

Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee
January 22, 2020
Meeting Record

Members Present

Joseph Gendron

Mike Ferris, Committee Chair
Bob Schiowitz, Vice-Chair
Dan Dietzel, Member
Martyn Pearson, Member
Jim Wightman, Member
Kenneth Sexton, Member

Members Absent

Peter Gorman, Member

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

Approval of Minutes: Dan moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting as submitted. Bob seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote of.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Mike introduced the preliminary trail improvement plan. The focus of the group will begin to shift from Boston Hill to San Vicente Creek. Maps of Boston Hill were presented by Bob. Martyn showed a possible area for the downhill ideas that Mr. Byrd previously presented. This could be signed and contained so that it will not cause conflict with other users. Doug would need to build it. Mike asked if it will attract tourists. Martyn stated that it will and could be used for economic development. Mike and Martyn will present the plan to the Town Manager and get it on a Town Council Agenda. Dan stated that the new trail will probably be completed by the meeting date. The committee will discuss property donation with adjoining landowners. Bob will continue to geo-reference the map.

Jim moved to adopt the plan. Bob seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of 6/0.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Ken moved to retain Mike and Bob as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Martyn seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote of 6/0.

Public Input

Joseph stated that citizen participation is critical and asked how the meetings posted for the public. He also suggested that the group consider an Adopt a Trailhead Program. He will bring information about it to a future meeting.

Committee Discussion:

Signage is needed for the newly donated property off of F Street.

Jim stated the camp clean-up is looking great and having people walk the trails will help.

A trash can is needed at the Spring Street Trailhead.

Bob, Ken and Jim will meet to look at the area near the Alcorta property on San Vicente Creek.

Staff Report

Jaime collected the 2020 volunteer forms from the group.

Adjournment: 6:30pm

Approved:

Michael Ferris, Chair _____ Date: _____