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RE: PECK PARK CANYON AND RAY PATRICIO TRAILS

Recently several representatives of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council took a walk through Peck Park Canyon, Ray Patricio Trails. We want to commend whoever has been maintaining it. It was in the best condition we have seen in several years. The trails were free of weeds, there were no homeless encampments and no residual trash from them, there were only a couple of shopping carts, the trashcans at the trailheads had recently been emptied, and the doggie bag dispensers had been filled.

We do, however, have several concerns that need to be addressed:

- There is a tree overhanging the trail that needs to be removed before it falls down on a hiker. We would be glad to point this tree out to someone if you like.
- We continue to be concerned about the rusty fencing left from Hernandez Ranch. This is a safety issue and should be removed (see photos).
- The entrance from Miraflores is extremely steep and needs to have steps
- While the residue from the slide a couple of years ago has been mostly removed, there is still some rubble that creates an unsafe condition for the cross-country team and other runners who regularly use this trail. We would be glad to show someone this area.
- The wall built by the Conservation Corps in the 1930 ties is crumbling and in some places pieces of wall have slid down towards the trail. The wall is badly in need of repair (see photo).
- The trail itself continues to be eroded by water runoff (see photo). The rubber diverters installed with Proposition O Funds have all deteriorated and are useless. They should be replaced with stone. Many of the existing stone diverters have filled with debris and need to be maintained.
- The bridges need to be treated with rust preventive paint.

Finally, we would like to know why the Elberon entrance has a “No Trespassing” sign. This is one of the main entrances to the trail and was where the initial dedication of the Prop O project was held (see photo).
We would be interested in meeting with Recreation and Park Staff to discuss the possibility of a small playground and picnic area on part of Hernandez Ranch.

Please let us know how you will address these issues. Thank you for your continued stewardship of our parks.

Sincerely,

Ray Regalado, President
On behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board