

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 2, 2023

**Members Present:** Marian Neutra, Kelly McClintock, Sam Nelson, Dave Killeen, Tom Trainor, Nicole Wiemeyer and Nick Rodenhouse

**Members absent:** Tim Batchelder

**Guests:** Rob Wolff

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 5:00.

**Review of agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of April 11 were approved.

**Update on Mountain Bike Skills Park**

Dave led a discussion of the proposed mountain bike skills park for Town Forest. Questions were raised about the approval procedure, and Dave confirmed that the SB would be considering the proposal and listening to all concerns at its meeting Thursday May 4. Dave clarified other issues raised about the exact location of the proposed park, its relation to established trails, and others discussed potential impacts on native plants. All with questions were encouraged to join the SB meeting.

**Next steps to update the OSRP for 2025**

Kelly reviewed his proposed structure for working groups to address updating the Goals and Objectives sections of the OSRP, understanding that all sections needed to be reviewed for potential changes, and understanding that all the maps can be improved with newer technology.

There are now six broad goals addressing issues with different resource areas, each addressed separately in the current OSRP, and each with separate objectives:

- A. Water resources
- B. Biodiversity
- C. Open space and rural character
- D. Agricultural lands
- E. Trails and open space recreation
- F. Organized recreation

Kelly proposed that these be consolidated into four issue areas, combining B and C, and E and F, each beginning with one or more OSC members as initial leaders to get them organized.

Two other priority issue areas had been identified as climate resiliency, and accessibility for the disabled and other underserved populations. It was understood that climate resiliency was related to all the goal areas, and rather than establishing a separate working group a small number of experts in resiliency would work with each working group to make sure resiliency was fully incorporated.

It was also understood that accessibility was strongly related to open space and organized recreation and would be incorporated into that working group.

While leadership and participation in the working groups was sure to evolve, in order to get an email out to a list of people who showed an interest in participating and asking for their interest areas, it was agreed that initial leadership would be:

Water resources: Tom

Biodiversity and open space: Kelly

Agriculture: Sam

Recreation: David

It was agreed that Kelly would incorporate these understandings in an email to the potential volunteers, consulting with whomever he thought appropriate, and get it out soon.

### **Committee liaisons**

It was agreed at the April meeting that members would make contact with the agencies with which they are liaison, and begin the process of updating implementation progress, for the June meeting. There was discussion of how to do this, and confirmation that at least an initial agency contact would be made before the next meeting.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, at 5:00 PM

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly McClintock