



Open Space Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2017

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Tim Breuer, Kahle Becker, Bill Junk, Jay Karamales, Kim Lyons, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Chuck Vertrees, Heidi Wagner, Tim Wagner

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

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

February 7th Meeting Minutes

- February Meeting Minutes approved with correction; add Tim Breuer's name to list of attendees.

Open Space and Trails Concept Master Plan and Map

- No additional residents attended the meeting for Q&A.
- Add topic to the March 14th Working Town Council Meeting agenda.
- Chuck and Tim will attend and share with the Town Council and communicate the 2017 Open Space priorities.

Staff Report – Lisa Ahrens and Tim Breuer

- Dry Creek Tree Inspection conducted by Lisa, Tim, Chuck and Sean Conner (Conner's Tree Service) identified a number of uprooted and fallen trees to be removed to address safety concerns. Town Council approved the bid and work will begin when weather permits access.
- Wildfire Preparedness Day: Plan – Prepare – Protect – Saturday May 20th. OSC Members asked to save the date and volunteer.
- Tim Breuer shared the 2017 Open Space Priorities matrix.
 - a. Dry Creek Boardwalk – Per discussions with Army Core of Engineers and Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, extensions can be added to the existing bridge to create a board walk provided construction does not involve additional coring into the creek or bank. Members discussed constructing and adding additional segments utilizing volunteers.
 - b. Southern Uplands – Further investigation needs to be done to determine if repairs vs. reroutes are the best options. Tim will take a look at the trails (weather permitting) and discuss at the April OS Meeting. Tim will also take a look at the trails in the Northern Uplands to identify those that need maintenance work.
 - c. Trick or Treat Trail – Phase 2 construction scheduled for April 29th. Tim will contact REI. Time still TBD. Crew Leaders will be needed.

- Northern Uplands Plan Proposal – Bill Junk Bill shared a document he drafted following discussions from the November OS Meeting and priority document, titled “2017 North Side Trail Maintenance Plan Proposal.”
 - a. Committee discussed Ridge to Rivers trail maintenance and agreed that Ridge to Rivers should continue to maintenance these trails and volunteers focus on community/non-Ridge to Rivers trails.
 - b. Committee agreed with Chuck and Tim’s recommendation to use “Trail Solutions IMBA’s Guide to Building Sweet Singletrack.” as guideline for community trail maintenance work.
 - c. As shared, the Plan Proposal was not approved by the Committee. It was agreed that Tim will schedule time to go out with Bill and identify specific tasks and will prepare a maintenance task list for those wanting to perform maintenance work on community Northern Upland trails.

Bike Area – Kim Lyons and Eddy Petranek

- Erosion from winter weather not too bad.
- Some drainage fixes required to address standing water.
- Need “Stay Off – Don’t Use – Muddy Track” signage.

Farm – Tim and Heidi Wagner

- Farm Committee have had two working days so far other work days postponed due to weather and muddy conditions.
- The Committee has established 1/2 dozen sub-groups to focus on specific areas, i.e., identifying row crops; ordering seeds; irrigation requirements; construction of drying tables, etc.
- Adding additional U-Pick opportunities for the community including, sweet corn, flowers and additional berry crops.

New Business

- Northern Uplands Plan Proposal – Bill Junk o See above
- Switchback Trail Plan o Ken Winer solicited resident interest/input and will be hosting a meeting Wednesday March 8th from 4:00 to 5:00pm in Clubhouse.
- Community Composting – Subject raised by OSC Members and additional research is required to determine if it is feasible for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday April 4th.