



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

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Meeting 13-14
June 26, 2013

AGENDA ITEM 6

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Approval of a Recommendation from the Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee to designate a memorial bench in honor of Betty Salveter at Rancho San Antonio Preserve

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the recommendation from the Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC), and the request of Steve Salveter, to honor his wife, long time District docent and volunteer, Betty Salveter, with a memorial bench at Rancho San Antonio Preserve. Betty Salveter passed away on February 1, 2013.

SUMMARY

Steve Salveter submitted a request to LFPAC for consideration of a memorial bench at Rancho San Antonio Preserve to honor his wife Betty Salveter (Attachment 1). The Salveters began volunteering as District docents in 1992 and have resided at The Forum (senior residential community adjacent to Rancho San Antonio Preserve) for many years. At the May 7, 2013 LFPAC meeting the committee suggested that the memorial bench recognition be broadened to honor both Betty and Steve Salveter and this recommendation was approved. Subsequently, Steve Salveter reflected on the recommendation and felt it would diminish the recognition he wanted to be solely for Betty. Steve Salveter has sent follow-up communication (Attachment 2) to the attention of LFPAC to request that his original proposal be reconsidered and recommended to the full Board of Directors for approval.

BACKGROUND

The current Policy for Site Naming, Special Recognition, and Gift Naming Policy (Site Naming Policy) provides for memorial bench requests, under section IV. BENCHES, B. Constituent Memorial Benches. The applicable policy section reads as follows:

B. Constituent Memorial Benches

These are benches that have been requested by constituents in order to honor a deceased member of the public who was a significant supporter or a volunteer of the District ("Significant Supporters" or "Volunteers" as defined above), and are funded by the requestors who must pay \$5,000 for the lifetime cost of the bench. LFPAC discusses

requests for these benches and decides which requests will be referred to the full Board for a vote. Constituent memorial benches must meet the criteria below.

1. Constituent memorial benches shall only be placed in locations that have been pre-determined by the District and approved by the Planning and Natural Resources Committee and by the full Board.
2. If a request for Special Recognition is approved by the Board, the requestor(s) shall pay for the cost of constructing, installing and maintaining a memorial bench by contributing \$5,000 to a Memorial Bench Fund to cover the lifetime cost of the bench. The District will put this fund into an interest-bearing account which will be used solely for memorial bench construction, installation, repair, and maintenance.
3. Bench dedication or recognition plaques will be 2 x 6 inches in size.
4. Benches must be either a backed or a backless standard bench.

DISCUSSION

Steve Salveter is requesting that an existing bench at Rancho San Antonio Preserve be utilized to commemorate his wife by attaching a small metal plaque (Attachment 4). The bench is located near the small permit parking lot adjacent to the creek – the approximate location is shown the attached map (Attachment 3). Steve Salveter's original email letter of request to LFPAC acknowledges his understanding of the requirement to provide for the lifetime cost of the bench at \$5,000. Foothills Field Staff made the suggestion to use the existing bench as Steve Salveter wanted to find a location in Rancho San Antonio Preserve. A sample of a memorial plaque with dedication language for Betty Salveter is attached (Attachment 4).

Betty and Steve Salveter have been Outdoor Activity Docents (hike leaders), Daniels Nature Center Hosts, Volunteer Trail Patrol, Conservation Easement Monitors, Fremont Older Tour Guides, and Preserve Partners (fence builders/trail smoothers/yellow star thistle pullers). At one point, they also served as acting Volunteer Coordinators for the District, when that post was vacant. The District was a significant part of their life together and it brought them great joy to share their love of nature with others, and contribute to the stewardship of open space lands. Betty passed away on Feb. 1, 2013, after a long battle with Alzheimer's (Attachment 5). Also attached to this report is a photograph of Betty and Steve Salveter (Attachment 6), and a San Jose Mercury news article about both of them (Attachment 7).

Steve Salveter indicated to staff that the location of the bench adjacent to the permit lot at Rancho San Antonio Preserve was perfect, providing a location within manageable walking distance for residents of the Forum. He also noted that he could not have found a more beautiful spot in the whole District and that Betty loved the nearby gurgling brook.

