

# Kentfield Planning Advisory Board

*P.O. Box 304, Kentfield, California 94914*

## Minutes of October 9, 2019

Anne Petersen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the COM Academic Center, Room 105, and at 10891 Sunshine Coast Hwy, Powell River, BC, Canada. Other board members also present: Bitsa Freeman, John Mann, Ross McKenna, Neil Park (via Facetime from Powell River, BC, Canada)

**August 28, 2019 Minutes.** M/S (Bitsa/Ann) and unanimously approved minutes.

### **Hal Brown Park Bridge Path Project**

(Guests for this presentation: Nancy Peake and Jim Chayka, Marin County Parks Department; Rich Souza, project engineer with CSW/Stuber-Stroeh; community residents Peter Treganowen and Cindy Winter)

Nancy Peake used a PowerPoint slide presentation to illustrate details of the Hal Brown Park Bridge and Path Replacement Project now underway. This project, currently in the design stage with bidding anticipated in early 2020 and construction in late 2020, is expected to cost about \$880,000. All funds for the project are currently available in the CSA 17 account. The KPAB serves as community advisory group for CSA 17.

Nancy said the project has come about as the current path is increasingly under floodwater and has been degraded by salt water over the years; in addition the existing bridge does not comply with current code requirements. The project would create a year round accessible pedestrian/bicycle connection between the frontage path along Bon Air and the Corte Madera multiuse path, and would be designed to protect the marsh and its biological communities. The bridge would be raised two to four feet to accommodate anticipated king tides and storm surge, and would be 10 feet wide. Various options for the railing and construction materials are being considered.

Comments from board and community members were complimentary. Suggestions included providing informational signage along the path to inform users about the value of the wetlands and wildlife habitat.

### **Other Business/Reports**

*Electric Bike Usage.* Resident Cindy Winter distributed copies of an opinion piece she recently had published in the *Marin IJ*, regarding Marin County Parks Department's recent decision to allow electric bicycle use on some paths in its system. In her *Marin Voice* article she cautioned about the need to consider safety of all users on multi-use paths. There was a brief board discussion of the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Minutes: Ann Thomas