



Open Space Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2016

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Arn Allemand, Kahle Becker, Lee Benbenek, Marion Benzing, Bob Brantley, Tim Breuer, Linda Burdie, Gage Carr, Alex Clark, Laurel & Kevin Dow, Bob & Mary K. Dunlap, Robert & Mary Dunlop, Sydni Gwinn, Bill Junk, Jay Karamales, Kent Livsey, Kim Lyons, Tina & Dick Morgan, Sallie Morse, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Syd & Rex Sallabanks, Phil Schoensee, Bruce Shaffley, Chuck Vertrees, Heidi Wagner, Ken Winer, Brian White, Charley & Meg Whittle, Mitch Wood,

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

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

July 14th Meeting Minutes

- Bill Junk made a motion to approve the July 14th meeting minutes as written
- Second by Aimee Noonan and unanimously approved

Rolling Hills Trails Project (Chuck Vertrees)

- Trail being realigned under way and being used to train Trail Crew Leaders

Currant Creek Trail to Chukar Butte Trail Connection

- HSTA, Ridge to Rivers, LTTV and REI Trail Building Day October 29th

Firewise

- Capt. Jerry McAdams, Fire Inspector/Investigator, Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator and Brett Van Paeppeghem, Project Coordinator Idaho Firewise visited site of Hidden Springs Wildfire (August 2nd) with HSTA, Chuck Vertrees and residents affected by the fire prior to meeting and present at meeting to answer questions
- Brett answered questions regarding Firewise plants, shared information regarding classes and available resource materials
 - Link for plants list - <http://idahofirewise.org/assets/library/Homeowner%20Information/Firewise%20Landscape/Fire%20Resistance%20of%20Plants%20Master%20Database.pdf>
- Optional apps for wildfire and other state alerts
 - ISAWS
 - Code Red
 - Wildfires Near Me

Staff Report (Lisa Ahrens / Tim Breuer)

Open Space 5 Year Strategic Work Plan

- Tim Breuer discussed the most recent draft of the Open Space and Trails 5 year Strategic Work Plan

- Meant to be a road map document / working list so focus, tasks and projects can ebb and flow
- Committee asked to see Plan again reorganized in preliminary priority order with 1's and 2's together
- Suggested sharing with the community and have a group exercise to prioritize further

Bike Project Update (Bike Area Committee)

- Trash can and picnic table are in place at the bike area
- 4 trees have been planted
- Will continue to do clean up and fine tuning thru the fall

Farm Update (Tim/Heidi Wagner)

- Continue to meet every Monday evening and Friday morning
- Mid-season planting planed for Kahle and cucumber
- Next farm meeting will center volunteer survey and discussion for 2017

New Business

- Kestrel box removed from "Landslide Meadow" off 14th
 - Resident asked Open Space / HSTA to reconsider the removal and return it
 - Open Space appointed members motioned, seconded and voted to replace kestrel box in "Landslide Meadow"
- Domesticated / Feral Rabbits in the Wetlands
 - Resident concerned about rabbit over-population in Wetlands caused by neighbors "loose" domestic rabbits
 - Town Council asked the Open Space Committee to consider and discuss and make a recommendation if considered an Open Space concern
 - Resident with "loose" domestic rabbits shared that the rabbits have been fixed and all but two of the babies caught and re-homed –will continue to try and catch the remaining babies and re-home
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Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next Meetings

- Thursday August 11th
- Tuesday September 6th
- Tuesday October 4th
- Tuesday November 1st