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Subject: Follow up to earlier email.
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Hello,

I submitted a letter here back on April 20, 2022. I was hoping it might be read before the May 3, PROS meeting or at least mentioned. I hadn't received any feedback and when I attended the May 3, PROS Zoom meeting there was no mention of my public comment. Did I misunderstand or do I need to bring this item up in person at a future PROS meeting? I thought your website said members of the public could submit comments using this email but perhaps I'm mistaken.

I had contacted Kitty with the idea and she recommended I forward to the PROS committee.

Thanks for any feedback.

Below is the letter submitted on 4/20/22.

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