



Open Space Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2020

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Dan Anderson, William Junk, Kim Lyons, Don Murray, Aimee Noonan, Paul Ostler, Eddy Petranek, Chuck Vertrees

Field Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Staff Report – Lisa Ahrens

- The Association has an agreement with the Land Trust to provide consult on Open Space Management to fulfill the Open Space Manager requirement in the CC&R's. HSTA was notified 8/25/2020, Chris Roe the stewardship coordinator assigned to Hidden Springs had resigned. Chuck Vertrees and Lisa Ahrens will meet with Eric Grace (Director of LTTV) about the LTTV's role in the community, Open Space Management needs and trail maintenance.
- **Noxious weed mitigation** (White Top, Purple Loosestrife, Hounds Tongue, Scotch Thistle and Canada Thistle) Thistle(s), Poison Hemlock). HSTA working with Ada County on noxious weed mitigation. Ada County will be spraying the following areas:
 - Fall 2020 – Spray 4 acres wetlands area with specific properties that border the wetlands areas of Humphry's Dr. and Hidden Springs Dr.
 - Spring 2021 – Spray 4 acres wetlands area with specific properties that border the wetlands areas of Humphry's Dr. and Hidden Springs Dr.
 - Spring and Fall 2021 – Spray 4 acres open areas north of Dry Creek along Dry Creek Rd
 - Spring and early Summer 2021 - Spot spray 3 acres wetland areas along north and south sides of Dry Creek 3 near aquatic areas
 - Will continue to work with Ada County and Hopkins identifying additional areas to address in 2021.
- **Mowing** (Common spaces and Trails). Fall mowing(s) will commence mid-September early October with cooler temperatures.
- **Forts and other random acts in Open Space.** Scot continues to remove forts and water dams to create swimming holes as well as sign and discourage random social trails across the creek.
- **Native plant garden/shed structure.** Nothing new to report at this time.
- **Cougar Field.** Benches on sidelines are sinking. Installation of concrete supports for benches scheduled for October 2020.
- **Bike Park.** Hopkins to mow and edge this week.
- **Farm** to present their annual report and request for support at the October Town Council Meeting.

Reroute of South Trail

- Chuck Vertrees lead a discussion on a possible reroute of the South Trail.
- All agreed best to discuss reroute with Cartwright Ranch, Ridge to Rivers and Land Trust given proximity to Cartwright Ridge Trail and land acquisitions.
- Possibly a late spring or fall 2021 volunteer project.

Meadow Tour and Restoration

- Paul Oster and Dan Anderson lead a discussion on Hidden Springs' meadows and proposed restoration test areas.

- For the 12th Ave Border Trailhead, Hidden Springs Wetland (around volleyball court and wetland) HSTA will instruct Hopkins to raise mower decks as high as possible and mow late summer early fall if needed to allow native grasses to reseed.
- Humphreys and Poplar Creek across Humphreys from Cougar Field. Due to water requirements, HSTA cannot reduce water but agreed to instruct Hopkins to raise mower deck as high as possible to encourage meadow grasses.

Next Meeting October 6th – Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Trail Names
- Trail Map
- Trail Signage

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm