

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 7, 2023

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

**Members absent:** Dave Killeen

**Associate Members present:** Marian Neutra

**Guests:** None

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

**Review of agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted by a vote of 5 to 0.

**Approval of minutes**

Revised minutes of the meeting of July 10 were approved by a roll call vote of 5 to 0.

**Workplan for the 2025 update of the 2018 OSRP**

Discussion of the workplan for the 2025 update of the OSRP continued.

Kelly reported on the last meeting of the REC, and that he was encouraged by their members' enthusiasm for working with us on the update. The next REC meeting will probably be in September, and OSRP will be high on the agenda.

It was agreed that organized recreation had been given inadequate attention in the 2018 Plan, and that the 2025 update needed to better detail the goals and recommendations relevant to recreation and that it be given a separate section.

Tom reported on three aspects of the update he has been working on:

**Discussion with DCS regarding content and format requirements, and flexibility**

Tom discussed the content and format requirements with Melissa Cryan, DCR Grants Program Administrator, especially considering that the current guidelines are from 2008. Melissa said new guidelines are "in the works," but won't be ready in time for our update. She said we do have to include what the guidelines require, but beyond that we have substantial flexibility with regard to format and additional content.

**Discussion of Natural Resources sections with Nick**

Tom and Nick have begun to review updates needed to the Natural Resources sections, and they will continue. They have not yet begun to discuss how climate resiliency will need to be integrated into each of the sections.

Nick also brought up, to unanimous agreement, that the next update needed to include some level of information about indigenous, pre-European settlement. This might be part of the Community Setting section, extending Sherborn's history back further than 350 years. Marian is interested in helping with this addition, and will do a first cut at locating appropriate histories.

**SharePoint**

Tom brought up on screen the SharePoint website, his recommendation for how we can best collect relevant materials, and in due time make comments and edits. He gave a preliminary review of how SharePoint works, with much more detail to follow as he becomes more familiar with the website, and the need for comments and edits increases.

**Expanded disability accommodations**

Nicole is leading a revitalization of the town's Disability Advisory Committee. In anticipation of meetings this fall with COA, school special ed teachers, and others, she sought more guidance about surveys that have been taken in the past, and the kinds of expanded accommodation DAC might look into.

It was agreed that the surveys referenced in the 2018 Plan would not be of much use for this purpose, but that the 2022 COA survey and OSC/SFTA Trails Survey would have more information. Kelly emphasized his concern that most state attention was focused on formal ADA compliance, but that there might be a wide range of trail and facility conditions that would facilitate use by folks with a range of disabilities. All agreed that the updated Plan should give more attention to providing a range of accommodations.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 5 at 5:00 PM

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly McClintock