From: BoardComment
To: MARK GARMAN

Subject: RE: Possible improvements to East Fiscalini.

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:19:00 PM

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Hi Mark & Susan,

Thank you for your public comment.

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From: MARK GARMAN

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 4:03 PM

To: BoardComment <boardcomment@cambriacsd.org>

Cc: Mark & Susan

Subject: Possible improvements to East Fiscalini.

Hello,

We are hoping to propose a possible future improvement to East Fiscalini Preserve (Rodeo Grounds) beneficial to both locals and visitors alike. We often use East FRP for walking and exercise and think the dog park is a great resource for dog owners, locals and visitors. We thought we had seen something about a proposed soccer field being considered in the future also. Here's our idea.

While we don't have dogs or play soccer we feel there could be an improvement that would allow locals and visitors who walk, jog and exercise a safer and more intentional experience while enjoying the quietness and nature of East FRP. Not everyone rides skateboards, plays soccer, has a dog or swims laps in a pool but just about everyone can walk. If they can't walk they use a wheelchair.

With Cambria's high percentage of older residents this could be an opportunity to provide those folks with an improvement many can enjoy and utilize. Our Main Street sidewalks are unfortunately not useful for exercise activities like fitness walking and jogging, too many pedestrians and traffic.

The current undeveloped path is risky, especially for older folks, because it is not level, has numerous gopher holes, ruts and clumps of grass which require constant attention to avoid tripping.

Basically our idea is to provide an actual multi-use pathway that could run from the dog park west along the existing dirt path toward Cambria's iconic "Welcome Travelers" sign. The path could split at some point and circle back along the other side of the rodeo grounds and end at the dog park or nearby.

A multi-use pathway would provide a safe and level surface for folks, especially older or disabled to explore, get some exercise all while enjoying the peace and natural setting of FRP. Maybe a portion could ADA accessible! Wouldn't it be nice to offer everyone the chance to enjoy using East FRP?

We are envisioning some type of defined pathway with borders, perhaps something like decomposed granite that would still allow people with disabilities (or just old bones) to safely explore. We doubt an actual paved pathway is feasible but if it is even better!

Folks might run into friends and neighbors while walking the paths. We heard there is some discussion of restrooms being built near the dog park. If so, that could be really useful for the recreational area.

The more things we can do to offer recreational areas for both locals and visitors the better. Folks using the pathway could discover the hidden secrets of East FRP and hopefully will want to help support its preservation and future. Perhaps they become members or volunteers for FFRP!

We would love to discuss the proposal if it seems conceivable. We are also happy to become involved in the project as a volunteers or project participants.

PS: We have been enjoying posting the history and beauty of East FRP on Facebook and NextDoor. In fact the entire Fiscalini Ranch Preserve has often been our subject.

Mark & Susan Garman

 From:
 MARK GARMAN

 To:
 BoardComment

 Cc:
 Mark & Susan

Subject: Follow up to earlier written comment (PROS committee)

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 5:06:20 PM

Hello,

We submitted a comment to be considered at the May 3, PROS Zoom meeting back on April 20th. Unfortunately it was not mentioned during the "public comment" section of the May 3 Zoom meeting. We emailed you folks along with the original comment a couple of days later asking why the comment wasn't mentioned. Unfortunately we never received any type of reply to our email. When I checked today I noticed my comment letter had been added just under the agenda tab for the May 3rd Zoom meeting.

So our concern is that now our comment/suggestion will not mentioned at the next meeting (June 7) and our input will likely never be seen or heard from again.

Is it possible to add our suggestion/comment to the next PROS meeting agenda before the actual meeting? It would be nice to at least have it mentioned so it is on the record as a public comment. Attached is the email we sent.

Thank you.

Mark and Susan Garman