacent areas.
 - Existing steeply sloping topography is a challenge for the design of paddocks, paths, and other horse use areas. Existing paddocks have caused extensive erosion.
 - Consider elimination of paddocks and utilization of a horse rotation scheme.
4. Carriage House
- Could be used as a rental space for meetings and gatherings. There is a need for public rental space throughout the County.
 - Restroom and doorways would need to be retrofitted to ADA standards.
5. Arena
- Existing arena is located at the base of a steep slope where numerous springs exist, making the arena wet over much of the year. No sub-drainage exists at the arena.
 - Size of the arena is larger than is needed for the current use. It is sized for shows, however no shows are held at the park.
 - Existing arena may be a good site for visitor parking, with a smaller exercise arena located elsewhere on site.
6. Parking
- Parking lot is the limiting factor for park visitor capacity. The existing trail system can accommodate many more trail users than can find parking within the park.
 - Cars park along road during busy times when parking lot is full.
 - Conflicts exist between passenger vehicles and horse trailers. Due to the unmarked dirt parking area, vehicles often block other vehicles that then become trapped in the parking lot.
 - Dave estimates 30 horse trailers are parked on a typical weekend.
 - The parking patterns indicate three distinct turnover times: morning/afternoon/late afternoon.
 - A vault-style, unisex, public restroom should be installed in the parking lot.
 - Park Staff would like to install an iron ranger (un-manned) fee collection station for parking at Wunderlich.

- Horse trailers that occupy two spaces or the equivalent amount of space should be charged a higher parking fee than for single-space vehicles.
 - Design should explore use of permeable pavements to decrease runoff.
 - Gravel surface or similar would fit in with the rustic character of the park.
 - Existing parking is on dirt surface with no stall markings. New design should have some sort of markings to maximize the efficiency of the parking layout.
7. Vehicular Circulation
- Existing entrance driveways are narrow, not wide enough for two-way traffic.
 - A one-way entrance and exit would work best.
 - Keeping the entrance/exit roads narrow would help with traffic calming to reduce excessive speeds.
 - Horse/vehicle separation is necessary as many park users ride into the park. A separate path should be provided that links to regional horse trails.
8. Trail use and function
- Dave reports that equestrian use has declined in numbers from the 1960's to today. This could be because many new people have moved into the area who are not equestrian owners or enthusiasts. That said, there is still a high level of equestrian activity at Wunderlich Park.
 - Trails are extensively used by hikers and trail runners.
 - Bicycles are prohibited from all park trails by County ordinance, except for certain service roads.
 - Sam pointed out that much of the trail system was inherited from the previous uses including the Folger Estate and logging. Many trails are logging skid roads that are very steep. The Master Plan should evaluate trail routing and suggest improvements.
 - Many trails are narrow and it can be difficult for horses and hikers to pass one another. Master Plan should evaluate existing trail widths and make recommendations.
 - Dave believes the conflict between hikers and horses is not as great as is perceived. He says very few complaints have been registered over the past 30 years.
 - Master Plan will analyze issue of dog use on the S.F. Ridge Trail. County policy prohibits dogs entirely; however the Ridge Trail on either side of each park permits dogs on leash.
 - Bay Area Ridge Trail is a multi-use trail on either side of each park, which makes it open to bicycles. Master Plan will analyze the issue of making the Ridge Trail open to bicycles within the two parks. Current policies force Ridge Trail bicyclists to detour around Huddart and Wunderlich Parks. County Staff feels bicycle use on the Ridge Trail would be desirable to provide continuity of use along the regional multi-use Ridge Trail.
 - Primitive trails such as at the two parks are not required to be made ADA accessible. However, the Master Plan should evaluate the existing trails and make recommendations to achieve ADA accessibility wherever feasible.
 - Volunteer Horse Patrol has 130 members.
9. Vegetation management and fire hazard assessment
- Exotic vegetation (eucalyptus, acacia, broom, etc.) was introduced by the Folgers. Woodside Fire Department (WFD) is concerned about the groves of eucalyptus and acacia trees in the center of the park.
 - Access roads are another concern for fire equipment ability to respond.
 - County Staff is concerned that WFD may close the park during future high-fire danger times unless existing fuel loads are reduced.
 - The concepts included in the San Bruno Mountain Fire Management Plan could be adapted to Huddart and Wunderlich Parks. Carol Rice to evaluate.

- Per Dave, WFD will not allow any controlled burning in their district.
- California Department of Forestry contact is Mike Gagarin.
- Scott Stevens of U.C. Berkeley authored a fire management study. Carol Rice to obtain and review.

Huddart Park Discussion:

10. General Use

- Huddart Park is primarily used for large group picnics, organized day camps, overnight group camping, family picnicking, hiking, and trail riding.
- The physical planning and improvements that were done in the early 1980's are working very well. Approximately 50% of the 1980 Master Plan has been implemented, including Werder, Zwielerlein, Sequoia, and the entrance parking lot.
- A goal is to make the remainder of the park function as well as the improved areas.

11. McGarvey Gulch fish passage barrier

- San Francisquito Creek Watershed Council has studied this location and may have funding for barrier removal.
- Existing culvert would need to be removed and replaced.
- A bridge on West Union Creek was suggested as a way to eliminate the barrier and also eliminate a short length of road and switchback.

12. Interpretive Center

- The location adjacent to the Chickadee Nature Trail trailhead is a good site.
- Interpretive signage could discuss the creeks, watershed, erosion issues, fisheries, history, human use, etc.

13. Rental Building

- Huddart Park has two to three weddings per weekend.
- There is a need for a multi-purpose building with electricity, water, a small kitchen, meeting space, and an outdoor deck that could be rented out to groups.
- The existing group picnic area at Zwielerlein is a good location for the rental building. The existing group picnic area would be removed, since its design is only suited to large groups whereas Parks Staff prefers more flexible picnic areas such as Sequoia.

14. Amphitheater

- Existing amphitheater has enough capacity for most park uses. However, is hot and sunny.
- Is there a better place within the park for an amphitheater?

15. AIDS Memorial Grove

- Should be a place for reflection rather than a memorial such as at Golden Gate Park.
- Better directional and identification signage is needed.

16. East and West Meadow

- Walk-in area is working very well. People like these areas as they currently function.

17. Miwok Area

- Parking is insufficient for the Miwok shelter and Miwok drop-in picnic use.
- County microwave communications tower placement on shelter roof is unsightly.
- Miwok provides views.
- Investigate construction of a new shelter further up the hill tucked into the trees, and adding more parking at location of existing shelter. Or, moving the shelter and adding the rental building at this location.
- Existing shelter was damaged in 1989 earthquake.

18. Park service roads and trails

- A primary goal is to lower the maintenance costs associated with road and erosion repair.

- Master Plan should evaluate routing of existing trails and suggest improvements.
19. Toyon Group Camp
- Formerly used as a 24-site drop-in camping area, but high operational costs required changing Toyon to a group-only area.
 - Existing shower building has 10 showers, is currently closed.
 - Master Plan should evaluate feasibility of developing additional sites and changing all or part of the campground area to family rather than group camping.
20. Archery Range
- Includes target shooting areas and a trail course.
 - Has several hundred active users.
 - Users are very supportive of the park.
 - A beneficial use of the park that provides unique recreation activities for the public.
21. Kings Mountain Road area
- It was agreed that the area within the park boundary located on the south side of Kings Mountain should remain an undeveloped buffer zone, primarily due to the difficulty and expense associated with the operation of additional facilities located outside of the park entrance.
22. Horse trailer parking
- There is a need for two or three horse trailer parking spaces within the park.

Other Items:

23. Public Meeting
- A single public workshop will be held for both parks.
 - The workshop will be held on a Saturday and organized into two halves, one for each park.

MEETING MINUTES

EQUESTRIAN FOCUS GROUP

Project: Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Master Plan
 Project Number: 04.04
 Date Prepared: 7/15/04
 Date of Meeting: 7/6/04
 Meeting Purpose: Equestrian Focus Group
 Participants: Pat Holmes, Wunderlich Stables
 Susan Lang, Folger Estate Stable Committee
 Jill Daly, Folger Estate Stable Committee
 MaryAnne Canaparo, East Bay Regional Parks District
 Nancy Couperus, Westwind Community Barn
 Ernst O. Meissner, Equestrian Trails Riders Action
 Committee (ETRAC)
 Rob Krensky, Volunteer Horse Patrol
 Andrea Lucas, Golden Gate National Recreation Area
 Steve Griswold, Golden Gate National Recreation Area
 Rick DeBenedetti, Woodside Trail Club
 Sam Herzberg, County Parks
 Dave Moore, County Parks
 Priscilla Alvarez, County Parks
 Bill Harris, Harris Design
 Owen Lang, Sasaki Associates
 Eric Lassen, Sasaki Associates
 Nathan Pepple, Sasaki Associates

An equestrian focus group workshop was conducted on July 6, 2004, on site at the Wunderlich Park Carriage House. The purpose of the workshop was to identify issues and desires of the equestrian community, to learn about other similar operations in the Bay Area, and to discuss options for operation of the Folger Stable complex in the future. Sam Herzberg presented an overview of the planning process, followed by Bill Harris who presented an overview of the consultant's scope of work, and lastly Owen Lang presented an overview of the Folger stable site conditions, opportunities, and constraints. The workshop discussion then commenced.

Folger Estate Stable Committee (FESC) has been meeting for 2-1/2 years. Primary motivation for forming the committee was the desire to keep horses in the stable and maintain the equestrian presence in the Woodside area. FESC views restoration of the stable building as a key to retaining the stables and allowing public use, due to the numerous structural and deferred maintenance issues. Community fundraising (donors) is seen as a viable source of funding for the stable renovation. Vision for the stable operation is to continue boarding and training activities, but not to begin a horse rental operation, due to liability concerns. Public educational programs for schoolchildren and adults are envisioned. The stables should be a living museum rather than a static one, where live animals are kept and exhibits and programs illustrate the equestrian history of the Woodside area. A concrete plan is needed to show to prospective donors. The FESC feels that the demand for riding

lessons is well served in the local area. For example, lessons are offered at Springdown, Circus Club, Stanford, and Portola Valley Training Center. In addition, the National Center for Equine Therapy is located across the road from Wunderlich. This facility provides therapeutic services to handicapped individuals. FESC does not envision becoming the operator of the stables, but rather recommends a separate non-profit take over the operation.

East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) leases several stables located at various park properties. They have had problems with some lessees not being able to make a go it financially. Although some members of the public have been critical of spending public funds on a relatively small group of people (equestrians), EBRPD feels there is a public benefit gained from lessons, day comps, public rides, and therapeutic activities. These programs are created by the operator/lessee. Trail rides create a greater degree of liability than do lessons. Public trail head staging areas are separated from boarded horse areas. Parking is a problem at each of their stables. Their smallest operation is 40 horses boarded. The largest is 70 horses boarded (at Chabot Equestrian Center). Skyline Stables has no arena, but offers extensive lessons, which support the operation financially. Rent at Skyline is \$350 per month. By lease they allow 80 cubic yards of manure to be present on site at a given time.

Westwind Community Barn is leased by the Town of Los Altos Hills to the Friends of Westwood, a non-profit organization that has operated the facility since 1977. The facility provides boarding for 34 horses in a 24,000 square foot barn. Boarding fees are \$475 per month. Currently there is a waiting list for horse boarding. Lessons are available through the Westwind Riding Institute for members (who need not be boarders). The facility offers access to the Town of Los Altos Hills pathways. An all-weather, 100 by 200 foot arena is on site. This arena was constructed in 1995 at a cost of \$100,000. Westwind provides 4-H riding for the handicapped. Westwind finds that 6 horse trailer parking spaces are adequate to serve those who do not board their horse but wish to use the facility. Westwind's operating budget is \$263,000 per year.

National Park Service, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), has a stable at the Miwok area located at the end of Tennessee Valley in the Marin County headlands. 40 horses are boarded at this facility. The Miwok Arena was rebuilt at a cost of \$50,000 and then painted by volunteers. Occasional complaints have been lodged regarding the use of loudspeakers at the Arena. Horse paddocks were previously located on 12% slopes. These were located to areas of less than 8% slope due to erosion. The operator has 19 "string" horses which provide \$500,000 gross revenue per year from trail rides. GGNRA finds that volunteerism and land stewardship is essential to ongoing maintenance. The operation has experienced conflicts between boarders and public users. Nearby trails are up to 30% in gradient and are experiencing significant soil erosion. Some of these trails may be closed for this reason. The trails are mixed-use single track trails averaging 4-feet in width. The facility experimented with weed-free straw, but found that U.S. Forest Service studies determined this feed did not provide enough protein.

Woodside Trail Club would like to see at least one all-weather *single track* trail in each park.

Volunteer Horse Patrol would like to see at least 4 dedicated horse trailer parking spaces in each park.

County Staff pointed out the need for trail etiquette signage and other educational materials, to encourage safe use of the trails by pedestrians and equestrians. Trail etiquette guidelines

could also be worked into park maps and brochures. Staff also pointed out the need for drainage improvement on trails for all-weather use, because many trails have springs, and most are wet in winter. Drainage measure would help to get water off the trails more quickly. All-weather trails must be paved with aggregate base rock to be opened to horses in winter

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1

Project: Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Master Plan
 Project Number: 04.04
 Date Prepared: 11/14/04
 Date of Meeting: 7/10/04
 Meeting Purpose: Public Meeting #1

A public workshop was conducted on July 10, 2004, at the Woodside town Hall. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Master Plan project to the general public, identify planning issues, and facilitate public comment. A record of the comments received are grouped below by subject matter

Folger Stables Area

1. Folger Stables should be preserved for active horse use. It should not become a static museum with exhibits of former active horse use only.
2. Wunderlich Arena
 - a. Existing size and shape is very functional, good for multiple uses such as lessons and exercise.
 - b. Existing location is good – do not relocate to parking lot area.
 - c. Should not mix children and 4H uses next to equestrian uses.
 - d. Carriage driving would be a fun use at the Arena. Build a “road” along the outside of the perimeter fence.

General Equestrian Use and Issues

1. Equestrian trails and facilities should be protected and maintained.
2. Equestrian water crossings are vital.
3. Equestrian facilities have been reduced in past years. Example: Horse ring at Huddart Park was removed in the 1980’s. Desire to put it back.
4. Huddart and Wunderlich Parks provide a valuable opportunity for the public to interact with horses. Such opportunities are limited.
5. An interpretive center or signage program would help tell the story of horse use on the Peninsula.
6. The equestrian community and setting contribute to a unique visitor experience.
7. Volunteer Park Patrol needs horse trailer parking and support facilities in order to provide patrol.
 - a. 3-5 spaces at each park needed
 - b. Dirt surface
 - c. 45 feet long
 - d. Pull-through design
 - e. Small paddock 12 ft. by 12 ft.
 - f. Water source

Wunderlich Parking Lot and Entrances

1. Susan Lang reports results of informal car-count study: parking lot is underused during the week (+/- 10 cars) and overused during weekends (+/- 40 Cars).

2. Horse trailer parking should be separated from automobile parking to minimize conflicts.
3. Parking lot should not be paved – keep it gravel or dirt surfaced.
4. Speed of cars needs to be controlled at horse crossings.
5. Ingress/egress to Woodside Road is dangerous due to insufficient line of sight and high speed of traffic.

