



Open Space Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016

Attendees: Tim Breuer, Bill Junk, Jay Karamales, Kim Lyons, Chuck Vertrees, 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:

- Meeting minutes from Sept meeting were approved by vote. Bill motioned, Ken 2nd. All voted to approve, none opposed.
- Switchback trail- Tim gave a brief overview of his recommendations. Members familiar with trail agreed with his assessment. All members agreed Tim's recommendations made best sense from a cost & sustainability perspective. Will HSTA hire a contractor to complete this work or is expectation to do as volunteer project?
- Wetland Trail (trail from N side of Dry creek by the small footbridge that heads towards the R2R parking on Dry Creek Rd). Trail has become water-logged and needs additional road mix to build it back up and prevent and widening. If HSTA can provide material, OSC trail crew will do the work.
- Ongoing Trail Maintenance- Topic for discussion raised by Bill J. Bill feels OSC needs an approved Trail Standard for design and maintenance. Mentioned many trails were too narrow and "ditched" to be comfortable for hikers. Ideas were discussed and debated with no agreed next steps. Chuck expressed that some repair work would be more damaging and unnecessary. An inventory of top problems area may be the first step.
 - Trail mowing was discussed as a need for summer 2017. May not be able to rely on Hopkins due to budget/timing so OSC crew and/or volunteers may have to step in or forgo trails being mowed.
- Firewise- needs to be agenda item for Dec meeting
- Off leash- mostly an informational announcement to committee regarding the increase in dog attacks. I mentioned Lili was coordinating a community meeting and our main objective is to help educate. OSC may have to review dog off-leash/on-leash policy and how we communicate for trail users.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00pm