

III. Path Surveys

Marinview board members have participated in two recent surveys of the paths, one eight months ago and one this month.

- 2010 Survey. A board member and Jon Elam (TCSD GM) surveyed most paths last year.
- 2011 Survey. Several board members and TCSD staff surveyed paths adjacent to Carrera Drive in January, 2011.

2010 Survey: Letter by Eva Selig, Board Member, November, 2010

As a follow-up to our Tuesday meeting, and official formation of a committee to address issues relating to the maintenance of steps, lanes and paths in Marinview, below please find the list of maintenance needs as of last May. This list was generated during a walk-through of the neighborhood with myself and Jon Elam. He agreed to get to these items as soon as possible. At that time, he was "busy with brush clearing" and intended to get to it after that. Unfortunately I have not followed-up with him since then.

Jon, in previous correspondence had also suggested that if we could develop a plan (i.e. a comprehensive list of all the paths in the neighborhood noting what upgrades/maintenance/repairs they need, what materials and/or labor might be required, and what regular maintenance should look like) he would like to "make it a part of [their] regular park maintenance efforts." So I don't think we'll get any resistance, assuming we can just put the plan together and then stay on him to put it into action.

FYI Jon also mentioned that previous efforts to maintain paths had been opposed by some residents due to privacy concerns. Bernard, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Previous list sent to Jon follows. Best, Eva

Jon, Thanks for touring the neighborhood with me. As we noted, several of the steps and paths in Marinview are in need of maintenance. Below is a recap of what we noted, in priority order:

1. **School Path:** New gravel is needed on much of the path to school at the bottom of the Carrera stairs. In addition, the last set of railroad tie steps just above the bridge closest to the school are in need of attention. A few steps are missing. And they are all too narrow; we should consider replacing them with wider treads. During the rains this winter that whole section was precarious and there were several slips and falls.

Finally, that same bridge is caked with mud, resulting in poor drainage. The runoff from the above mentioned steps flows directly onto the bridge making it slick and muddy. A simple pressure wash should do the trick (at least temporarily).

2. **Deertrail:** The steps connecting lower Deertrail to Bristol Place are showing some serious signs of wear that are a safety issue. There are a couple of the concrete pads which are heaved and cracked. The rail is failing in places.

3. **Rhubarb:** As you may know, many members of the Marinview community are concerned about egress. The path connecting lower Carrera to the Rhubarb trail (where you recently cut back the huge bay laurel) keeps coming up as a route that is well located, but difficult to traverse, especially when it's wet. We were wondering if there might be any plans (or budget) to add railroad tie steps to the steeper portion of that path.

4. **Ashton Canyon:** The steps should be cleared of brush. A few areas are muddy year around and could use simple boardwalks. Please let me know if any of these are in the budget for this year, and if so, when the work might be done. Thanks, Eva

- **2011 Survey: Notes on Field Trip, 3 Marinview board members and 2 TCSD professionals, January 16, 2011**

Met at TCSD, walked to school and up school path (#3) to Carrera Stairs (#2) – identified improvements needed on path taken by school children from Carrera to School.

1. Walked along path from Carrera stairs (#2) along path south of school (#4, #5), then south on utility right of way below houses on Carrera (#6-7-8-9...) to join with Rhubarb Trail.(#13). Note that the current path is largely on the utility easement which appears to be public land. The one exception is the 100 foot stretch between #9 and #10 where the path appears to cut across the edge of two lots above the public land corridor which dips below the path. There is currently clear access along the path.
2. Walked up from the Rhubarb Trail at #15 to #16 and #17 along a narrow path that is being improved for hiking by a neighbor, "John" This trail is on public land including a narrow (~40ft) corridor that fronts on lower Carrera Street.
3. We did not walk the other trails.