



Open Space Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

February 4th Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were unanimously approved.

Committee Chair - Update

- New trail open. Ridge to Rivers pleased that users adhered to signs allowing the trail to rest through the winter before use. Ridge to Rivers also pleased to report the Hidden Springs Ridge to Rivers trails look good.
- Route from Hidden Spring/Landslide Loop and Avimor indefinitely on hold due to complexity and budget.

Fence Removal

- Bill Junk shared progress on fence removal to date and requested approval to remove Fence 6 leaving Fence 8 and 7 (see attached).
- The committee unanimously agreed to the removal of Fence 6.

All Weather Trail Options Discussion

- Dan Anderson and Eddy Petranek lead a discussion on all weather trail options.
- All agreed that continuing to add road mix with $\frac{3}{4}$ crushed gravel to flat interior trails was a good practice. Some trails may require additional work, i.e. culverts to help with drainage as budget allows.

Reroute Section of Upper Ridge Trail Discussion

- Chuck Vertrees and Bill Junk lead a discussion on rerouting Upper Ridge Trail.
- This trail was re-routed in Fall 2019.
- Bill felt the upper section needed to be re-considered for a re-route. Chuck and Chris Roe agreed that there is no viable reroute options. It will remain a short, steep section of trail.

LTTV Report – Chris Roe

- Chris Roe conducted an assessment of the HS trails and shared that they look good.
- Rerouted trails need some work.
- Bitter Brush and Rabbit Brush seedlings were planted on Upper Ridge.
- Homestead and Andy's Gulch need some clean up.

Staff Report – Lisa Ahrens

Open Space Maintenance

- **Fuel Reduction** - Removing dead material and overgrowth in open space areas between homes and along Dry Creek to reduce fuels.
 - On Hopkins started this work in February and working their way around the community

- **Trail Maintenance** – First load of road mix and ¾ crushed gravel delivered to community barn parking lot and Hopkins is working to spread:
 - Entrance to Shady Grove
 - Pot holes and problem areas on farm access road
- **Noxious Weeds**
 - Application of pre-emergent(s) being applied to areas along Dry Creek with poison hemlock
 - Will work our way to Currant Creek and other locations

Open Space Projects and Tasks

- Identify a clean-up or trail project for Community Clean Up and Trail Maintenance Day, April 25, 2020.
- Improve entrance to shady grove trail building up the trail and applying road mix/crushed gravel – Hopkins working on this week 3/3/2020.
- Address drainage issues on the Wetlands Trail from Dry Creek Road Parking Lot to the Dry Creek Trail
 - On Hopkins Spring To-Do List
- Daniels Creek Easement/Farm Access Road – Mud track out issue
 - Rancher would like HS to consider allowing them to relocate the road. Reviewing options and possible easement issues.
- Review LTTV recommendations Spring 2019 and prioritize projects for 2020 and 2021
- Hydro-seed 2-3 meadow areas (Humphreys, farm access, Hidden Springs Drive) to help restore native grasses and reduce noxious weeds. Estimate still pending from Syman for all three areas.
 - Farm Road where sewer line went through connecting Cartwright Ranch to Hidden Springs Sewer.
 - Field behind Parklane where we have eradicated invasive and noxious weeds and now need to restore natural grasses.
 - Field an open space area running from 5114 Hidden Springs Dr east to behind Park Ln overrun with invasive weeds.
- Reprint Community and Regional Trails Map (Fall 2020)
- Consult with ACHD, a Hydrologist and Army Corps of Engineers regarding the water build up in the wetlands, management and next steps
- Identify Open Space areas to apply recycled water and add to the pressurized irrigation
- Increase agricultural field area and identify and invest in equipment to apply recycled water
- Off Leash dogs
 - Ordered additional permanent Be a Good Neighbor, Leash and Pick up after your dog signs
 - Ordering temporary and moveable signage to address problem locations

Firewise

- Firewise Event/Activity for 2020
 - Applied for NFPA Project Funding Grant \$600.00
 - Hidden Springs Town Association will hosting two events in support of Wildfire Preparedness.
 - April 16, 2020, “How Fire Wise Are You?” Residents will be encouraged to attend the educational evening and/or to contact the Boise Fire Department or Idaho Firewise for a home evaluation in preparation of the coming wildfire season. The educational evening will focus on the importance of the community’s commitment to being Firewise with a focus on the importance of wildfire preparedness, mitigation efforts and safety tips. Residents who attend will be treated to fire themed food and beverages. The HOA will work with representatives from Idaho Firewise, Boise Fire Department, Boise Land Management, North Ada County Fire and Rescue and Land Trust of the Treasure Valley.
 - Annual Wildfire Preparedness Day Fuel Reduction Event Friday May 1st and Saturday May 2nd residents who register for the event with the HOA will benefit from complimentary curb side pick-up of debris.

Farm

- This year instead of one farm leader there will be a team of four: Cheryl Cook, Laurel Dow, Sharon Halvorsen, and Sallie Morse.
- They do not have an official Opening Date as they are waiting for weather conditions and fields to be ready for planting.
- A Pre-Season work party will focus on PRUNING: the raspberry and blackberry bushes, and the lavender on Thursday March 12, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- This year the Farm is changing how the Leadership Team will communicate/update volunteers. The primary means for communication will be bulk emails sent from the HSTA website. The secondary means for sharing information will be via the Hidden Springs Farm Private Group Facebook page. From time to time, they will also use Next Door.

Bike Area

- Hopkins to spray for weeds at the bike park.
- Reminder to HSTA to remove damaged picnic table.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm