



Open Space Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2015

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Arn Allemand, Scott Alexander, Kahle Becker, Tim Breuer, Steve Clay, Jim Cornwell, Bill Junk, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Ken Smith, Sid Tomlinson, Chuck Vertrees, Brian White, Ken Winer,

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Meeting minutes of the Open Space Meeting of October 6, 2015 were approved as submitted.

The order of business for the Open Space Committee meeting was as follows:

1. Final review and approval of the OSC Charter and Notice of Intent Form

- Third and final draft of the Open Space Committee Charter was reviewed and discussed by the group. Chuck Vertrees made a motion that the Open Space Committee Charter be approved with changes and submitted to Town Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Aimee Noonan and unanimously approved by the group.
- Requested changes:
 - Change - ORGANIZATION: The committee shall consist of a minimum of 7 maximum of 11 appointed members. Appointed members and a committee chairperson are selected by the Town Council at the Annual Town Meeting.
 - To – ORGANIZATION: The committee shall consist of a minimum of 7 maximum of 11 members (including chairperson). The committee chairperson and members are appointed by the Town Council at the Annual Town Meeting.
 - Change – RESPONSIBILITIES: Committed to preserving and protecting the scenic, historic, scientific, educational, natural, agricultural, open space and water resource values of the open space area, the Committee meets to review proposals, Firewise initiatives, staff reports and other information affecting the natural open spaces and conservation lands of Hidden Springs.
 - To - RESPONSIBILITIES: Committed to preserving and protecting the scenic, historic, scientific, educational, natural, agricultural, wild life habitat, open space and water resource values of the open space area, the Committee meets to review proposals, Firewise initiatives, staff reports and other information affecting the natural open spaces and conservation lands of Hidden Springs.
- Chuck Vertrees made a motion that the Notice of Intent be approved with changes and submitted to Town Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Bill Junk and unanimously approved by the group.
- Requested changes:
 - Remove the following: Prior Participation in the Community? Relevant Experience? Goals? Additional Information to be considered?
 - Add: Why are you interested in serving on the Open Space Committee?

2. Introduction of Scott Alexander, Site Superintendent

- Lisa Ahrens introduced Scott to the group.

- Scott updated the group on tasks that have been completed throughout the community over the summer.
- Projects that Scott would like input on from the group include, revegetation of open space, Rolling Hills Sweet Clover infestation, Native Garden clean up and beautification.

3. Master Plan

- Chuck Vertrees and others would like to identify a management plan for open space.
- Multiple components are should be considered and factored into the plan:
 - i. Trails
 - ii. Fire Mitigation
 - iii. Noxious Weeds
- Identify what needs to be done and what needs to be done differently
- A 3 to 5 year work plan based on projects was suggested
- Lisa Ahrens and Tim Breuer have a meeting with Ellen Campfield Nelson, Agnewbeck consultant assisting Boise City regarding communication and best practices to engage the public with regard to trails and trail use.

4. Staff Report / Lisa Ahrens

- Pre-emergent and re-seeding – Intermountain Aquatics encountered equipment and terrain issues on the project scheduled prior to Hidden Springs and they were not able to apply pre-emergent in the community prior to the rain and colder temperatures. HSTA will identify a pre-emergent option for Spring 2016
- Bike Project update – Kim Lyons presented a new location for the bike project adjacent to Cougar field at the October 14th Town Council Meeting. The proposed new location for boys to dig and create jumps in Cougar field was approved by the Town Council. If a larger scale project is intended a 30 day comment period was recommended. Council requested additional information, rules and guidelines and identified probationary period.
- Lisa Ahrens and Tim Breuer are working on Trail Easement for the newly cut Ridge to Rivers Chuckar Butte Trail(s) on Hidden Springs property.

5. LTTV Update / Tim Breuer

- Tim briefly mentioned Boise City's work with Ellen Campfield Nelson, Agnewbeck
- Save the Date – April 16th 2016 for a Treasure Valley Community trail effort with LTTV and HSTA to build the additional trail route from Hidden Springs to Daniels Creek Trail.

6. New Business

Ranch access road off Cartwright Ranch – the gate is often left open and there is lots of mud tracked out from the Rancher. Lisa Ahrens will contact the Rancher.

Bill Junk suggested the storm water collection area off Sage Creek be considered for a neighborhood park – What is the overlay use for that parcel? Lisa Ahrens will research.

Next meeting – December 1st

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm