



Open Space Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Kahle Becker, Jim Cornwell, Kevin Dow, William Junk, Jay Karamales, Kim Lyons, Don Murray, Aimee Noonan, Raece Oakeson, Chris Roe, Tae Swoboda, Chuck Vertrees

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

June 5th Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were unanimously approved.

Upper Ridge Reroute - Update

- 30 day comment period open thru 9/5/19.
- This simple reroute will improve a portion of the trail to get away from the steepness of the incline.
- The old trail could be decommissioned. Ground tilled and reseeded with fence installed to redirect users.
- At the end of the 30 day comment period a formal request will be sent to Scott Koberg and the Town Council.
- The reroute and decommission work would be a good fall volunteer project.
- Chris mentioned that a number of Open Space/Trail minded businesses were looking for volunteer projects and could help.

New Trail Proposal - Update

- 30 day comment period open thru 9/5/19.
- Meeting with David Gordon, Ridge to Rivers, on site 9/11/19.
- Funding discussion pending meeting with Ridge to Rivers.
- Pending feed-back and outcome of the September meeting, present to Town Council at September WTCM for project and funding support.
- Submit to Ada County pending feed-back and the outcome of the WTCM meeting.

Hidden Springs to Cartwright Ranch Trail Connections

- Chris Roe shared proposed trails in Cartwright Ranch and the connections from Hidden Springs to Cartwright Ranch and vice versa.
- Cartwright currently has the trails project out for bid.
- Will Cartwright Ranch pay for construction of connections on Hidden Springs' property?

Wetlands

- The wetlands have received minimal maintenance for years.
- Time, effort and resources need to be focused on wetland issues.
- Aimee Noonan contacted Michael Wiegand (Habiscapes) who will come out and inspect the wetlands and provide direction.
- Grants and funding were briefly discussed.
- Chris Roe also has some ideas and is doing research; he will report back to the group with additional information.
- Would drone photos over the wetland be possible?

Trail Mowing

- Bill Junk was complimentary of the trail mowing done however questions the timing given trail over-growth.
- It was suggested that the crews mowing/edging trails are exceeding the 2 foot on either side specification.
- Discussion tabled for a later time when committee members have ideas to contribute.

Staff Report

Open Space Maintenance

- Nothing to report at this time

Firewise

- Nothing to report at this time

Committee Reports

Bike Area

- Will schedule a volunteer day sometime in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next Meeting is **Tuesday, September 3rd**