



Open Space Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2019

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Dan Anderson, Kahle Becker, Tom Bobo, Jim Cornwell, William Junk, Jay Karamales, Kim Lyons, Michael Miller, Aimee Noonan, Raece Oakeson, Eddy Petranek, Chris Roe, Tae Swoboda, Chuck Vertrees

Meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm.

March 5th Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were unanimously approved.

April 20th – Community Clean Up and Trail Projects

- **Water Tank Reroute** – Tom Bobo, Grossman Company, Vice President of Development attended the meeting to participate in discussion regarding the Water Tank Reroute. The reroute is necessary was approved by Ada County and Hidden Springs due to the installation of a new Suez water storage tank on Ada County property adjacent to Hidden Springs. Selected as one of the community projects for April 20th given it is fun for volunteers to take part in building a new trail. Grossman Company contracted with the LTTV for the reroute. Equipment and materials will be provided by LTTV. Volunteers will be able to sign up on Signup Genius.
- **Clean Up Tasks / DCHS Farmstead Projects** – There will be other community clean up tasks and a list of DCHS farmstead projects for volunteers. Volunteers will be able to sign up on Signup Genius.

Barbed Wire Removal

- Kevin Dow working on an inventory of barbed wire fencing locations.
- Kevin Dow and Bill junk will work together to remove some of the barbed wire fencing in the uplands. Wood posts will be left on site and t-posts and wire will either be left for HSTA staff pick up or hauled to the working barn for recycling.
- The Contractor constructing Landslide Loop will only be cutting and removing what is necessary for the trail.

Rangeland Grazing

- 4/2/19 the HSTA was notified by a resident that he had a run in with two sheep dogs near the summit of the Red Tail trail just north of Hidden Springs late afternoon 4/1/2019 while riding his mountain bike. He let the HSTA know he was going to be okay, but was very concerned that something worse might happen in the future if better precautions were not taken, education, signage etc.
- Scott Koberg and David Gordon notified HSTA on 4/2/19 that they encountered a large herd of sheep with dogs and a shepherd entering Ada County and Hidden Springs property the morning of 4/2/19 near the power tower where Red Tail turns east. Scott engaged the shepherd (Maximo) who provided him with the name and number of the owner, John Peterson. Scott immediately called John and he told me he had grazed sheep on Avimor and Lance Teel's property "for years". John was told his sheep were now on Ada County and Hidden Springs conservation easement property and that there was no grazing agreement to his knowledge. He agreed to move his sheep back onto Teel's and Avimor's property and was able to communicate this with Maximo who moved the sheep within about 15 minutes.

- HSTA also called John Peterson on 4/2/19 to reiterate the sheep and dogs could not graze on Hidden Springs' property and if close to any trail(s) post proper signage. John contacted the HS resident who encountered the sheep and dogs and apologized directly.

Staff Report

LTTV

- Chris is getting up to speed in the new position.
- Chris went out with Chuck Vertrees and Bill Junk to help prioritize maintenance projects for 2019.
- And Chris is working on a GIS map of the Hidden Springs trails and dropping markers for maintenance.

Open Space Maintenance

- **Noxious weeds** – Hopkins is gearing/staffing up for a “weedy” spring. Hopkins will begin spraying when weather conditions permit and weeds sprout. Rain, colder weather and overcast days have delayed efforts.
- **Tree and shrub trimming** - Hopkins will continue with trimming, thinning and clearing out dead material in natural common spaces throughout the community. Done Rite will be removing some large willows and poplars in open spaces encroaching on resident property and a few trees posing safety concerns along the creek.
- **Access road at the end of Long Meadow and 14th** – Hopkins has the road mix and crushed gravel onsite and will place as soon as weather and conditions permit.
- **“Thank you for leashing your dog and picking up poop...”** Signage will be placed in a few areas around the community to see if it helps.
- Some signs up and around the Landslide Meadow Trail reroute from bitterbrush need to be relocated.
 - Welcome to Hidden Springs sign needs to be moved to the new trailhead location – put on eastside of trail south of the Y.
 - A Stay on designated trails sign is needed at the old trail head.

Firewise

- Wildfire Preparedness Day – Friday May 3rd and Saturday May 4th
 - a. Fire-fuel reduction and debris collection
 - b. Fire hydrant painting
- A follow up request will be made for Boise Fire Department to conduct a community assessment.

Committee Reports

Bike Area

- Spring efforts on hold due to weather.
- Hopkins will spray for weeds.
- Road mix/gravel needed on access road from Cougar Field parking lot.
- A volunteer day will be scheduled for some time in May.

Farm

- Ground is too wet to get started.

New Business

Trail Names

- Bill Junk proposed that the Open Space Committee consider renaming some trails to avoid confusion.
 - Landslide Meadow Trail / Landslide Loop Trail
 - Chukar Butte Trail (between Humphrey's Trail and Upper Ridge Trail) / Chukar Butte Trail (Daniel's Creek).
- Open Space Appointed Committee members to submit 3 ideas to the HSTA at hsta@hiddensprings.com by Friday April 26th

E-Bike Policy

- The Committee discussed e-bikes, e-bikes on Hidden Springs' trails, Boise City and Ridge to River's e-bike policies.
- For the next Open Space Meeting, HSTA to provide reference in CC&Rs or other governing document related to motorized vehicles on trails and/or community property, Ridge to River's e-bike policy and Ridge to River's easement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Next Meeting is **Tuesday, May 7th**