

Los Altos Hills Open Space Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2020
Location: Zoom Video Call

Committee Members Present: Kit Gordon (Chair), Jean Struthers, Wendie Ward, George Clifford (Vice Chair), Sue Welch, Peter Brown, Richard Contreras, Nancy Couperus (Associate)

Committee Members Absent:

Council Liaison Present: George Tyson

Members of the public: Birgitta Indaco (Planning Commissioner)

1. Call to Order and Acceptance of Minutes

- a. Roll Call. KG called the meeting to order at 9:06 am
- b. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes. **SW moved to accept the minutes from July meeting. WW seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor of approval (RC, WW, KG, JS, GC, SW, PB).**

2. Announcements.

- a. GT gave an update on LAH emergency fire roads and their use as pathways: fire roads are for fire equipment and are not open right of ways and are not included on the Pathways Map.
- b. Foothills Park is now open to non Palo Alto residents (for a \$6 fee).

3. Planning

- a. **27388 Sherlock Court.** OSC previously reviewed this property in Feb 2018. No further review is deemed necessary but worth noting that it is a very steep lot, with a difficult access road.

4. Fence Permit Reviews: No permit applications received.

5. New & Continuing Business

- a. **Dispersment of Planning Reports:** It has been reported that sometimes it is not easy for interested parties to find the OSC planning reports. For EDCP uses Dropbox as a central repository. It was felt that it would be better if the Town could sponsor an online location. RC,PB,KG set to look into it.
- b. **Stinkwort Update:** GC thanked everyone for Stinkwort mapping, noted that everyone reported somewhat less this year than last. Worst areas are (as usual) constructions sites and near freeway off ramps.
- c. **Sudden Oak Death:** some trees in Edith Park have been reported to have SOD.
- d. **Update on activity and No Bike signs in Byrne Preserve:** New signs have been installed between Central Drive and trail that leads to Westwind Barn. Drones have now been flagged as a problem...
- e. **Native Plants for Landscape Screening:** No update
- f. **Updates on Tree Ordinance:** Planning department is ready to present the updated Tree Ordinance. Some changes from that approved by OSC, EDCP - removed list of protected

trees, replace with global requirement on Oaks >12" and all other trees >30". SW to coordinate OSC response.

g. Fast Track/Site Development Hearings:

i. 25616 Moody Rd: Pool approved, waiting on whether or not flood plane impacts this

ii. 22560 Ravensbury: Planning staff summary was only item included until committees asked for their reports to be added to material for discussion

h. Update on Fence Ordinance: PB reported that it is ready for council

i. Updates on Accessory Dwelling Units: Town submitted proposed plan to State, but was not accepted. In particular the 4' setbacks can not be altered.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 am

Minutes submitted by Richard Contreras