



Open Space Meeting Notes

September 1, 2015

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Ken Winer, Tom Aronson, Tim Breuer, Ron Painter, Kim Lyons, Shannon Ross, Mitch Wood, Sid Tomlinson, Chuck Vertrees, Bill Junk, Jason Allen,

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

1. Introduction of new Open Space Committee Chair

The Committee welcomed newly appointed Committee Chair, Chuck Vertrees, Chuck is a native Idahoan, born, raised and educated in the Treasure Valley. He has hunted, fished, mountain biked and backpacked all over Idaho and still prefers to spend his vacations exploring and sharing our beautiful state with his wife and two kids. Over the last few years, Chuck has helped build and maintain trails with Ridge to Rivers, SWIMBA and even our own here in Hidden Springs. A resident since 2011, He moved to Hidden Springs specifically to be closer to open space and trails. When I asked Chuck what he was looking forward to most in his new role as OSC Chair he replied, "I hope to introduce more residents to the great outdoor opportunities we have in our 'backyard' and maintain and improve upon the great spaces we have in our community."

2. Open Space Committee Charter

First draft of the Open Space Committee Charter was reviewed and discussed by the group. Suggestions were:

- Strive for one representative from each area or Phase of the community if possible but not mandatory. A primary and an Alternate.
- Identify a core committee for continuity, decisions and voting on recommendations. Consider 9.
- Add member description with time commitment, job responsibilities (investigate issues, research, evaluate).

Recruitment of new members was discussed and more communication and promotion of the committee was encouraged. Notice of meetings on newsletters and sandwich board, poster in mail room, table at events.

3. Staff Report

Goats will graze around the Wastewater Retention Basins and along Dry Creek Road. Further discussion regarding ways to reduce fire fuels warranted.

Intermountain Aquatics scheduled to visit grazed areas and provide a bid for pre-emergent spray (Fall) and re-seeding (Spring 2016).

Future review of common space area in particular the areas that adjacent to homes should be reviewed.

4. Daniels Creek Update

Everything to be constructed has been constructed. Ridge to Rivers is working on a Trail Management Plan. There will be surveys and workshops to determine what is liked, what should be added, use conflicts etc. Tim Breuer will be sure to communicate information so that Hidden Springs' residents can be included and contribute feedback. Tim is also exploring loop options adjacent to the "water tower loop."

5. New Business

Kim Lyons shared a presentation on a "Bike Jump Project." Kim is presenting on behalf of a group of boys who are the driving force behind this endeavor. The bike jump area would be probationary and the privilege would exist until abused. After hearing the presentation the Open Space Committee was in favor of the project. Recommendations for next steps: identify rules and guidelines for use, tighten up proposal, address weed and goat head management, confer with residents and schedule a formal meeting to share with community for additional feedback.

Off Road Vehicle Damage

East side of Cartwright Road - Possible Community Project 2016

Hill off Deerpath - Fence or Boulders to mitigate off-road trespassing particularly during fire season – 2016

Next meeting – October 6th