FISCAL IMPACT

This item would have installation and maintenance costs (materials and staff time) covered by the \$5,000 required payment to the Memorial Bench Fund/Project Account by Steve Salveter, the memorial bench requestor.

BOARD COMMITTEE REVIEW

LFPAC approved this item at its May 7, 2013 meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This item is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval by the Board of this memorial bench request Public Affairs staff would move forward with the assistance of both Planning and Operations staff to implement the memorial request, including receipt of funds for lifetime cost of bench (installation of plaque, and overall repair and maintenance), and ordering and installation of a memorial plaque.

Attachments:

1. Original Electronic letter/Memorial request to LFPAC – S. Salveter; 4-21-13
2. Request to LFPAC – Betty Salveter Only Bench – S. Salveter; 6-11-13
3. Rancho San Antonio Map – Permit lot bench location
4. Sample of Memorial Plaque for Betty Salveter – 2x6”
5. Betty Salveter – End of Life Celebration Program
6. Photo of Betty and Steve Salveter – 2008
7. SJ Mercury Article – Betty and Steve Salveter at Windy Hill OSP- 1997

Responsible Department Head:

Shelly Lewis, Public Affairs Department Manager

Prepared by:

Renée Fitzsimons, Docent Programs Manager/ (Prior) Co-Acting Public Affairs Manager

Contact person:

Renée Fitzsimons, Docent Programs Manager



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

Memorandum

DATE: May 7, 2013

MEMO TO: Legislative, Funding and Public Affairs Committee

THROUGH: Stephen E. Abbors, General Manager

FROM: Renee Fitzsimons, Co-Acting Public Affairs Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration of Memorial Bench Request for Betty Salveter

This memo is being provided to the Legislative, Funding, and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC) to accompany a request received by Stephen Salveter seeking consideration of a memorial bench at Rancho San Antonio Preserve to honor his wife Betty Salveter. The Salveters began volunteering as District docents in 1992 and have resided at the Forum for many years.

Background

The current Policy for Site Naming, Special Recognition, and Gift Naming Policy (Site Naming Policy) provides for memorial bench requests, under section IV. BENCHES, B. Constituent Memorial Benches. The proposed revisions to the Site Naming Policy being considered at the May 7, 2013 LFPAC meeting do modify the section of the policy that covers memorial bench requests. The current policy reads as follows:

IV. BENCHES

The District places benches in its preserves for three distinct purposes:

A. District Rest Benches

These benches provide constituents with a place to rest. District staff places these benches without involving a District committee or the full Board. Regular benches must be either a backed or a backless standard bench as described in Item IV. D. below.

B. Constituent Memorial Benches

These are benches that have been requested by constituents in order to honor a deceased member of the public who was a significant supporter or a volunteer of the District ("Significant Supporters" or "Volunteers" as defined above), and are funded by the requestors who must pay \$5,000 for the lifetime cost of the bench. LFPAC discusses requests for these benches and decides which requests will be referred to the full Board for a vote. Constituent memorial benches must meet the criteria below.

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2. If a request for Special Recognition is approved by the Board, the requestor(s) shall pay for the cost of constructing, installing and maintaining a memorial bench by contributing \$5,000 to a Memorial Bench Fund to cover the lifetime cost of the bench. The District will put this fund into an interest-bearing account which will be used solely for memorial bench construction, installation, repair, and maintenance.
3. Bench dedication or recognition plaques will be 2 x 6 inches in size.
4. Benches must be either a backed or a backless standard bench.

C. District Memorial Benches

These are benches that are installed by the District in response to requests by the Board or a member of the Board to honor deceased "Founders", "Significant Supporters", and "Volunteers".

1. LFPAC can initiate a bench request and refer a decision to the full Board or individual Board members can initiate a bench request which will be referred to LFPAC for discussion before it is referred to the full Board for a final decision. Honorees must be deceased "Founders", "Significant Supporters", and "Volunteers" (as defined above).
2. For these benches there are no design specification limits or limits on their location. The District will pay for the lifetime cost of the bench.

