



Open Space Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2017

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Bill Junk, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Chuck Vertrees, Tim Wagner, Ken Winer

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

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

October 13th 2016 and January 5th 2017 Meeting Minutes

- October and January Minutes approved

Open Space and Trails Master Plan and Map

- No additional residents attended the meeting for Q&A

Staff Report – Lisa Ahrens and Tim Breuer

- Firewise Update – Committee Meeting February 21st at 6:00pm in the Clubhouse
- Trail Care Crew / Volunteers
 - a. Per HSTA insurance company, residents can volunteer to work on trails; a signed waiver must be on file in the HSTA office or if a specific project signed day of project work.
- Trick or Treat Trail Project – Phase 2
 - a. Scheduled for April 29th.
 - b. Ridge to Rivers and Land Trust of the Treasure Valley will be involved.
 - c. Tim will reach out to REI who may provide giveaways but participation not critical to work day.
 - d. A culvert or french drain with turnpike needs to be considered near the road.
- Identification of Priorities
 - a. Red Tail Trail Extension on HSTA land
 - Red Tail extension onto County's Red Hawk estates property is of interest to County but is not on the plan for 2017.
 - Tim has been meeting with County to remind them of HSTA interest to keep the desire on the table. This is separate from the idea of connecting to Avimor from HSTA.
 - The County's current priority is in getting a parking lot and trail from McFarland Creek area north to Avimor. They have some challenges but continue to work toward that goal. Avimor has put money toward the project as match to County's money. Tim will follow up with County to get this advanced on their priority list.
 - Open Space making the planning and progress for this connection a priority for 2017 and 2018.
 - b. Take care of internal trail system.
 - c. Southern Upland Trails – reroute and/or repair.
 - Field work needed to identify a strategy.

- d. Humphrey's Trail.
 - e. Sewage Lagoon Trail.
 - f. Water Tank Trail Loop
 - Reroute or repair? Entire southern upland trails to be reviewed for maintenance and/or reroute options.
 - Tim will create some alternatives and schedule a field tour later this spring.
 - g. Wetlands and Hidden Springs Drive.
 - Management needed near homes.
 - Noxious weed control.
 - h. Repair bridge across Dry Creek near Community Farm.
 - i. Northern Uplands
 - Connector all weather trail between Deerpath and Sage Creek.
 - j. Switchback Trail
 - Post and Pole replacement recommended by the Committee 2016
- Setting Priorities - Each member was asked to identify their top priorities – refer to chart below:

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
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- Trail education important so residents realize the importance of staying off muddy trails.

Bike Project Update – Eddy Petranek

- No update at this time. Still covered in snow.

Farm Update (Tim Wagner)

- 2017 Kick off meeting is February 8th at 6:00pm in the Clubhouse.
- Seeking sub-committee chairs to champion a number of items in order to divide and conquer.
- Meetings will transition to weekly once weather improves.
- Expanded row crops and U-pick sweet corn, berries, pumpkins and flowers are planned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday March 7th