

DEL MONTE FOREST PROPERTY OWNERS
ROADS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 14, 2024 – 3:30 p.m. PBCSD Training Room

Members	Resources
Bart Bruno – Chair - present	Nick Becker – PBCSD - present
David Goupil - present	Kathleen Lee – Pebble Beach Company (PBCo) - present
Don Eastman	Micah Hawbaker/Shawn Casey – (PBCo) - present
Jeff Froke - present	Cheryl Burrell – PBCo
Charles DeWitt - present	Peter Brown/Laura Silva – PBCo - present
Jeff Fuller	Bob Ogle
Ned Van Roekel - present	
LeBon Abercrombie - present	Others Present: Mark Posson

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chair Bruno called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present were six members and seven resource members.
- 2) **Acceptance of Agenda** – There was a committee consensus to approve the agenda.
- 3) **Introduction of Guests** – There were others present as noted above.
- 4) **Public Comments/Items Not on the Agenda** – There were no public comments.
- 5) **Approval of the Minutes** – The minutes of the August 22, 2024 Roads and Traffic Committee meeting were approved unanimously.
- 6) **Roads Status** – Micah Hawbaker, PBCo reported road paving projects are complete: Broncho Road, Stevenson Drive from the Old Drive to Bird Rock Road, a section of 17 Mile Drive, and a section of Portola Road. The undergrounding of lines related to the Dunes Shelter construction requiring cutting of the roadway has not been completed, so that portion of Old 17 Mile Drive was not paved and will be on next year’s project list. Striping is anticipated to be completed by the end of next week. Drainage project work is 90% complete; unbudgeted issues arose that were addressed, and budgeted work will be completed in the next two months. At Chair Bruno’s request and to address his concerns, PBCo will identify with him locations where roads have settled below manhole and utility box edges. All greenbelts have been cleared of hazardous trees and preparations are underway for the coming winter.
- 7) **Pebble Beach Company**
 - a. **Traffic Collisions and Road Issues** – Peter Brown, PBCo Security Director provided and reviewed traffic collision statistics from August 16 – November 15, 2024, with fifteen non-injury and one injury collisions during the period. Six collisions were single-vehicle, one non-injury taking out 50 yards of MPCC fencing along Ocean Road. Mr. Brown noted that CHP has been positioned in certain areas to focus on drivers running stop signs. Committee members encouraged more CHP and Security interaction with cyclists on safety and not biking at night.
- 8) **PBCSD**
 - a. **Status Report Re: Road Projects** – General Manager Becker reported Phase IV four-mile undergrounding is anticipated to take 2 years to design and 2 years to construct. Neither the P-3 Bird Rock nor the P-4 Hwy 68 upcoming pump station rehabilitation projects commencing in approximately nine months are anticipated to have any roadway impact. The sewer line replacement pipe bursting in December has been coordinated with PBCo roads projects.

- b. **Supplemental Traffic Enforcement Program Quarter Ending June 30, 2024** – Report provided. Mr. Becker reported that 17 Mile Drive at Ocean Avenue, a speeding hot spot, and other citation locations will be added as numbered locations on the maps of the Number of Citations Issued by Location instead of being combined into non-specific citations issued in other locations. Mr. Brown emphasized that the forest is governed by speed safe for conditions, not posted speeds or a flat 25mph throughout.

Mr. Mark Posson stated that during Concours while walking on Bird Rock Road he witnessed a group of speeding Porches between 17 Mile Drive and Stevenson Drive that all ran the stop sign at very high speed. Mr. Posson sent Mr. Becker a letter regarding the Porche incident and other unsafe vehicle maneuvers witnessed. He encouraged PBCo during Concours to restrict traffic on Bird Rock Road between 17 Mile Drive and Stevenson Drive. Mr. Brown stated that PBCo is considering closing 17 Mile Drive from Spanish Bay to Cypress Point to 1) circumvent the speeders using Bird Rock to reach the coast and 2) reassign resources that would otherwise be along the coast into the residential neighborhoods.