Huddart Park Archery Range

1. The range is open to the public.
2. Kings Mountain Archers (KMA) maintains the range.
3. KMA has developed a Master Plan for the range with the following goals:
 - a. Build an indoor range for use during winter rain and foggy weather.
 - b. Alter practice range to extend distances
 - c. Provide cover over shooting line at practice range
 - d. Bring in electrical power.
 - e. Improve drainage and reduce soil erosion.
 - f. Long-term lease agreement desired so the range can remain in its present location.

Trails

1. Skyline Trail connection between Huddart and Wunderlich needs improvements.
2. Single-track equestrian trails that are open in the winter are desired. Bear Gulch Trail should be open in winter.
3. Need water sources at strategic locations along trail. Hose bibs for water bags are preferred over open water troughs due to mosquitoes/West Nile virus issues.
4. Equestrians desire additional loop trails.
5. Trail linkage from Huddart Park to Purisima Creek Open Space trails is desired.
6. Additional trailhead parking off Skyline at Bear Gulch Road is desired, especially by Volunteer Trail Patrol.
7. Volunteer Trail Patrol helps County by riding trails and assisting people in need, providing directions, first aid, notify County of issues or problems, etc.

Girl Scouts

1. Hikers need trails too.
2. Need additional restrooms.
3. Sequoia Day Camp is too hot, not large enough, and has too few restrooms.
4. Typical use is 700 campers with 200 staff. One or two overnights are held every two weeks during summer months.
5. Suggest opening Toyon Group Camp up to Girl Scout use.
 - a. This would take pressure off existing over-used areas in the lower portion of the park.
 - b. Girl Scouts would enjoy using this area if it were made more attractive.
 - c. Remote setting is attractive.
 - d. Would need to improve access road to accommodate 10-12 72-passenger buses each day.
6. Would like to be allowed to build wood fires. Girl Scouts are willing to bring in their own fire wood.
7. Water system at Toyon would need to be upgraded.

General Issues

1. Concern that County may not have financial resources to implement the Master Plan.
2. An entrance fee should be charged at Wunderlich Park to help defray costs of operations.

3. Educational and interpretive signage is desired to teach people about erosion and other resource issues.
4. Concern that County may decide to sell some of the park property in the future.
5. Concern regarding fire protection at both parks.
6. Maintain the rustic character of each park.
7. Install “iron ranger” donation collection stations in convenient areas to encourage donations from hikers and riders. Make them easy to reach. (This is in addition to charging an entrance fee at each park.)
8. Some community members would like to help build facilities or contribute materials and labor, but have been told this is not possible. Suggest guidelines be developed to streamline contribution process.
9. Make provisions for dog use in parks.
10. Eradicate exotic vegetation (broom) at Wunderlich meadows.

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2

Project:	Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Master Plan
Project Number:	04.04
Date Prepared:	12/1/04
Date of Meeting:	11/18/04
Meeting Purpose:	Public Workshop #2

A public workshop was conducted on November 18, 2004, at the Woodside Town Hall. Approximately 35 people were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to present the preliminary recommendations of the Master Plan, and facilitate public comment. A record of the comments received is grouped below by subject matter.

Wunderlich Parking Area

- Horse trailer parking stalls (located near the entrance) need to be greater than 15-feet wide to provide sufficient space for unloading and tacking.
- The parallel parking arrangement shown on the plan with one horse trailer parked directly behind the other will not work, because it will be difficult to pull in and out. Redesign should provide for pull-through spaces.
- Eliminate the median island shown on the plan that separates the horse trailer parking from the service road so that pull-through can be achieved. Configure trailer parking at an angle.
- Four horse trailer spaces are shown. If the spaces are all taken, it would be beneficial to provide additional overflow trailer parking located in the automobile parking lot.
- Question: where is the trailer parking located for stable boarders? Answer: 2 spaces are provided next to the public trailer parking near the entrance.
- Six trailer parking spaces for stable boarders are desired.
- The new berm located along the northern boundary of the park concentrates drainage flow on the service road and is creating erosion and flooding. Per Dave Moore, this condition will be changed when the upper paddocks are regraded.

Wunderlich Roadway and Circulation

- Provide vegetative screening between the entrance road and the horse ring.
- The two-way portion of the proposed service road should be wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other – 20 to 24 feet wide.
- Can an additional road be created from the trailer parking to the auto parking? Consensus was that an additional road would not serve a useful purpose and would impact a number of existing trees.
- The sight distance looking to the left as one exits the Wunderlich Park road is inadequate. A berm blocks views of oncoming cars. Note: The plan calls for this road to be made into a one-way loop. The current (temporary) ingress/egress would be changed to an entrance only. This would solve the sight distance problem at this location.
- The water bars and sharp turn into the parking lot make it very difficult or impossible to drive truck/trailers into the public parking lot. Note: This condition will be addressed through the reconfiguration of the roadways proposed by the Master Plan.

Other Equestrian Facilities at Wunderlich

1. The arena is not currently available to non-stable boarders. Interest was expressed in making the arena available to day-users. Stable boarders expressed concern that this may lead to degraded conditions, and the boarders rely on the arena for training and exercise, and pay monthly fees to support the general upkeep of the facility. Use by the general public would increase the maintenance expenses incurred by the County.
2. Can the grass arena at the far end of the arena be used for horse trailer parking? There is probably not enough room in this location, and access is difficult.
3. A suggestion was made to locate the hay and shavings storage to the right side of the blacksmith shop. Consensus was that this location is too steep to be practical.
4. Do not use the existing small arena for hay storage. Consensus was to construct a new “pole barn” structure for hay storage.

General Equestrian Use and Issues

1. A new barn should be constructed in Huddart Park to provide additional equestrian facilities which are lacking on the Peninsula.
2. A high priority should be placed on rocking 1.1 miles of single track trail in Huddart Park between the dean trail and the Crystal Springs Trail to facilitate wet weather use by equestrians.
3. Access points to the creeks by equestrians are desired so they do not have to use water bags.

Trails

1. Bicycle access to Skyline Trail (S.F. Bay Area Ridge Trail) is not desirable due to the potential for conflict between bicycles and horses.
2. Changing current policy to allow leashed dogs on the Skyline Trail (S.F. Bay Area Ridge Trail) is not desirable due to the potential for conflicts between horses and dogs that are let off leash by owners in violation of the leash requirement. Pit bulls are especially dangerous and have been known to attack horses.
3. Trail camps (“dry camps”) for equestrians are desired in each park. This would provide overnight facilities for horses and riders, but would avoid horse access to and potential damage to creek waters.
4. Any new trails constructed in either park should be open to both hikers and equestrians.

Girl Scouts

1. Contrary to the opinions expressed in the first public workshop, the girl Scouts do not believe Toyon Camp would be a satisfactory location for day camp and overnights.
2. Girl Scouts requested a separate meeting to discuss their concerns.
3. Girl Scouts do not want to see the Oak and Redwood Areas developed with turf similar to the Werder Area. They prefer to see these areas left natural.

Fisheries Issues

1. The validity of the decision to require horses to cross West Union Creek on a new pedestrian bridge rather than through the creek waters was questioned. The study contained only one “data point”, i.e., the fisheries study reflected observations made on one day in May 2004. It was asserted that other causes of erosion and sedimentation (such as deer, people in the creek, and natural erosion) are more significant than the horse crossings. The equestrians desire the continued ability to cross the creek on horseback for training purposes and to access the creek waters for horse drinking water. A “risk assessment” of horse damage to the creek waters should be conducted.
2. GGNRA philosophy is to let natural debris accumulate in the creeks. Hikers also impact the creeks in addition to horses. Don’t blame the horses.

