



# Open Space Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020

**Attendees:** Lisa Ahrens, Dan Anderson, Kevin Dow, William Junk, Don Murray, Aimee Noonan, Raece Oakeson, Eddy Petranek, Chris Roe, Tae Swoboda, Chuck Vertrees

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

## **November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **Chukar Butte Extension - Update**

- 95% of the work is complete.
- Construction of connections pending.
- Bill Junk and Dan Anderson did some restorative seeding.
- Trail will remain closed through wet season to allow for natural settling and compaction.

## **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?

## **2020 Focus/Projects**

- There was some general discussion regarding what projects the committee should focus on for 2020 with no definitive decisions.
- Current Focus/Project List (as of 1/7/2020)
  - Improve entrance to shady grove trail building up the trail and applying road mix/crushed gravel
  - Identify and remove unnecessary barbed wire fencing on Hidden Springs property
  - Address drainage issues on the Wetlands Trail from Dry Creek Road Parking Lot to the Dry Creek Trail
  - Daniels Creek Easement/Farm Access Road – Mud track out issue
  - Hydro-seed 2-3 meadow areas (Humphreys, farm access, Hidden Springs Drive) to help restore native grasses and reduce noxious weeds
  - Reprint Community and Regional Trails Map
  - Remove dead material, reduce fuels in open space areas between homes and long Dry Creek
  - 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

## **Staff Report**

- Open Space/Farm Open House Event on hold until a farm consultant is identified.
- Firewise activity discussed with Committee interested in some sort of educational family walk around the community.

- Chris Roe shared Ridge to Rivers muddy trails signage and suggested Hidden Springs consider something similar. The Committee discussed and agreed to give it a try on a few trails. HSTA will also include winter trail etiquette in new resident packets.
- Chris Roe shared the Cartwright Ranch Town Association trails map, status of construction as well as trails and possible connections with Hidden Springs on hold until further notice.

#### **Open Space Maintenance**

- Nothing to report at this time

#### **Firewise**

- Firewise activity discussed with Committee interested in some sort of educational family walk around the community.

#### **Bike Area**

- Nothing to report at this time

#### **New Business**

- Bill Junk updated the Committee on wire fence removal completed with Idaho Fish & Game in December and brought up other locations to consider wire fence removal. Bill was asked to prepare a map identifying wire fence locations on Hidden Springs property, indicate if they are internal or boundary fences to discuss at the February Open Space Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Next Meeting is **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**