Discussion

Mr. Salveter is requesting commemoration of an existing bench at Rancho San Antonio Preserve. The bench is located near the small permit parking lot adjacent to the creek (Attachment A- map). Mr. Salveter submitted an email letter of request (Attachment B) and acknowledges his understanding of the requirement to provide for the lifetime cost of the bench.

Betty and Steve Salveter have been Outdoor Activity Docents (hike leaders), Daniels Nature Center Hosts, Volunteer Trail Patrol, Conservation Easement Monitors, Fremont Older Tour Guides, and Preserve Partners (fence builders/trail smoothers/yellow star thistle pullers). At one point, they also served as acting Volunteer Coordinators for the District, when that post was vacant. The District was significant part of their life together and it brought them great joy to share their love of nature with others, and contribute to the stewardship of open space lands. Betty passed away on Feb. 1, 2013, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Mr. Salveter indicated to staff that the location of the bench adjacent to the permit lot was perfect, providing a location within manageable walking distance for residents of the Forum. He also noted that he could not have found a more beautiful spot in the whole District and that Betty loved the nearby gurgling brook.

Next steps

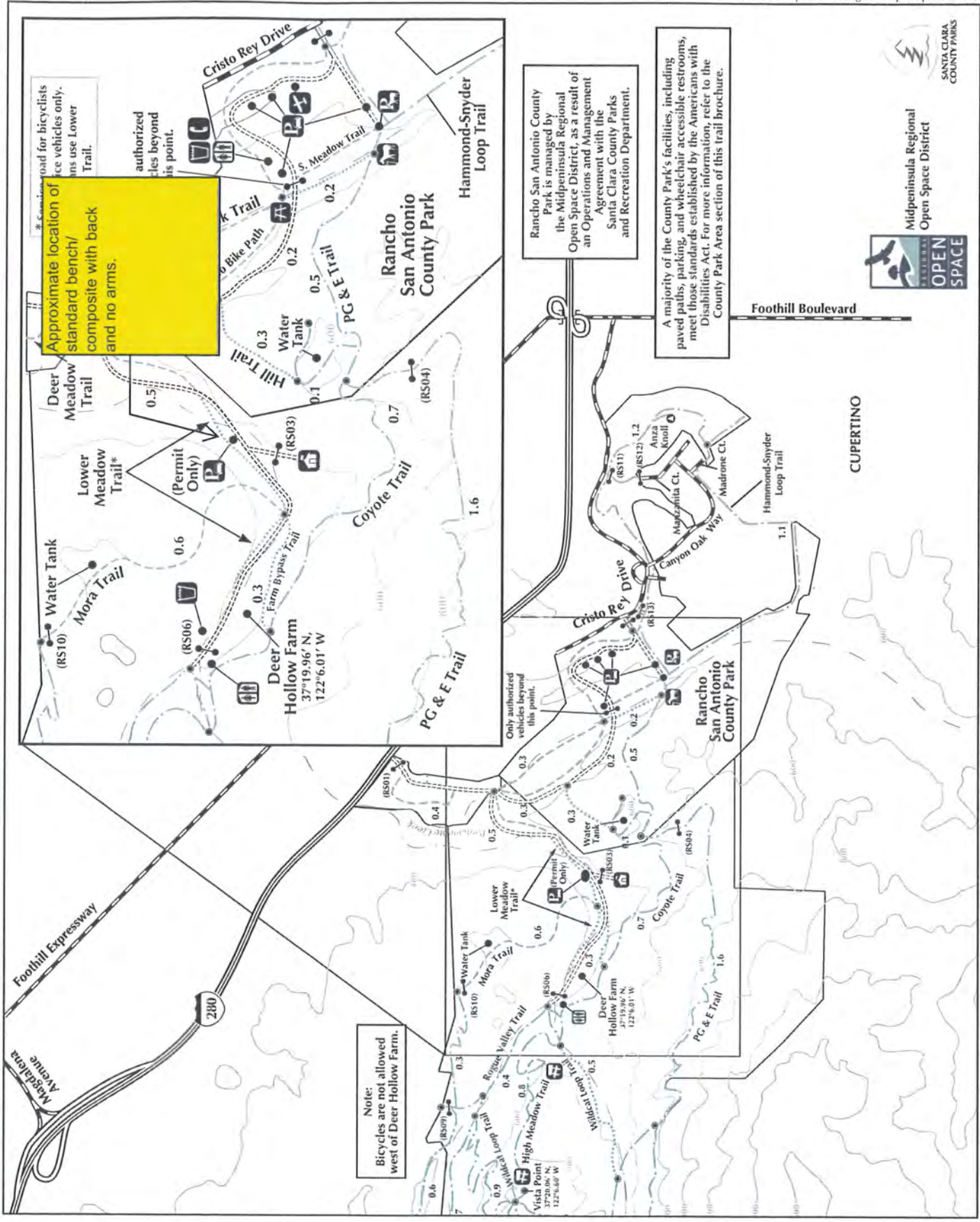
If LFPAC agrees to forward this memorial bench request to the Board, the item would be agendaized for the next available Board meeting and Mr. Salveter would be invited to attend. The Board has final authorization to approve the memorial proposal. If approved, Public Affairs staff would move forward with the assistance of both Planning and Operations staff to implement the memorial request, including receipt of funds for lifetime cost of bench (installation of plaque, and overall repair and maintenance), and ordering and installation of a memorial plaque.