3. Does the Regional Water Quality Control Board classify West Union Creek as an “impaired stream”? Yes, the entire San Francisquito Creek Watershed (of which West Union is a part) is classified as an “impaired watershed”.
4. The County does not necessarily have control over all creek-related decisions, such as whether or not to allow horses to cross the creek. Other agencies, such as the State of California Department of Fish and Game, and the State regional Water Quality Control Board, have jurisdictional authority over these waters.

General Issues

1. An additional public meeting was requested. The County should provide the Master Plan proposals and concepts in advance for review prior to the meeting. Public notices for this meeting did not reach a broad enough audience. Additional noticing is needed for future meetings.
2. People feel nervous that some of the existing equestrian facilities will be taken away by the County. An example was cited in which an existing historic structure was taken apart and rebuilt piece by piece. Will this happen at Folger Stable and if so, what would happen to the horses currently boarded there? It was confirmed that this is not the anticipated course of action for the stable renovation, although it was acknowledged that some disruption may occur as a result of the construction that is necessary to preserve the structure and make it earthquake-ready.
3. The San Mateo County Horseman’s Association representative expressed the organization’s support for the Kings Mountain Archers’ and Girl Scouts’ use of Huddart Park.
4. Will funding be available for the maser plan improvements?

MEETING MINUTES

AGENCY FOCUS GROUP

Project:	Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Master Plan
Project Number:	04.04
Date Prepared:	2/22/05
Date of Meeting:	2/15/05
Meeting Purpose:	Government Agency Focus Group
Participants:	Kirk Lenington, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Douglas Vu, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Nancy Horner, Golden Gate National Recreation Area Tamara Williams, Golden Gate National Recreation Area Sam Herzberg, County Parks Dave Moore, County Parks Priscilla Alvarez, County Parks Bill Harris, Harris Design

A government agency focus group workshop was conducted on February 22, 2005, on site at the Wunderlich Park Carriage House. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss trails connections between the various agencies' properties, trails use issues, and regional parking solutions.

- Douglas Vu presented the *Regional Open Space Study* map as prepared in 1998. This map presents a concept for potential future trails connections throughout the MROSD jurisdictional area. The plan illustrates a potential trail connection from Wunderlich to Huddart Park via the Teague Hill Open Space Preserve. It was explained that Teague Hill currently has no visitor-serving facilities, and that a Master Plan for the area is required before any new facilities will be constructed. The Master Plan should be completed sometime during the next three to four years. Doug also noted that MROSD is currently studying the feasibility of constructing a regional staging area with a 70-car parking area to be located on the west side of Skyline Boulevard, between Wunderlich Park and El Corte de Madera Creek Preserve. The staging area would provide informational displays for open space resources for the entire region, not only for MROSD facilities. This facility could provide parking for Wunderlich Park users. A safe crossing of Skyline Boulevard would be desirable if feasible. The possibility of constructing a trailhead parking lot on Huddart Park property to serve future trails in Teague Hill was discussed. This is because Teague Hill is “landlocked”, with no roadway frontage. A land swap was discussed, whereby MROSD may assume ownership of the Huddart Park lands located south of Kings Mountain Road, to increase the size of Teague Hill and provide roadway access.

- The National Park Service representatives stated that very little planning has been undertaken for the Phleger Estate. A trails condition analysis will be prepared soon, however this will not be a trails plan under NEPA.
- Dog and bicycle use of the regional trails was discussed. It was noted that MROSD allows dogs in Windy Hill, and dogs on leash in Thornewood. In addition, Pulgas Ridge has an off-leash dog exercise area. Bicycles are allowed in the nearby MROSD open space areas. GGNRA does not allow bikes or dogs on the trails in the Phleger Estate. GGNRA would prefer that the County adhere to the current no-bikes, no-dogs regulations. MROSD concurred that no change in County policy would be acceptable.
- Regional information was discussed. MROSD will install a regional trail map and information at Skylonda. A similar display could be installed at Huddart Park. The idea is to provide a comprehensive overview of the regional recreational opportunities. Collaboration on these displays and/or an informational pamphlet was viewed positively by each agency. It was observed that each agency provides complimentary services and different types of recreational services. For example, MROSD provide mountain biking, while County Parks and the Phleger Estate emphasize equestrian and hiking opportunities.
- The access to Huddart Park from the east was discussed. Presently, horses are crossing into and through the waters of West Union Creek from both Crystal Springs Trail and the private Flood property trail (part of the Town of Woodside trails system). The County desires to close the Crystal Springs trail entrance, due to severe erosion problems that are unsolvable within the limits of the trail easement. Two alternative replacements were discussed. The first would involve using the existing service road located on San Francisco Watershed lands from Raymundo Road to the Phleger Estate, and then construction of a new trail on the Phleger Estate to Richards Road in Huddart Park. The other identified alternative involves public access from Greer Road, using the private trail system on private property. This would require an easement and cooperation from the Town of Woodside.

MEETING WITH GIRL SCOUT REPRESENTATIVES

March 17, 2005

Dave Moore, Priscilla Alvarez, and Sam Herzberg met with representatives of the Diamond Crest Girl Scout Association and the Girl Scout Peninsula Day Camp who use Huddart Park year round. There are large summer camp needs that last for approximately a month, and smaller camporee events that take place on weekends throughout the year. The following recommendations were agreed upon to add to the Master Plan:

- Bathroom maintenance is important during camp times.
- A new restroom (vault toilet with 2 unisex stalls) is needed at the Redwood Shelter. A craft sink (deep) is needed separated and away from the bathroom.
- A storage area is needed at the lower maintenance yard for the Girl Scouts to store a tough shed 11 months of the year to store tables, BBQ pits and other things for the month long summer camp sessions.
- The existing Bay Tree Trail needs to be tied to the Sequoia Shelter as envisioned in the original Huddart Park Master Plan. Dave has a vision for a good alignment.
- When considering traffic and circulation improvements in Huddart Park consider safe pedestrian crossings.
- Propose primitive scout camping along the flats near the Archery Range. The water line runs along the Archery Range Road so hook up to a faucet is possible. A unisex single stall vault toilet will be needed. Dave has ideas regarding specific locations.
- Improve the Toyon area for camping at the flat area below the restroom. Parking needs to be improved in this area. Assume 150 campers in this area. The existing restroom needs to be upgraded.
- Improve the Oak campfire ring. Create new water source with near fire pit. Improve hydrants in this area especially in the lowest ends of the park from the water line that runs from Greer Road. Need to talk with Woodside Fire and CDF about under what conditions they will allow fire rings.
- Need to upgrade the existing flagpole at Sequoia with interior rope and lock box.
- Need a new flagpole at Oak with interior rope with a lockbox.
- Consider adding Naturalist Park Aides during the summer to provide environmental education.

- Provide a rain/shade shelter at Sequoia that can accommodate a large group.
- Add a double vault unisex toilet at Sequoia. The craft sink should not be attached to the restroom.
- Parking at Sequoia needs expansion. Consider a new parking area along the east side of the road.
- Construct an amphitheater around the Oak campfire ring using the existing grade.
- Construct a pedestrian/equestrian along the main road from Meadow to Sequoia parallel to the existing road so traffic can flow better.
- Provide a viewing deck near the creek for environmental education. There is an existing bridge at Squealer Gulch. Consider possibly another footbridge at that location.
- Develop environmental education signage near the creek to educate about the sensitive environment and provide low profile fencing.

MEETING MINUTES

TRAIL USERS FOCUS GROUP

Project: Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Master Plan
Project Number: 04.04
Date Prepared: 4/5/05
Date of Meeting: 3/22/05
Meeting Purpose: Trail Users Focus Group
Participants: Susan Lang, Folger Stable Project
Jean Rusmore, San Mateo Co. Trail Advisory Committee
Pat Holmes, Wunderlich Folger Stable
Alison Hlady, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter
Rick Debenedetti, Woodside Trails Club
Jeanne Schmidt, Trail Center
David Taylor, Trail Center
Millo Fenzi, Woodside Safe Skyline Access Subcommittee
Susan Doherty, Woodside Safe Skyline Access Subcommittee
Ernst O. Meissner, ETRAC
Jennifer Basiji, ETRAC
Elly Hess, San Mateo Co. Trail Advisory Committee
Donna Poy, San Mateo County Horseman's Association
Brooke Fox, San Mateo County Horseman's Association
Sarah Fries, Portola Valley Trails Association
Alison White, Portola Valley Trails Association
Dorothea Nell, Portola Valley Trails and Paths
Rob Krensky, Volunteer Horse Patrol
Harriet Tucker, Volunteer Horse Patrol
Jim Sullivan, ROMP
Patty Ciesla, ROMP
Bob Power, Bay Area Ridge Trail Council
Doug Vu, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Ana Ruiz, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Tom Koos, Town Of Woodside Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee and C/CAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee
Bob Page, Town Of Woodside Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee and C/CAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory
Committee
Don Pugh, Woodside Trails Committee
Mike Raynor, Woodside Trails Committee
Sue Boynton, Woodside Town Council
Deborah Gordon, Woodside Town Council
Kent Dewell, Woodside Town Engineer
Andrea Lucas, GGNRA
Stannye Dewellyn
Sam Herzberg, San Mateo County Parks
Dave Moore, San Mateo County Parks
Priscilla Alvarez, San Mateo County Parks

Sharon McNamee, MIG, Inc.
Mukul Malhotra, MIG, Inc.
Bill Harris, Harris Design

On March 22, 2005, the County of San Mateo held a focus group meeting with local trail user group representatives to present preliminary background information on Huddart and Wunderlich Park Master Plans and discuss trail use issues and opportunities for the two park sites. Specifically, the purpose of the meeting was to gain an understanding of the parks Master Planning process; learn more about the existing conditions of the parks and surrounding open space areas; gather input from trails user groups on trail use issues; identify opportunities and constraints for trail use and development; and gain a greater understanding of each trail user groups' unique perspectives and concerns. 32 community members attended the focus group meeting.

The meeting began with a brief open house to provide participants the opportunity to view preliminary park plan displays that illustrated existing trails, roads and connections in and around the two County parks. A regional area plan was also available that included other regional and national park sites contiguous to the two County parks. A Technical Team comprised of the Project Landscape Architect Bill Harris and County Staff Sam Herzberg, Dave Moore, and Priscilla Alvarez were available during the open house to discuss the displays and answer participants' questions.

Sam Herzberg, Senior Park Planner welcomed participants and thanked them for attending. He then provided an overview of the park planning process. Next, Bill Harris presented the two park plan maps, describing the existing trails, roads, connections, and gaps, and highlighted some opportunity areas. He described nine potential bicycle routes from the valley to the Skyline Ridge, both within and outside of the two parks. He then answered questions from the audience. After the presentation, Sharon McNamee, facilitator from MIG, Inc., described the next part of the meeting would consist of small group discussions to identify the park assets, issues and key opportunities related to trail use. She distributed comments sheets, small group discussion guidelines, and pointed out that each table was equipped with copies of the two park plans and the larger regional plan. Participants were divided by numbered nametags and invited to join one of the three discussion tables. Each small group would have County resource staff available for questions.

Following a 50-minute small group discussion period, each group selected a spokesperson to report on their group's key summary points for park assets, key issues and important opportunities or solutions. The following is a summary of

the small group reports. The County collected the comment sheets from the meeting, analyzed the comments and incorporated new or key findings in the comments below.

Summary of Comments

This section summarizes the results of the small group discussion summary presentations, and includes written comments collected from the comment sheets.

Assets

- Ambiance/ Character
- Natural habitat; largely undeveloped wilderness
- Tranquility
- Safe environment for equestrian use in an area where trail availability is diminishing
- Dirt trails
- Well developed trail system
- Variety of loop trails available
- Trails are well maintained
- Equestrian use is special and must be protected
- Trails are relatively safe due to use by pedestrians and equestrians only
- Beautiful streams and forests
- Gravel parking lot at Wunderlich – not paved
- Folger Stable – cultural and historic resource
- Volunteer horse patrol provides a great service
- Access to hiking trails in Woodside
- Peaceful
- Looped regional trails
- Picnic and camping areas

Issues and Concerns

- #1 Concern: Safety for all trail users
- Access to parks for bicycles (generally desired by bicyclists and not desired by equestrians)
- Bicycle and equestrian use on same trail can be unsafe
- Separation of bikes and horses for safety
- Vehicular entrance to Wunderlich unsafe; difficult to negotiate turn into park; high speed traffic on Woodside Road
- Wunderlich parking arrangement is haphazard
- 30% of equestrians are persons with disabilities who can not hike
- Trail erosion and trail maintenance; protection of existing trails
- Off-road skateboarding could become popular and may create safety issues if allowed in the parks
- Enforcement of regulations and policing of trails vs. current limited operating budgets
- Leave as natural as possible; protect the environment; do not over-develop

- Keep exterior access points to Huddart Park open, such as Town trails, Phleger, private trails
- Impact on Woodside due to increased park usage (increased vehicular traffic on local roads)
- Minor percent of irresponsible users create unsafe conditions
- Equestrians concerned that bicyclists will venture off approved trails onto horse trails; this has been experienced in other open space areas
- Mountain bicyclists desire access to the parks for recreation
- Bicyclists need a safe connection between valley and Skyline
- Equestrians have limited areas to ride whereas bicyclists have many places; the existing equestrian trails in each park can not be replaced
- Continuation of equestrian use in these two parks
- Current County no-dogs policy; dogs could present problems for horses if allowed on trails, either leashed or unleashed
- Local children have no safe place to ride bicycles

Solutions

- Keep bicyclists separate from equestrians and hikers
- Use limited trial periods to test ideas
- Bikes permitted only on certain trails
- Continuous Bay Ridge trail open to bicyclist use
- Foster trust among different groups
- Increase volunteer base by including bicyclists
- Look at previous precedents to multi-use trails (look at successful Bay Area examples/ models)
- Open Bear Gulch Road to bicyclists
- Find one looped trail for bicyclists
- Add more trail connections to adjacent regional open space areas; create a larger trail network through inter-agency cooperation
- Create a new access from Huddart to Phleger Estate at the 1200-foot contour level (Toyon Camp area)
- Close some trails in Huddart that are redundant
- Create additional looped trails of varying lengths for varying abilities
- Create short loop trails at park entrances for nature study and interpretation
- Create a second, lower elevation trail connection from Huddart to Wunderlich through Teague Hill Open Space and California Water Service lands
- Maintain current usage framework: east side of Skyline for bicyclists, west side for equestrians
- Create a Bay Area Ridge Trail alignment open to bicyclists between Huddart and Wunderlich on the west side of Skyline utilizing the Midpeninsula open space lands
- Have more trails open to horses in winter/wet weather; need at least one trail in each park that runs from bottom to top; suggested high-priority trails are Crystal Springs in Huddart and Bear Gulch in Wunderlich
- Do not allow dogs due to disturbance of wildlife and horses
- If mountain bicycles are allowed, utilize a one-way trail system to increase safety
- Consider allowing mountain bicycles to travel one-way, up only, on one trail to reach Skyline. Require bicycles to use paved roads on the descent.