- 9) **New Business:** None
10) **Old Business:** None
11) **Announcements:** **Next meeting February 27, 2025 (possible by Zoom due to renovations)**
12) The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton for Bart Bruno

**Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO)
Safety Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2024, 4:15 p.m.
Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Training Room**

Members Present: Charles DeWitt-Chair, David Goupil, Jeff Froke
Others present: Shawn Casey / Micah Hawbaker, Resource Management, Pebble Beach Company (PBC)
Kathleen Lee, Government/Community Affairs, PBC
Peter Brown / Laura Silva, Security, PBC
Nick Becker, General Manager, Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD)
Elaine Kavrakakis and Clark Anderson, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Colleen Courtney, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Adams/Department of Emergency

Management

Laura Paxton, DMFPO Administrator

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.
2. **Acceptance/Modification of Agenda** – Accepted
3. **Introduction of Guests** – Elaine Kavros and Clark Anderson, Pebble Beach residents/CERT members
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Winter Storm Preparedness - Pebble Beach Company (PBC)** – Peter Brown, PBC Security Director reported PBC is monitoring tomorrow through Sunday the six high tides expected. In the event of severe storms, especially wind events, in which up to 250 trees have fallen in the past, PBC responds with CalFire using a computer application that maps and prioritizes incident locations using photographs of the scenes, indicating whether a tree can be removed at that location, if it is in power lines and cannot be removed, into a house, or across a road. Road closures can be determined, barricades and caution tape placed, and information disseminated to the residents with as minimal community impact as possible, only calling for a shelter-in-place when a majority of roads are blocked by downed trees and/or electrical wires. Once a location is secured by emergency crews, the pin is removed and teams then respond to the next prioritized location. Shawn Casey had crews working night and day, but in some cases were unable to remove fallen trees quickly because they had to wait for PG&E to clear any areas with downed power lines. A major challenge is closing coast roads due to the lack of PBC resources to do so; the Community Emergency Response Team could greatly assist with this.
6. **Fire Threat and Prevention - PBCSD/Cal Fire** – General Manager Becker gave an overview of the District’s fire prevention programs. Fire Prevention Office staff perform annual defensible space inspections of 95% of Pebble Beach properties, vacant and commercial included, with very few unmitigated violations. A symbiotic approach to fire fuel management is used to treat open space areas in Pebble Beach; fuel mitigation and forest health standards are continually maintained with forester, biologist, naturalist, and fire prevention bureau expert guidance in collaboration with Del Monte Forest Conservancy, Open Space Advisory Committee, PBC, and PBCSD/CalFire. One of the priority PBCSD Fire Department projects cleared brush from a shaded fuel break along Fire Road 9 from the Corporation Yard to Highway 68 and removed the amassed “matchstick” trees that regrew after the 1987 fire in the area. The project was extended along Hwy 68 to the Morse Gate clearing brush 150’ from the road edge. Next to be treated is the area of Fire Roads 21, 22, and 23, clearing dead and downed debris. Non-native plants are targeted for removal as they are highly flammable: a project at Stevenson Drive and Drake Road removed 200 tons of non-native flammable acacia. The Fire Defense Plan is updated every two years and is due for an update in 2025. Director Froke noted that the Fire-safe Garden located by the fire bays was initially established by CERT to educate the public on what fire-safe plants to use in their landscaping. Mr. Becker noted that the undergrounding of overhead utility lines is also a fire mitigation measure over time, moving ever more electrical lines out of trees and under roads in the next decades.

7. **Crime Trends and Prevention** – Chair DeWitt provided a report of crime statistics for the forest through September 2024. November crimes not in the report were two thefts from cars and one residential burglary. Peter Brown noted three areas of recent suspicious activity called in by residents: license plate recognition tracked suspects in each instance, with the information given to the Sheriff's Office within hours. Prowlers, mail theft, and unrecognized vehicles all are hints of suspicious activity and should be called into PBC Security. An article on crime prevention tips was suggested for the DMFPO website and the newsletter.
8. **Emergency Notifications** – Chair DeWitt informed of the County's cell phone notification system *Alert Monterey*. Many received the notice of shelter in place during last year's storms however many did not. A task for this committee is to correct this by encouraging *Alert Monterey* registration through a newsletter article, website posting, and possibly an announcement at a DMFPO seminar or semiannual meeting. A separate option for notification that does not require registration is to choose to receive text messages; this requires sending a text one time to a specified number to indicate that emergency text notifications are desired. Peter Brown indicated that the shelter-in-place notice dissemination data from last year's storm event is being analyzed by PBC for improvement.
9. **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Role and Emergency Assistance** – Elaine Kavrakis and Clark Anderson gave an overview of the CERT program training that members receive and the assistance that CERT offers. The program prepares participating community members to readily respond in an organized, calculated, calm manner in the event of a catastrophe, search and rescue, or organization support need. Teams come together with issued gear to support and provide the resources required during a major event to first responders and organization leaders. Ms. Kavrakis and Mr. Anderson are recruiting for CERT members on behalf of Chief Curtis Rhodes, PBCSD Fire Department/CalFire. An article about CERT and encouraging participation can be included in a future DMFPO newsletter.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Next Meeting Thursday, February 27, 2025, 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton