

May 26, 2021
Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee
Online Meeting Record

Members Present Online

Bob Schiowitz, Vice-Chair
Jay Hemphill, Member
Martyn Pearson, Member
Marsha Lustig, Member
Sue Barsom, Member

Others Present Online

Jaime Embick, Staff
Leigh Jenkins, Watershed
Keepers
Sean Byrd

Members Absent

Jody Norman, Member
Jim Wightman, Member

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Approval of Minutes: Sue moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 regular meeting as submitted. Jay seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous voice vote of 5/0.

Community Input: Sean Byrd stated that the flow trail on Boston Hill will need a lot of maintenance. He would like permission to drive there to take water and wet the soil before he rakes it. Bob asked how much water it would take and Mr. Byrd stated that it will take about 15 gallons of water. Bob suggested that he look at it with Mr. Byrd and Jaime to see what kind of ongoing maintenance is needed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Committee Discussion: Bob suggested the June meeting be held at the HWY 90 Bridge. There has been illegal mining on San Vicente Creek as well as damage by utility repair work. The State Mining and Minerals Division has been to Silver City to see the mining damage. Leigh stated that an older EPA project was also damaged.

Bob asked that Jaime email Jody Norman to see if she has a scheduling conflict on Wednesdays.

Martyn nominated Bob for Chair. Marsha seconded the motion and it passed by a unanimous voice vote of 5/0.

Sue nominated Martyn as Vice Chair. Marsha seconded and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of 5/0.

Bob stated that the Silver City Watershed Keepers will be supplying the Town with a report about the utility repair damage. He also stated that he has installed more of the 30 Something Grant markers and stickers.

Martyn, Bob and Jay marked the locations for the benches and table on Boston Hill. They will schedule an install date with Eddie Diaz of Facility Maintenance.

Bob and Martyn will install the new flow trail sign.

Bob would like the Town to try to purchase the property near the Hearst Mill and also the area that was illegally mined that Becky Smith owns.

Martyn stated that WNMU is looking at building an 18 hole disc golf course on the State Land near Maude's Canyon. Public comment will be solicited when they have a plan. Bob asked why they are looking at the entire property. Martyn stated that may change when they get a better idea and plan in place. They are at the beginning of the planning process. Bruce McKinney stated at the public meeting that he is concerned about the rocks damaging discs.

Marsha stated that she would like to see the comments from the AML public meeting when they are available. Bob said that he and Marsha will be the contacts for the group. They have begun the aerial survey of Boston Hill for the project. Jaime emailed the information to Bob in case people call him about it.

Sue asked what the greenhouse project is in the previous minutes. Martyn stated that the project hasn't been funded yet, it will be a USDA grant that a local group has applied for.

Staff Report

The new Trails Maintenance Worker will start on June 1, 2021. A new Code Enforcement Officer will also be hired and will patrol for camps, etc. Bob asked Jaime to see if there are plans to reseed the area damaged by utility repairs. He also stated that the fence is down near Griffins Propane. Jaime will let the new worker know.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm. The next meeting will be June 23, 2021 at 5pm at the Highway 90 Bridge kiosk.

Approved:

Chair _____ Date: _____