Attachments:

1. Electronic letter/Memorial request –S. Salveter; 4-21-13
2. Rancho San Antonio Map – Permit lot bench location

RANCHO SAN ANTONIO County Park and Open Space Preserve

- Legend**
- Trail Distance in Miles
 - Gate (G)
 - 1.0
 - Vehicle Driveway
 - Creek
 - Vehicle Parking Lot
 - Equine Parking
 - Ranger Facility
 - Restrooms
 - Drinking Water
 - Public Telephone
 - Picnic Area
 - Bench
 - Horse Water Trough
 - Non-Gas Powered Motor Vehicle Staging
 - Tennis Courts
 - Point of Interest
 - Rancho San Antonio County Park
 - Other Public Lands
 - No Public Entry (Private Forest Land)
 - Trail Use**
 - Hiking Only
 - Hiking, Equestrian
 - Hiking, Bicycling
 - Hiking, Bicycling, Equestrian
- Note:**
Dogs are not allowed on this Preserve.



Michelle Radcliffe

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stephen Salveter [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2013 1:55 PM
To: Renee Fitzsimons
Subject: Betty Salveter Memorial Bench

Renee Fitzsimons, Acting Public Affairs Manager
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

RE: Memorial Bench Request for consideration by the Legislative, Finance, and Public Affairs Committee/
Board of Directors

My wife, Betty Salveter, and I have done various volunteer activities for the District for many years (approaching 20 years). We were Outdoor Activity Docents (hike leaders), Daniels Nature Center Hosts, Volunteer Trail Patrol, Conservation Easement Monitors, Fremont Older Tour Guides, and Preserve Partners (fence builders/trail smoothers/yellow star thistle pullers). At one point, we were the acting Volunteer Coordinators for the District, when that post was vacant for a while. The District was our Joy and our Life Together.

Betty passed away on Feb. 1, 2013, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. I would like to sponsor and endow a Memorial for her. Your staff has suggested the existing bench by the Permit Lot at Rancho San Antonio, and I think it is perfect. I would pay for the bench and memorial plaque and the required contribution for maintenance.

Would you please consider this at your earliest convenience?

Best regards,

Steve Salveter

[REDACTED]
Cupertino, CA 95014
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stephen Salveter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 4:52 PM
To: Renee Fitzsimons
Subject: Memorial Bench Request for consideration by the Legislative, Finance, and Public Affairs Committee/ Board of Directors

Michelle Radcliffe, Clerk of the Board
Shelly Lewis, Public Affairs Manager
Renee Fitzsimons, Docent Programs Manager
Legislative, Finance, and Public Affairs Committee (LFPAC)

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
330 Distel Circle
Los Altos, CA 94022

RE: Memorial Bench Request for consideration by the Legislative, Finance, and Public Affairs Committee/ Board of Directors

At the LFPAC Meeting on May 7, 2013, the committee considered a request from me, Steve Salveter, for a memorial bench to honor my wife Betty Salveter. During that discussion, Director Hanko made an extraordinarily generous suggestion that the scope of the bench be broadened to include both Betty and Steve Salveter.

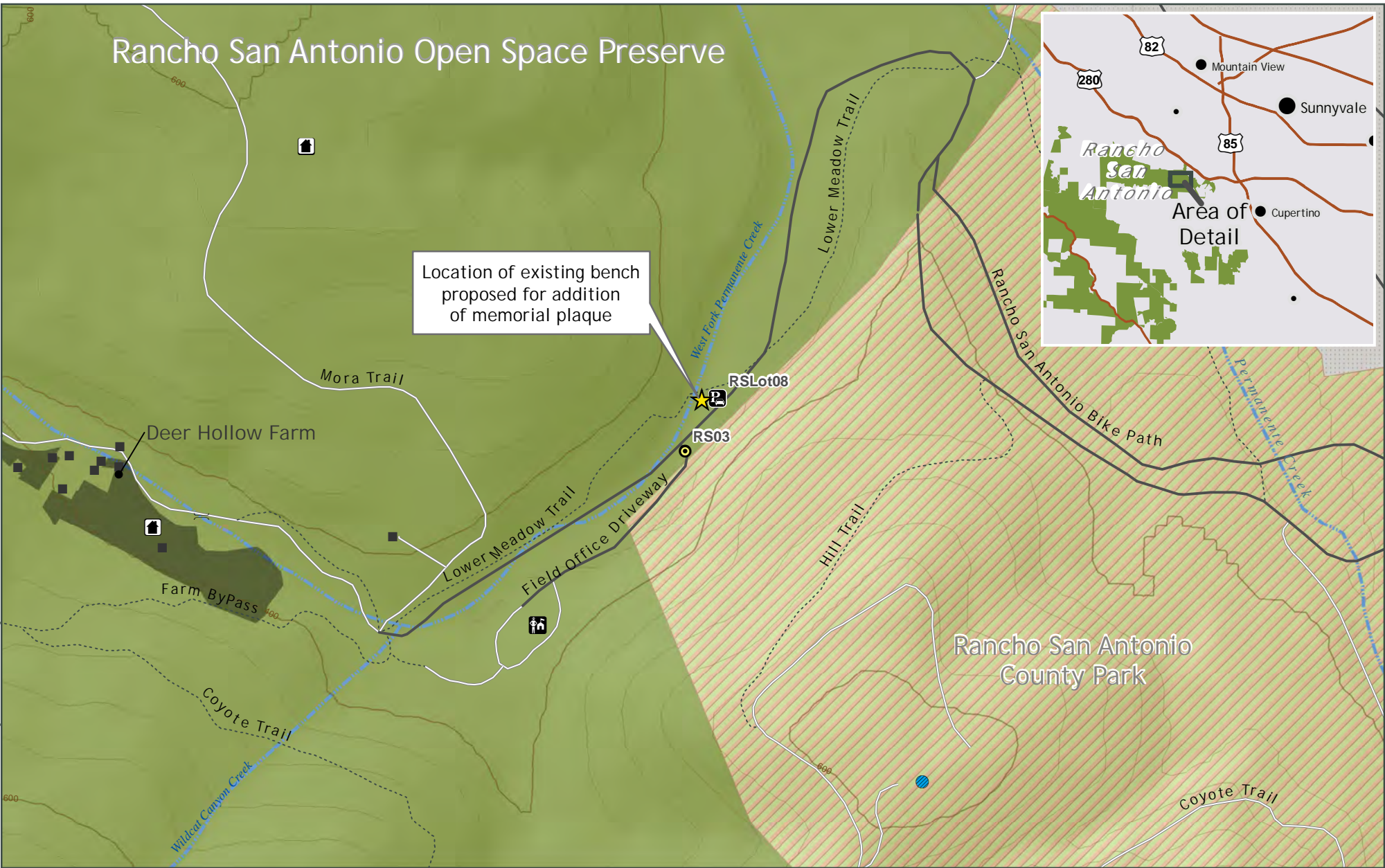
I was not prepared for the suggestion, and could not clearly visualize the ramifications, so I gratefully accepted the modification. Slowly I began to realize that this could slightly diminish the honor that belonged to Betty, and that my descendants could worry about a bench for me when the time comes. So, I respectfully request the Committee to change the scope of the bench to be for Betty Salveter alone and ask that the full Board of Directors consider that request as well.