- Try to implement bikeway improvements on existing paved roads for valley to Skyline access
- Create criteria to monitor success/ failure of solutions
- Repair Wunderlich Bridge
- Provide a horse arena that could be used by the public
- Consider revenue income from bike trails; Bicyclists willing to contribute financially/Sweat equity
- Alternate users for same trails on different days of the week
- Add horse trailer parking to Huddart
- Install additional water sources for horses along the trails
- Big Picture Opportunities and Outcomes
- Participants suggested characteristics of successful trail use solutions for the regional park area and specifically for Huddart and Wunderlich Parks. Overall, users want safe parks that everyone (including equestrians, hikers, bicyclists, children and people with disabilities), can enjoy. People envisioned parks that uphold the values of inclusion and universal design. Participants also see both parks as part of the larger network of parks in the region, and therefore want trail connections to support this. Some of the solutions reported by the three small groups are:
 - Enhance trails
 - Links through Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District lands
 - Develop a bicycle connection from valley to Skyline somewhere in the region
 - Provide more looped trails
 - Increase safety on trails
 - Carefully consider any change in policy re: bicycle use; work together with all affected interest groups and agencies to create a workable, realistic solution
 - Provide effective policing and enforcement of trail use
 - Install trail etiquette signage
 - Create facilities to raise money
 - Enhance facilities for users
 - Provide horse trails for winter/wet weather use
 - Provide water for horses
 - Increase trailer parking at Wunderlich
 - Create new trailer parking at Huddart
 - Provide for universal design and equity of trail use access
 - Potential access for all - fairness of decision-making process and review
 - Universal access / for disabled and children

Equestrian and Bicycle Use of the Two Parks – Conflicting Desires

County Ordinance does not allow bicycle use off of the paved roads in Huddart and Wunderlich Parks. Much of the discussion centered on the conflicting desires to either permit bicycle use or to continue the prohibition of bicycling on trails in the parks.

Those participants who desire bicycle access expressed two main interests. One is the desire for a safe bicycle connection from the lower Woodside area, to the upper Skyline area. Both mountain bicyclists and road bicyclists desire such a

connection. It was pointed out that no such connection exists between Windy Hill Open Space area in Portola Valley, and Highway 92. Bicyclists are forced to use dangerous, narrow highways to reach Skyline and the mountain bicycling areas of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. The issue of a safe bicycle connection from valley to ridge was viewed as a regional issue, with a variety of potential solutions, some of which may not involve Huddart or Wunderlich Parks.

The second interest for those desiring bicycle access to the parks is the desire to use the trails for mountain bicycling recreation. Mountain bicyclists enjoy access to regional wilderness areas and value the ability to ride off the pavement in a beautiful environment. Some mountain bicyclists are disabled and are not able to access these areas on foot or on horseback.

The equestrian participants highly value the two parks for the peaceful and safe riding environment. The equestrians tend to avoid other nearby regional open space areas, such as Purisima Creek and El Corte de Madera, because of the high amount of mountain bicycle use in these areas. The equestrians generally fear the fast-moving bicycles on the trails, just as the bicyclists fear the fast-moving automobiles on the roads. Recent incidents have occurred in which horseback riders were thrown and seriously injured due to conflicts with illegal mountain bicycle use in Huddart Park. Most equestrian participants expressed the feeling that few areas for horseback riding remain available to them, and fear that opening the parks to bicyclists will effectively eliminate their ability to enjoy their sport.

Hikers also enjoy the tranquil environment at Huddart and Wunderlich. In general, the hikers had the same concerns as the equestrians regarding bicycle use of the parks.

It can be safely said that a consensus was not reached at this meeting regarding any change in the current policy. All participants, however, did share a commitment to safe use of the trails, and to work together to find solutions to the issues raised.

Next Steps

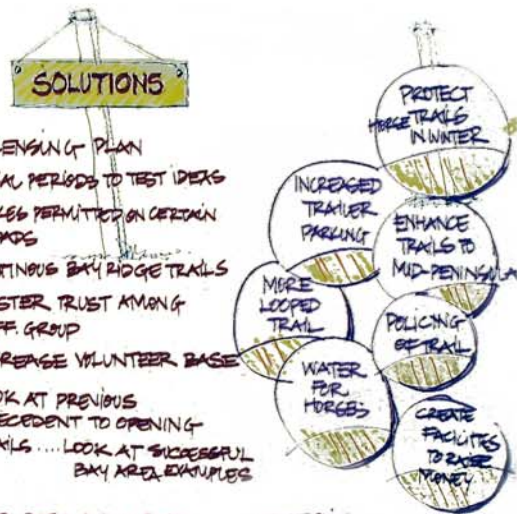
Ms. McNamee thanked everyone for participating in the group discussion and overall planning process. Sam Herzberg closed the meeting, inviting community members to contact County Park staff with any additional questions or comments. He explained the next step in the planning process is to finalize the draft Master Plan for Huddart and Wunderlich Parks. A public hearing, scheduled for June 7, 2005, will provide community members an opportunity to review the Draft Master Plan and provide input for the final plan. Participants will be notified when the

Draft Plan is published and the date of the public meeting. He also encouraged participants to check the county web site (www.eparks.net) for updates.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
HUDDART AND WUNDERLICH PARK MASTER PLANS
 TRAIL USER FOCUS GROUPS 3/22/05

ASSETS

- ✓ AMBIENCE/CHARACTER
 - NATURAL HABITAT
 - CULTURAL/HISTORIC STABLES
 - SAFE ENVIRONMENT
 - DIRT TRAILS
 - WELL DEVELOPED TRAIL SYSTEM
 - EQUESTRIAN USE SPECIAL
 - VOLUNTEER PATROL (EXISTING NATL PARKS)
 - ACCESS TO HIKING TRAILS IN BIODIVERSITY
- PEACEFUL
 - LOOPED REGIONAL TRAIL
 - 20% OF EQUESTRIANS ARE DISABLED
- CREATE CRITERIA/SCORE MONITOR SUCCESS/FAILURE OF SOLUTIONS.
 - REPAIR WUNDERLICH BRIDGE
 - TRAIL DESIGN BEING INFLUENCED BY TERRAIN
 - KEEP WATER BARS



- LICENSING PLAN
- TRAIL PERIODS TO TEST IDEAS
- BIKES PERMITTED ON CERTAIN ROADS
- CONTINUOUS BAY RIDGE TRAILS
- FOSTER TRUST AMONG DIFF. GROUP
- INCREASE VOLUNTEER BASE
- LOOK AT PREVIOUS PRECEDENT TO OPENING TRAILS... LOOK AT SUCCESSFUL BAY AREA EXAMPLES
- OPEN BEAR GULCH ROAD
- FIND ONE LOOPED TRAIL
- USE/EXPLORE RENTAL FACILITIES IN DEVELOPED AREAS
- ADD MORE TRAIL CONNECTION
- CLOSE SOME TRAILS

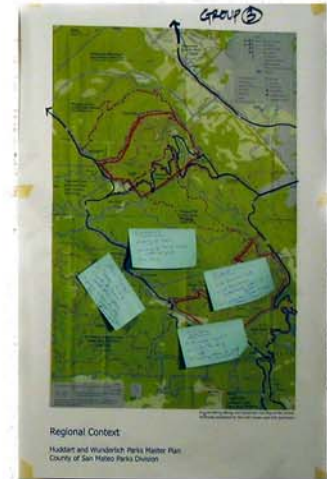
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- SEPERATE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

CONCEPTS



- WWW.EPOKS.NET
 PARKS WEBSITE
- UTILIZE BEAR GULCH ROAD ENJOYMENT TO WILDANNT
 - OPEN PARK TRAILS FOR REVENUE? CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY. SNEAK EQUITY
 - ALTERNATING USERS FOR SAME TRAILS
- UNIV. ACCESS FOR:
 - DISABLED
 - CHILDREN

