



Open Space Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2016

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Arn Allemand, Tim Breuer, Matt Butcher, Kim & Heidi Frantz, Jim Cornwell, Bill Junk, Jay Karamales, Kim Lyons, Ken Maderazo, Don Murray, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Timothy Wagner, Brian White, Kristen White, Ken Winer, Mitch Wood

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The order of business for the Open Space Committee meeting was as follows:

1. March 1st Meeting Minutes

- Meeting minutes of the Open Space Meeting of March 1, 2016 were approved.

2. Open Space Survey (Chuck Vertrees)

- Participant Drawing (Chuck Vertrees) / Katie Aston's name was drawn.
- Review of survey results.

3. Rolling Hills Trails Project (Chuck Vertrees)

- Three parts to the project – Enhance trail access points in locations along Dry Creek Road, Cartwright Road and Rolling Hills for older trails, fencing to mitigate off-road activities in Rolling Hills and re-routing unofficial social trails.
- An onsite meeting was held Monday, March 28th. Representatives of the Open Space Committee invited all interested residents to meet at the sewage pumping station (at the end of W. Deerpath and W. Sage Creek) for an on-site Q&A session and review of the project.
- At Site 1 the green line indicates the location of a proposed fence, probably a two rail split cedar fence that will prevent vehicles from accessing the ridge to the north. This is the location where last summer a vehicle drove up the embankment, through the grass and turned around at the top of the ridge. We were fortunate that this incident did not result in a wildland fire. The tracks are still visible and we don't want them to invite another off road excursion.
- At Site 2 the blue line indicates the proposed location of a new trail system accesses south of 4551 Deerpath Drive. It will formalize a social trail providing access to the Red Tail Trail where it ascends from Dry Creek Road. The location has been chosen to provide convenient access for area residents, yet still afford the adjacent residence reasonable privacy. It will also allow for protection of the small planted transition area and improve its overall appearance. Additional drought tolerant plantings, fencing or boulders may be considered to prevent the development of shortcuts that would reduce the adjoining residence's privacy. Fencing may be added in the future to define the trail entrance.
- Site 3, the other blue line, is near the end of Deerpath Drive. It indicates a proposed neighborhood trail access point to facilitate access to the Currant Creek Trails. The trailhead would be located along the short access drive of the sewage pumping station, proceed around the northwestern side of the station, across the back side of

the ACHD storm water detention basin, and then follow a properly designed route to intersect the Currant Creek Trail. Fencing may be added in the future to define the trail entrance.

- The red line, Site 4, indicates a section of social trail that branches off the Currant Creek Trail and crosses the slope immediately behind 4715 Deerpath, then crosses through the middle of the ACHD storm water detention basin. The intent is to decommission this social trail to provide for improved resident privacy and to improve the general appearance of the retention basin. A separate maintenance project by HSTA is planned to remedy damage to the retention basin caused during construction in the immediate area.
- The Open Space Committee invites comments and suggestion regarding all elements of the proposed project. Comments may be submitted to the Hidden Springs Town office at HSTA@HiddenSprings.com, voiced in person at tonight's Open Space Meeting and/or the Open Space Meeting May 3rd. Comments need to be received by the close of business on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.
- Residents from Rolling Hills in attendance at the Open Space meeting voiced concern for trail access designations in close proximity to homes and were in support of signage and discouraging social trails.

4. Farm Report (Tim Wagner)

- 20 active participants not including HSTA staff.
- Monday night work events.

5. Staff Report (Lisa Ahrens / Tim Breuer)

- Easements and governing instruments / proposed 'new' neighborhood access trails
 - Discussed role of Open Space Committee / passive or proactive?
 - Distribute Appointed Member email list
- Reminder of Trail Crew Leader Training – April 6th
- Survey Results – Discussed previously
- Reminder of Open Space Workshop – April 18th
- Reminder of Dry Creek Clean Up and Trail Maintenance – April 23rd
- Reminder of Great Outdoors – May 21st
- Trail Maintenance Tools ordered.

6. Firewise (Mitch Wood)

- Mitch briefly discussed the resources currently available to residents – A Homeowner's Guide to Firewise Landscaping and A Homeowner's Guide to Your Transition Area, HSTA Association Policy 700 / Standardized guidelines for reducing wildland fire hazard in Hidden Springs.
- Community Risk Assessment pending.

Next meeting – May 3rd

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm



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