



# Open Space Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2016

**Attendees:** Lisa Ahrens, John Ahrens, Arn Allemand, Nikki Allemand, Ian Barry, Bob Barry, Kahle Becker, Tim Breuer, Steve Clay, Jim Cornwell, Shannon Cuneo, Cyndi Elliot, Jackson Esselman, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Laura Petranek, Hayden Picard, Michelle Riipinen, Doug Riipien, Phil Schoensee, John Shackelford, Andrew Smith, Ken Smith, Chuck Vertrees, Timothy Wagner, Mason Wallgren, Amber Warren, Sam Warren, Brian White, Kristen White, Mitch Wood

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Residents were invited (via Facebook, Nextdoor, Bulk Email) to attend the Open Space meeting for Q&A with the Bike Project Committee. Kim Lyons re-presented the project to the Open Space Committee as well as residents present. Discussion focused on project intent (outdoor fun, riding bikes, encourage activity), address community issues (sedentary kids, riding bikes and building jumps where they shouldn't), 250 signatures received in support of the project, funding from private donations and fundraising, volunteer man power, probationary aspect of the project, rules and guidelines for use and next steps. The Town Council will meet with the Bike Project Committee on February 9<sup>th</sup> for consideration and implementation.

Meeting minutes of the Open Space Meeting of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were approved.

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

## 1. Bike Project

- Motion made by Aimee Noonan to support and recommend the Bike Project as presented to the Town Council.
- Second by Ken Smith
- Discussion centered on the concerns brought up during the Q&A, aesthetics, maintenance, signage and liability
- Committee unanimously voted to support and recommend the Bike Project as presented to the Town Council

## 2. Staff Report (Lisa Ahrens / Tim Breuer)

- Status of fencing, trail access points
  - i. Lisa Ahrens and Scott Alexander will be meeting with Element Fencing to obtain a bid for new trail access points and fencing to mitigate ATVs in the Open Space
- Revised Ridge to Rivers Trail Map
  - i. Ridge to Rivers requesting approval to include Hidden Springs' community trails connected to Ridge to Rivers trails on the map posted in the kiosk at the Dry Creek parking lot.

- ii. Motion made by Tim Wagner to approve Ridge to Rivers request to include Hidden Springs' community trails connected to Ridge to Rivers trails on the map posted in the kiosk at the Dry Creek parking lot.
- iii. Second by Mitch Wood
- iv. Discussion included concern for the free range chickens at the farmstead and dogs off leash coming from a Ridge to Rivers trail (controlled off leash permitted) and increased traffic thru the community. With Neville Ranch under development, traffic is going to increase (600+ more homes). Signage at the connections of Ridge to Rivers trails and HS community trails will help to educate users.
- v. Committee voted 6 in favor and 4 against. Lisa Ahrens will notify Ridge to Rivers that Hidden Springs trails that connect with Ridge to Rivers trails can be included on the map posted in the kiosk at the Dry Creek parking lot.
- Private Land Easement
  - i. Recorded easements allow Grossman Properties and Mr. Forsythe access to their property via existing Access Easement and Daniels Creek Access Easement
  - ii. Care-for and maintenance of the road is not clear in the documents
  - iii. HSTA Office and Town Council will continue to try and work with the Rancher to achieve an amicable resolution
  - iv. Tim Breuer contacted Grossman Properties regarding the proposed second route from the Daniels Creek / Chuckar Butte Trails and the Daniels Creek Access Easement additional discussion required which may impact the proposed HSTA / Land Trust / Ridge to Rivers / REI trail building project slated for April 16, 2016.
- Private Property Signage
  - i. Design, size and cost still pending from HSTA

### **3. Survey**

- The survey questions were inputted into Google Forms to create a survey residents can access via the Hidden Springs community website
- Sample results data, charts, graphs etc. were shared with the Committee
- Committee asked to take the survey and forward comments and edits to Lisa Ahrens so the Survey can go "live" March 1<sup>st</sup>

### **4. New Business**

- John Ahrens mentioned community water quality and conservation, solar panels, recycling, composting – sustainability efforts that all could benefit from and the need to establish a "Sustainability Committee" to research and make recommendations on behalf of the community. It was suggested that if implemented, the "Sustainability Committee" should be a sub-committee of the OSC.

Next meeting – March 1st

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm