



# Open Space Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2018

**Attendees:** Lisa Ahrens, Kahle Becker, Tim Breuer, Jay Karamales, Kim Lyons, Don Murray, Eddy Petranek, Tae Swoboda, Chuck Vertrees

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

## October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were unanimously approved.

## Nork Creek Trail Proposal and Red Tail Trail Western Loop Proposal

- Chuck Vertrees and Tim Breuer presented proposals for North Creek Trail and Red Tail Trail West Loop to the Town Council October 16, 2018. Both proposals received public comments which were reviewed and discussed with the Open Space Committee and Town Council. There was Council concern that very few residents along the North Creek trail actually responded to the proposal.
- Town Council approved the Open Space Committee's recommendation for the Red Tail Trail which will be constructed and funded by Ada County Parks. The approval was communicated to Scott Koberg. Next step is staking the trail layout. It is possible this will be done early winter but more likely early spring 2019.
- Kahle Becker inquired as to the timing of proposed seasonal closures for wildlife November 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time, seasonal closures are a recommendation and not definite and would apply to the new sections of the Red Tail Trail and not existing.
- Town Council approved the Open Space Committee's recommendation for North Creek Trail to become an official community trail which includes updating the signage indicating it is a wildlife area, requiring dogs to be on leash and giving the HSTA the responsibility for minimal trail maintenance.

## Staff Report

- Open Space Maintenance
  - Fall clean up continues in common spaces.
  - Trails are being mowed and edged.
  - Committee requested additional road mix be applied to the low spot in wetland near bike area when the wild rose bush gets cut back.
- Firewise
  - Application for recertification approved. New certificate to arrive January 2019.
- LTTV
  - Tim Breuer is retiring from the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley at the end of the year.
  - The Land Trust is committed to continue the partnership with HSTA with Open Space and the Conservation Easement in the community a top priority.

## Committee Reports

- Bike Area hosted a maintenance day October 14th from 1 – 4:00 pm. 15 volunteers attended and worked to improve and maintain the area.
- Farm Committee presented their Annual Report and 2019 budget to the Town Council November 5, 2018. Town Council approved their plans for 2019.

**New Business**

- Appointing Jr. Members to the Open Space Committee was discussed. Governing documents dictate that voting members of the community must be lot owners therefore, Jr. members are welcome and can participate in discussion and work on projects but cannot vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Next Meeting is **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Dry Creek Merc**