ISSUES



- ▽ SEPERATION OF BIKES & HORSE
- ▽ ENTRANCE TO WUNDERLICH UNSAFE
- ▽ ACCESS TO BICYCLES
- ▽ EROSION BY ALL USERS
- ▽ BICYCLISTS & EQUESTRIANS AT PASS HAVE SAFETY ISSUES.
- ▽ KEEP TRAILS
- ▽ LEAVE AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE
- ▽ EXTERIOR ACCESS OPEN
- ▽ IMPACT ON WOODSIDE DUE TO INCREASED PARK USAGE (SURROUNDING ROADS)
- ▽ MANY / OF IRRESPONSIBLE USERS CREATE UNSAFE CONDITIONS

March 22, 2005 Wall Graphic Trail Users Focus Group

MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #3

Project: Huddart and Wunderlich Parks Master Plan
 Project Number: 04.04
 Date Prepared: 6/9/05
 Date of Meeting: 6/7/05
 Meeting Purpose: Public Workshop #3

A public workshop was conducted on June 7, 2005, at the Woodside Town Hall. Approximately 65 people were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to present the recommendations of the Draft Master Plan, and facilitate public comment. A record of the comments received is grouped below by subject matter. County Parks Staff responses follow the comment in italics.

Trails

- Page 70 of the Draft Master Plan refers to recommended improvements to the Dean Trail, but is not identified on page 136 in the priorities. This should be a Phase 1 priority. Equestrians contributed \$8,500 to the Park and are awaiting implementation. In general, creating the all-weather single-track trails should be moved to Priority #1 from Priority #2. *Some work has already been done on the Dean Trail. A portion of the dedicated funding went as requested by the donor for a tote machine which was given to Pescadero County Park. The all-weather trails are included in Priority #2 due to the amount of time this type of manual labor will take to finish. The County will be working on this over the next 10 years. Phase #2 priorities may be started at any time. The Phase #2 designation simply states that, as a goal, these items should be completed within the next 10 years, not that they would occur between 5 and 10 years from now.*
- Bear Gulch Trail is too narrow. The plan should specify widths of trails. *The County has trails standards and tries to and maintains 4-5 feet wide on all single-track trails.*
- Will the Kings Mountain Trail access into the park be closed? *No.*
- Clarify if the Archery Fire Road would be a decommissioned public road but still a pedestrian/equestrian trail, and/or still a service road? *The master plan recommends it be taken out of service as both a service road and a trail, due to the excessive gradient and associated erosion. Access will be made from Kings Mountain Road for Park staff to service the potable water pressure reducing stations that are currently located along this road. The existing road will be graded, replanted, and fenced and signed at either end.*
- Wunderlich has muddy quagmires along the Alambique Trail in approximately 8 areas, arising from springs. These areas are muddy even during dry weather. Suggestion is to provide a rock section only about 1-foot wide to allow crossing, in recognition of the timeframe it will take to accomplish complete rocking of the trail. *Good suggestion. The County has maintenance and repair standards to repair these areas, but it takes time to do.*

Bicycle Access

- Bicycle use should be allowed in the parks because there is a large need. *See #11*
- It is not fair to allow the Kings Mountain Archers to use 20 acres of land for only 200 members, when bicyclists are prohibited. A scientific study of the relative amount of acreage devoted to each user (equestrians, archers) vs. the amount of acreage available to bicyclists would show that the use is disproportionate to the number of participants in

- each recreational activity. Therefore, bicyclists should be allowed to use the parks. *See #11*
3. The study described under # 2 should take into consideration all parks and open space areas in the County, including other agencies' lands, not just Huddart and Wunderlich Parks. *Such a study is beyond the scope of the Huddart and Wunderlich Park Master Plan and would involve multiple agencies. Who would be the lead agency is a question. All parks are not the same and have different uses and different needs.*
 4. The County Ordinance forbidding bicycle use should be repealed. *See #11.*
 5. The master plan should state that bicycles are an appropriate use of the parks. *See #11*
 6. The master plan should recommend a study group to work with the Supervisors to address the issue of bicycle access. *See #11.*
 7. If archery fire road is closed to recreational users, (hikers and equestrians), why not then open it to bicyclists? *This road is very steep and suffers from severe erosion. Allowing bicycle use would exacerbate the problem. The County is required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board under its NPDES permit to reduce the amount of sedimentation within the watershed.*
 8. Other counties such as Santa Clara have parks where bicycles are banned. Huddart and Wunderlich should remain open to equestrians and pedestrians only. *See #11.*
 9. The bicycle community has requested that Campground Trail and Alambique Trail be opened to bicycles, but this request/input has been ignored. Bicycling is the second most popular sport in the United States and in San Mateo County. *See #11.*
 10. BOS should revise existing ordinance prohibiting bikes. *If County Parks were to recommend opening up bike areas it would be within regional trail corridors providing it did not create a safety hazard.*
 11. Bicyclists have concerns about the Board of Supervisors not changing the existing ordinance prohibiting bicyclists, which ignores that user groups' needs. *The issue of bicycle access in the two parks is more appropriately addressed as a regional issue, and not simply within the context of these two particular parks. An assessment of regional demand and available supply would need to be conducted in order to legitimately determine that it is a priority to open up the two parks to bicycles. Such an assessment exceeds the scope of the current planning process. The larger regional area has numerous open space areas that allow bicycle use, such as the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District lands, including El Corte de Madera and Purisima Creek, which are located immediately adjacent to the two County parks, and nearby Windy Hill, which provides Valley-to-Skyline bicycle access. Huddart and Wunderlich Parks serve a significant percentage of Peninsula park users, including trail runners, hikers, equestrians, picnickers, archers, naturalists, school groups, and organized youth groups such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Adding bicycles to the mix would effectively eliminate the viability of these parks for equestrian use due to safety concerns, and would disturb the tranquil setting that many pedestrian park users highly value. Therefore, it would effectively replace one user group (equestrians) with another (mountain bicyclists). One park cannot be all things to all people.*

Fisheries and Sedimentation Issues

1. The validity of the decision to require horses to cross West Union Creek on a new pedestrian bridge rather than through the creek waters was questioned. The participant stated that the fisheries section of the master plan is weak and unscientific. The study contained only one "data point", i.e., the fisheries study reflected observations made on one day in May 2004. It was asserted that other causes of erosion and sedimentation (such as deer, people in the creek, and natural erosion) are more significant than the horse crossings. The equestrians desire the continued ability to cross the creek on horseback for training purposes and to access the creek waters for horse drinking water. A "risk assessment" of horse damage to the creek waters should be conducted. *The Regional Water Quality Control Board (a State regulatory agency) has Non-Point Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements, which legally require the County to reduce sediment in San Francisquito Creek watershed.*

2. A sediment assessment of Huddart/Wunderlich Parks should take place. *Page 137 of the Draft Master Plan recommends a “Watershed Assessment Study” of all sedimentation sources within both parks. This study would be better identified as a Sediment Assessment Study. It would quantify sediment sources and provide site specific recommendations similar to the Sediment Assessment for the Pescadero County Park complex (see park website). Should this study indicate that horse crossings are insignificant as some people assert, the Master Plan could then be revised to reflect the study’s conclusions.*
3. A study should be made to determine the relative percentage of sedimentation arising from the different sources (e.g., natural, people, horses, roads and trails). Then actions to reduce sedimentation should be undertaken in priority order, based on the amount of damage caused by the various sources. The feeling is that sedimentation arising from horses crossing the creeks is minimal. *See response to comment #2 above.*
4. Horses have been crossing West Union Creek for over 50 years. The fish are still in the creek. *As time passes, new government regulations take affect that are not met favorably with all citizens. Over the past 30 years, the federal Clean Water Act and other regulations have been passed into law. These laws regulate activities that degrade water quality. The County is bound by the regulations, along with all other landowners.*
5. Consider stream restoration projects in perennial streams to control down cutting, which causes bank slumping.
6. Leave West Union Creek crossing as it is. *The existing pedestrian bridge is in disrepair and may be structurally unsound. A replacement bridge is necessary. However, the location of the bridge is dependant upon the alignment of a new trail access to replace the existing Crystal Springs Trail access off of Raymundo Road. The bridge location would need to be determined only after a new alignment is selected. The replacement of any bridge to accommodate pedestrians and/or equestrians from private property into the park must have the support of the private property owner.*

Park Access from the East Over/Through West Union Creek

1. The existing wooden footbridge at the Crystal Springs Trail crossing should be rebuilt instead of a new bridge being constructed.
2. A bridge to be privately funded and constructed at the Flood property that is only accessible to a private club should be allowed. *This would be acceptable to the County as long as another replacement to Crystal Springs Trail that provides public access is also found. Optimally both new bridges would be constructed at the same time. County Parks is willing to work with the Town of Woodside on the bridge to the Flood property.*
3. If the Crystal Springs Trail alignment is replaced by another trail alignment will the trail be “put to sleep”, and the public kept off of it via signage, and the easement be vacated to property owner? *That would likely be the plan if it were put to sleep. It would be closed to the public with fences on the public road edge and park side as well. Decisions will be made at the time an official replacement is found and constructed. The existing trail has drainage problems, which cannot be easily addressed due to the constraints in the trail width, slope, and use.*
4. Will the County close the Crystal Springs entrance and not provide an alternate? *No.*
5. The master plan should clarify that a new trail entrance will be established prior to closing Crystal Springs. *Will do.*
6. Huddart Park should have several trail entrances for access by residents, spaced out along the perimeter. *The County feels that the current entrances are adequate. The Crystal Springs Trail will not be closed, but rather will be re-routed to maintain access from the east. This entrance would not be closed until an alternative has been made operational.*
7. Do not close Crystal Springs Trail. *See #3.*
8. Crystal Springs is highly used by equestrians. *See #3.*

The Master Plan Process

1. How much did the master plan cost? Why is the money being spent on planning rather than fixing the parks? *The cost is \$100,000 plus County Staff time. In order to efficiently utilize available financial resources in a cost-effective way, a plan is needed. Wunderlich Park never had a Master Plan prepared for its development, and Huddart's Master Plan is over 20 years old and does not address current needs. This Master Plan, which is based on community consensus, is identifying today's recreation, facility, resource management, and operation and maintenance needs for the next 20-year period.*

Park User Safety and User Behavior

1. There should be a better way for the public to convey information about safety and behavioral incidents within the parks for rangers and the public. Signs at park entrances should be posted to tell visitors how to report safety issues/violations. *County Parks has a phone and message machine where the public can leave a message. If there is an emergency, people are encouraged to call 911.*
2. The parks should post special events such as half-marathons so that trail users can avoid safety conflicts (i.e. yield to horses, require Special Event Permit be distributed to participants so they understand the rules, permits should be posted). The trail runners have caused problems by not slowing down when passing horses. *Good suggestion. County Parks Division is addressing their guidelines and can address this then.*
3. Additional rangers should be added to help patrol the trails, control undesirable behavior, and be available for emergencies. *Agreed that this is very desirable; Parks Division Staff has been operating as effectively possible, given the budget cuts that have been made over the past several years.*
4. Trail etiquette signage should be posted on the trails to explain that horses have priority over hikers/runners. Clear and simple signage would be most effective. Other information should be provided in brochures or on signs that explain how to behave when encountering horses, e.g., slow down, step aside, and do not spook the horses. *Agreed; trail etiquette signage will be specifically described in the Master Plan when it is revised.*

Horse Trailer Parking

1. Mid-week trailer parking should be allowed in the Wunderlich automobile parking lot if the horse trailer parking is full. *The plan indicates two overflow spaces in the parking lot.*
2. Provide adequate horse trailer parking in both parks (at least 10 or 12 spaces each). Provide parking at Skyline. The plan indicates 5 spaces at each park, plus two spaces for the Wunderlich stable operator. *Parking off of Skyline, although desirable, would require significant environmental impacts in the form of grading and mature redwood tree removal, and is not recommended.*
3. The design of the horse trailer parking should be informed by a mock-up with cones in a parking lot to determine if the turning radii are sufficient for truck and trailers. The Volunteer Horse Patrol would like to be involved. *This will be done as part of the specific design process after the master plan is completed. The County will appreciate the VHP's assistance.*

General Issues

1. Will funding be available for the master plan improvements? *The County Park Foundation can accept financial contributions from interested parties who would like to see implementation of certain improvements identified in the Master Plan. Grants can be secured for some of the improvements. A future dedicated funding source to fund capital projects for County Parks is being discussed throughout the County at this time.*
2. Invasive/exotic plants should be removed. *See #14.*
3. Excessive fuel load should be removed. *Parks Staff agrees. A fuel reduction project along the Loop Trail in Wunderlich Park has been initiated by County forces and is approximately 20% complete.*

4. The master plan should recommend increased staffing levels. *Given that staffing levels are dictated by the County Board of Supervisors based on available funding it may be best to assess staff needs as the Master Plan is implemented over the next 20 year period so as not to build up unrealistic public expectations.*
5. What is the projected cost of all the improvements? *Not determined at this time.*
6. The master plan should include a discussion of volunteer labor and assistance. *Too detailed and subject to change.*
7. Consider allowing people to harvest firewood to help remove excess fuels. *The County's Risk Management Division has concerns about allowing this.*
8. The Los Viajeros Riding Club was not contacted via the stakeholder outreach effort, and should be added to the list in the master plan. *Rob Krensky is a Volunteer Horse Patrol and Los Viajeros Riding Club liaison. The Riding Club will be listed in the Master Plan as part of outreach efforts.*
9. Provide picnic tables, bicycle racks, horse water, potable water, and hitching rails at the Wunderlich parking lot. *Water is currently available in the parking lot. The other suggestions will be added to the master plan test description, and will be incorporated into the specific design after the master plan is adopted.*
10. Assure adequate room on drives into Wunderlich to allow bicyclists to enter and stop to use the facilities. *The park drive will be 15 feet wide. This provides the required space for the bicyclists, who will share the drive with vehicles.*
11. Requiring equestrians to carry water bags is ludicrous. Hose bibs on trails would be helpful, but please provide small drainable troughs or non-obtrusive containers. *Water troughs are not desirable due to West Nile Virus, which is fatal to horses. The suggestion to require equestrians to carry water bags was suggested by representatives of the equestrian community.*
12. The County needs to do a better job of informing neighbors on the south side of Wunderlich Park about the public meetings. *All neighbors within 300 feet of both parks were notified of all public meetings.*
13. Relocate the proposed vehicular entrance to Wunderlich Park about 100 feet further from the existing (temporary) entrance to keep vehicles further away from the arena.
14. Could horses be used for invasive plant grazing? *During the next year County Parks will be preparing document titled Decision Making Guidelines for Vegetation Management in San Mateo County Parks. We will have to wait until this document is completed to be able to answer this question.*
15. Is there a way to make sure parking for the Archery Range takes place within the Archery Range rather than on Kings Mountain Road? There is a hairpin turn of concern. *The road itself lies outside the park and is the responsibility of the County Department of Public Works. Any safety improvements required would require follow up with County DPW.*

