



Open Space Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2017

Attendees: Kahle Becker, Tim Breuer, Bill Junk, Jay Karamales, Don Murray, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Chuck Vertrees, Ken Winer

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

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

July 13th 2017 Meeting Minutes

- July Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Staff Report – Lisa Ahrens / Tim Breuer

- Hopkins crews continue to battle thistle growing in HS open spaces.
- Hopkins installed two spigots at the Bike Park.
- Common space mowing (between homes) now a priority as put on hold to complete fire break work.
- Switchback Trail Repairs/Maintenance almost complete.
- Yellow house on Humphrey's scheduled for removal the week of July 17th pending permits. Land will be restored and seeded to blend with existing Dry Creek foliage.
- Trail signage has been ordered.
- North Creek Trail Proposal complete, forward any comments to HSTA as it is ready for announcement and distribution.
- Tim shared Northern Upland Trail Loop options. Ridge to Rivers commitment details pending. Possibly project to recommend to Town Council for 2018. The committee discussed and by unanimous vote, recommend Tim work with Ada County and other interested parties on further details and next steps to move this project forward.

HS Trail Maintenance – Lisa Ahrens

- HS Trail Maintenance and Fix Priorities chart was again shared and discussed.
- Discussion centered on identifying categories and identifying maintenance tasks vs. projects.

Bike Project Update – Eddy Petranek

- Spigots have been installed and are now being used.
- Mowing and trimming maintenance done by volunteers.

Farm Update – Lisa Ahrens

- Wednesday Working Nights at 6:00 pm and Friday Working Mornings at 8:00 am continue.

New Business

- Wildlife conservation – HSTA has contacted D&B regarding a wild bird seed purchase program for residents. Nesting box project conducted by the Farm Committee Fall 2016.
- Committee discussed Lisa's suggestion for contracting out semi-annual trail inspection and maintenance. By unanimous vote, the committee agreed a recommendation should be made to Town Council to include semi-annual trail inspection and maintenance in the 2018 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Next Meetings

- Tuesday, October 3rd
- Thursday, November 9th
- Tuesday, December 5th
- Tuesday, December 12th (Annual Meeting)