



Open Space Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

Attendees: Kim Lyons, Don Murray, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Chuck Vertrees,

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Quorum was not present. Notes on the discussion at the Open Space Committee meeting follows:

September 5th 2017 Meeting Minutes

- Quorum was not present. Discussion and a vote to approve the September Meeting Minutes was conducted October 11, 2017. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Staff Report – Lisa Ahrens

- Hopkins crews addressing open space areas and trails now that fire danger levels have decreased. Started fall clean up in all areas. Pressurized Irrigation will be shut off for the year October 18th.
 - a. Committee requested the wild rose shrubs on the wetlands trail from the R2R Dry Creek parking lot and from the Humphrey's trail leading to the bike park area be trimmed
- Lisa attended the ADA Fire Adapted Working Group Meeting September 20th. Important topics to note, 85% of fires are human caused. Community fire safety education important. Hidden Springs Firewise/Open Space to identify 2018 initiatives.
- Switchback Trail Repairs/Maintenance complete. Residents report that the wood steps can be slippery and asked HSTA to look into anti-slip materials.
- Ten trail signs complete and ready for install. Lisa shared a list of proposed locations for Open Space consideration and all agreed on the signage locations for trails intersecting HS property lines or providing access to the public which are listed below. As quorum was not present approval of the locations will be conducted via email.
 1. Red Tail Trail and Dry Creek Road intersection – uphill on Red Tail past intersection of connector trail from Humphrey's/Dry Creek)
 2. Bitterbrush Trail and west side of Cartwright Road intersection
 3. Chuckar Butte Trail and east side of Cartwright Road intersection
 4. Chuckar Butte Trail and east property line (at the green gate property boundary – traveling uphill)
 5. E. Currant Creek Trail and west side of Cartwright Road intersection
 6. E. Currant Creek Trail and east side of Cartwright Road intersection
 7. Red Tail Trail and north east property line
 8. Entering Wetlands from R2R Dry Creek parking lot
 9. Landslide trail on north side of Dry Creek Road
 10. Landslide trail on south side of Dry Creek Road
- Committee discussed the proposed conversion of the unofficial trail behind W. Long Meadow to an official trail. Committee discussed tabling the topic until sometime next year.

- Committee agreed to continue discussion and plan for extending the bridge/creating a boardwalk over the creek near the community farm.
- In Tim's absence, the Northern Upland Trail Loop and access to Avimor was briefly discussed and the topic will be included on the November meeting agenda.
- 2018 Notice of Intent to Participate on the Open Space Committee forms were handed out to those in attendance. Lisa will bring forms to the November meeting as well.

Bike Project Update – Kim Lyons and Eddy Petranek

- The volunteer work days scheduled for the weekend of October 7th and 8th were successful.
- Crews enhanced jumps and fixed drainage issues; reseeded and applied straw for winter protection.
 - a. Committee asked if regular mowing (on natural/open space schedule) could be done by Hopkins in 2018; requested two Effluent Water in use signs and a pre-emergent application to help control weeds.

New Business

- Chuck suggested and all agreed that the last Open Space meeting Tuesday December 5th be an informal social and informational gathering. Suggested invited guests include Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, Ada County Parks/Trails, Eagle Parks/Trails, Avimor and Cartwright Ranch.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Next Meeting is **Thursday, November 9th**

- Tuesday, December 5th
- Tuesday, December 12th (Annual Meeting)