Best regards,

Steve Salveter

[REDACTED]
Cupertino, CA 95014
[REDACTED]










Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve



Location of existing bench proposed for addition of memorial plaque

Proposed Location for Betty Salveter Memorial Bench

ATTACHMENT 3

-  MROSD Preserves
-  Management Agreement
-  Other Protected Open Space or Park Lands
-  Bench Location
-  Parking Lot
-  Numbered Gate
-  Trail
-  Minor Unpaved Road
-  Minor Paved Road

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Attachment 4

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EXAMPLE OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE:

Size 2 x 6"; to be installed on back of bench

Betty Salveter, 1931–2013

MROSD Docent, Friend of Open Space

*In every walk with nature one receives far more
than he seeks ... John Muir*

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In Loving Memory
Betty Salveter

ATTACHMENT 5



August 19, 1931 – February 1, 2013

Celebration and Remembrance

Sunday, February 17, 2013

The Forum

Cupertino, California

"The sun shines not on us, but in us"

~ John Muir

In Loving Memory of Betty Salveter

Elizabeth Marie Bayless was born August 19, 1931, in Evanston, Illinois, to Harold Stanley Bayless and Bessie Nilssen. Her father had recently immigrated to the United States from New Zealand and her mother from Norway.

Betty attended Northwestern University where she received her BA in Education, later receiving her Master's Degree in Social Work in Chicago. She began her career counseling young people as a school Social Worker in Evanston.



While participating in a Singles Group at the Evanston Methodist Church Betty met Steve Salveter. They were married in 1963 (49 ³/₄ years ago) and lived in Northbrook, Illinois, with their daughter Nancy. The family moved to Los Altos in 1972 when Steve received a transfer to California by IBM.

In her new location, Betty's career in Social Work evolved into a position as Court Officer for Santa Clara County's Family and Children Services. Her responsibility of placing at-risk children from troubled families into good foster homes was a challenge to Betty's caring soul. On many occasions she wanted to bring the children into her home. As an Officer of the Court, she was the epitome of a child advocate in the way she skillfully advised and counseled the Judges, while comforting and protecting the children.

Betty and her beloved husband Steve shared a passion for the outdoors, hiking, and volunteering. One of their favorite haunts was the area around St. Joseph Seminary, which is now the location of The Forum, Deer Hollow Farm, and Oak Valley Subdivision. Betty and Steve were docents with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. They led public hikes into many of the Preserves, including neighboring Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. They volunteered as docents at the Daniels Nature Center near Skyline Blvd. and Alpine Road. As an expert relating to youngsters, Betty delighted in explaining the various displays, focusing microscopes so the children could observe the wiggling critters that were denizens of the surrounding areas, helping to promote their natural curiosity.

The vacations Steve and Betty enjoyed usually involved some hiking. Their favorite vacation was hiking England, coast to coast, from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. The trek took two weeks and covered 192 miles.



Betty had a smile that would melt glaciers. She embraced Steve's large, loving family as her own. She traveled to Arizona to visit her mother-in-law, Marie Davis Salveter, and her daughter Nancy Lynn Bruner, and her precious grandsons Daniel Holt Bruner (18), and Owen Quinn Bruner (9).

Betty passed away in her sleep on February 1, 2013, of Alzheimer's disease.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

BETTY SALVETER

The Forum Green Room

February 17, 2013

OPENING

David Smilovitz—Pathways Hospice

MEMORIES OF BETTY

Will Hoggan—Nephew

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

Will and Rebekah Hoggan—Nephew & Grand-Niece

INVITATION TO SHARE THOUGHTS, MEMORIES

Friends, Family, Forum Staff

CLOSING REMARKS

David Smilovitz—Pathways Hospice

The Salveter-Bruner Family would like everyone to enjoy
refreshments after the service



*In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the
Peninsula Open Space Trust*

222 High Street, Palo Alto, California 94301, or the donor's favorite charity.



Work piles up on trail



EUGENE LOUIE — MERCURY NEWS

Volunteers Betty and Steve Salveter examine a specimen to determine its source. Only dog piles rate concern in the trail survey.

Volunteers on lookout for outlaw doo-doo

BY MICHAEL CRONK
Mercury News Staff Writer

The birds and bees do it, and even sophisticated fleas do it. But when dogs do it on the trails at the Windy Hill Open Space Preserve, it counts.

Checking dog-waste piles might seem like a dirty job, but it's one of the tasks assigned to a cadre of volunteers recruited by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

When they have their "poop patrol" hats on, the volunteers are looking for hard — or soft —

Volunteers are conducting a survey of park users and whether they're cleaning up after pets.

evidence that canines are messin' with the trails.

"When you think of volunteering for a public open space agency, you might expect to help with trail buildings or maintenance, fixing fences, or other such pro-

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A leash sign gently reminds trail users with pets.

'Poop patrol' keeps tally of dog droppings on trail

■ TRAILS

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jects," said Paul McKowan, the district's volunteer coordinator. "While those types of projects are available, we are seeking more volunteers for this on-site task."

The 1,132-acre Windy Hill Preserve, in and above the Portola Valley, is named for the distinctive, breezy, grass-covered hilltop visible from many points on the Peninsula. It attracts nature lovers, hikers, runners, bicyclists, equestrians and visitors with dogs.

The volunteers are conducting a yearlong pilot trail census survey of park users, and whether they're complying with trail regulations, such as leash laws and cleaning up after pets.

And these volunteers are on the case.

"Volunteer trail patrol members wear green vests whenever we're out on the trail. We want people with questions or problems to come to us," said volunteer Steve Salveter, 64, a retired IBM computer programmer.

"But when we're doing the trail census, we don't want people to notice us. We're there to observe and we don't want to influence their behavior," he said.

Salveter and his wife, Betty, walked up the trail to Sausal Pond recently. "There's a lot more human litter than dog litter, I promise you," he said.

As they trekked through the woods, the Salveters observed scat and horse droppings on the trail, but there was little evidence of dog poop that day.

Volunteers are trained to differentiate dog poop from the scat of coyote, deer and other inhabitants of the preserve. It has to do with shape, consistency and content. Enough said.

Scat is acceptable because the animals live there. Where else are they supposed to go? Horses get a pass, too.

But when dogs do it, that's a horse of a different color. District



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officials said far fewer horses than dogs are being brought to open space preserves and that if the poop piles were stacked next to each other, dogs would win in a walk.

"Trash bothers and annoys me much more than what dogs leave behind," volunteer Walt Gill said.

Gill, a 62-year-old retiree from the electronics industry, checks the trails while he runs them. "As long as I'm there, I want to do something with the trail system and to help people."

Frankly, he doesn't consider counting dog-waste piles a big part of what he does on the trails.

Measuring the level of non-compliance will aid the board of directors in deciding current and future uses of the parks, said Malcolm Smith, district public affairs officer.

Smith added that the district isn't dumping on dogs. He said in the past two years, trails that allow dogs at district preserves have doubled from 20 to 40 miles.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

To volunteer for the census trail survey, call Paul McKowan at (650) 691-1200.

No Credit or Bad Credit?

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