



Open Space Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2016

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, Kahle Becker, Bob Brantley, Tim Breuer, Bill Junk, Jay Karamales, Kim Lyons, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Chuck Vertrees, Heidi Wagner, Brian White,

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

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

- **April 5th Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes of the Open Space Meeting of April 5th, 2016 were approved.

- **Bike Project Update (Bike Area Committee)**

- \$4200 raised so far in fundraising efforts
- Construction began Memorial weekend
- The bulk of construction on the pump track is complete – just a little fine tuning remains
- The dirt jump area is under construction – a starting mound, 2 jumps and return berm are in place
- A sandbox area will be for creative, free construction
- Once construction is complete, a work day will be scheduled to clean up the inside of the track and access route
- Considering seeding and/or planting native Firewise seedlings in the center
- A volunteer maintenance group will be needed for ongoing maintenance of the area
- The committee discussed the temporary access road and HSTA suggested leaving and maintaining as an access road for emergency response at Bike Area and Cougar Field as well as routine maintenance. HSTA will have road base and gravel applied in the Fall when routine maintenance is done on other access roads in the community
- An inquiry was made as to plans by the Bike Area Committee to request funds from HSTA? Possibly and there have been preliminary discussion about sprinkler lines/irrigation for the area

- **Rolling Hills Trails Project (Chuck Vertrees)**

- At the March 1st Open Space Meeting, the Committee approved a proposal to enhance trail access points in locations along Dry Creek Road, Cartwright Road and in the Rolling Hills section of Hidden Springs. Installation of split rail fencing, construction of new trail system accesses, and decommissioning of some social trails were also part of the plan.
- The committee separated the proposal into two separate parts, one dealing with fencing and the other with trail system modifications
- After the March 1st Open Space Meeting, a 30 day comment period opened and closed end of business on May 4th in addition residents with questions or concerns were encouraged to attend any of the following - March 28th on-site Q&A, April 5th at the

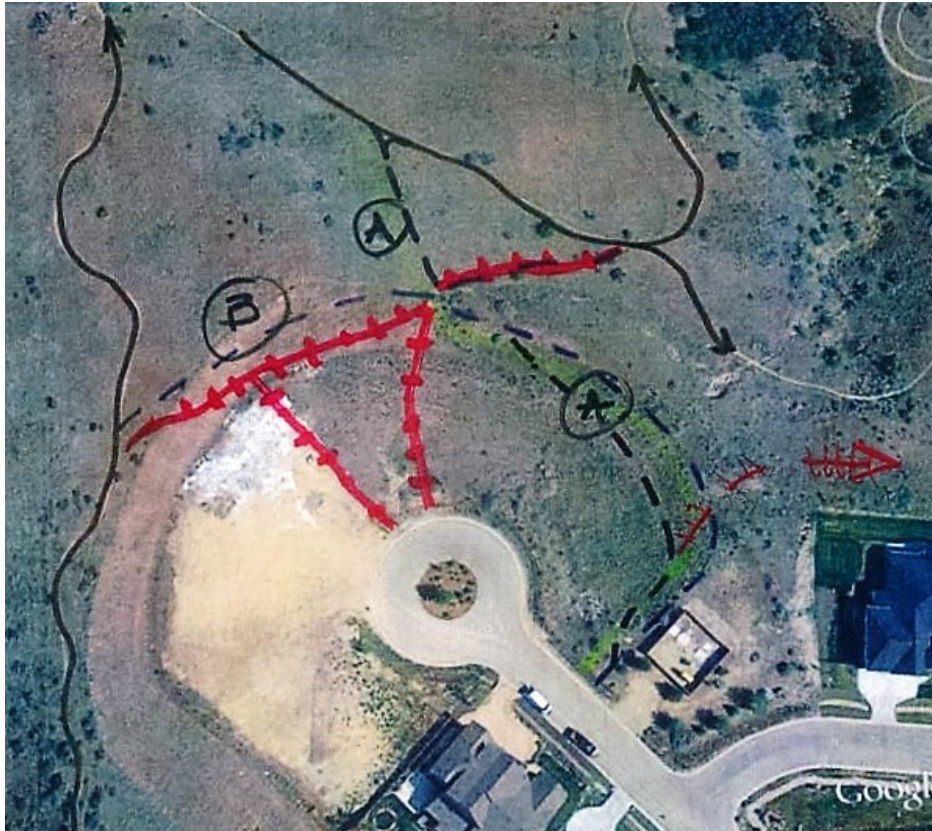
Open Space Meeting, April 19th at the Town Meeting, May 3rd at the Open Space Workshop, June 2nd on-site Q&A or June 7th Open Space Meeting.

- The proposed changes are each shown in a different color



- At **Site 2** the blue line indicates the proposed re-location of an existing social trail and accesses south of 4551 Deerpath Drive. It will formalize this social trail providing community 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 new community trailhead and trail location to facilitate resident 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. Signage and/or 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.

- Members in attendance reviewed the comments received during the 30 day comment period and discussed the questions and concerns
- Bill Junk made a motion that the Open Space Committee make the following recommendation to Town Council:
 - a) Approve Trail A (depicted below)
 - b) Deactivate Trail B – social access not a trail (depicted below)
 - c) Approve Trail C (depicted above in blue Site 2)
- Second by Aimee Noonan. Unanimously approved.



- At **Site 1** (first image above) 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
- Members discussed feedback from residents as well as their own thoughts on fencing and proposed need vs. expense
- Brian White made a motion that the Open Space Committee not move forward any further with proposed fencing as indicated at Site 1 on Deerpath. Second by Bill Junk. Unanimously approved.
- Committee asked HSTA to proceed with bids for fencing and H-stop along Cartwright near Chuckar Butte – 2 rail split, stake and smooth wire and boulders
- In addition, HSTA was asked to look into trail crossing signage
- **Farm Report (Tim Wagner)**
 - 20+ active participants meeting weekly on Tuesday nights
 - The formal garden is planted out

- Farm Committee members have established a watering schedule
- The Kestrel Field has been planted by HSTA with corn for corn maze
- The Boot Field has been planted by HSTA with pumpkins
- Surrounding smaller fields were seeded with barley for weed suppression
- **Staff Report (Lisa Ahrens / Tim Breuer)**
 - Open Space Workshop
 - At the Workshop, attendees were divided into teams and asked to mark-up maps following the merits of the project relative to others in the community and HSTA founding principles as well as purpose, need and future maintenance
 - Next steps include establishing a criteria to analyze a project
 - Tim would like feedback on documents shared
 - Currant Creek Connection
 - Road Easement
 - Grossman's didn't want trail to follow Easement
 - A survey was done
 - Couple of trail options
 - Meeting with R2R / Dave Gordon
 - Field trip to review options
 - Focus for fall / late September or early October?
 - Open Space Maintenance Update
 - Crews continue to concentrate on noxious weeds – white top and poison hemlock
 - Mowing and trimming of common areas throughout the community including areas along access roads and trails
 - Irrigation repairs – Open space along Poplar Creek
 - Great Outdoors Wrap Up
 - Weather not great / rainy
 - 23 vendors present out of the 24 vendors invited
 - 540 meals served
 - Climbing wall and Firewise plant samples were a big hit
 - 2016 Southwest Idaho Wildfire Mitigation Forum Update tabled until the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next Meetings

- Thursday July 14th
- Thursday August 11th
- Tuesday September 6th