Trails & Open Space Task Force

August 23, 2018: Meeting Minutes

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Guests: None	<u> </u>		

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At this meeting the Trails & Open Space Task Force (TOSTF) took the following actions:

- 1. Briefly reflected on the August 9, 2018 Trails Master Plan Update Member Workshop, both in terms of the issues raised, and in terms of the success and failure of the workshop format. Consensus deemed the event a success because members appeared to find it engaging and because it produced a wealth of commentary that will help to inform and elaborate a range of issues that the task force must consider in updating the Trails Master Plan. The TOSTF also raised the question of whether it would be prudent to structure future member input events as member-to-member events without involving staff so directly. The member comments received will be posted online before the next Capital Projects Update email blast. No further member outreach events are scheduled at this time.
- 2. As a prelude to forming sub-groups to focus on particular proposals or topics, the task force reviewed its organization and the range of its portfolio. Additionally, it made note of the variety of documents and concepts that should inform its deliberations and recommendations, including the Board's fiduciary duty to the Association, the Association's Vision and Mission Statements, the prioritization criteria noted in the GPC charter, and the Association Master Plan.
- 3. Following the above background discussion, the task force formed three sub-groups, with initial member volunteers noted:
- Trailheads & Restrooms: This group will work with staff to develop recommendations on several legacy proposals that were recommended or proposed before the formation of this task force. These proposals are listed below. The Trout Creek Task Force chair earlier agreed to permit the TOSTF and this sub-group to assume lead on all aspects of the Nature Trail Trailhead project, including the related restroom concept. This agreement consolidates all of the restroom proposals under a single group, which will reduce the burden on staff and should allow for a more efficient evaluation process.

- Glacier: Trailhead Expansion & Restroom

- Bermgarten: New Trail & Restroom

- Driving Range/Trout Creek: Relocate Nature Trail Trailhead, consider restroom to service trailhead and Snowplay.
- Euer Valley: Restroom

Staff: Yohn

Volunteers: Bonnard, Bothwell, Englar, Phelps, Thornton

TCRC Task Force Liaison: Levine

• Management, Operations, & Maintenance: This group will assess any organizational inefficiencies or inadequacies that may hinder trails management, operation, and maintenance to prepare for an update of topics covered in Chapter 7 of the 2013 Trails Master Plan.

Staff: Rosenfeld, Thayer

Volunteers: Levine, Lindsay, Miller, Simmons, Zipkin

• **Dogs & Dog Park:** This group will research the full range of options and ideas for an updated dog leash policy. It will also evaluate the viability and desirability of a Tahoe Donner dog park, and compare it with the alternative of assisting the TruckeeDogPark.org funding effort.

Staff: Rosenfeld

Volunteers: Dana, Gilbert, Quan, Stevens

These sub-groups will meet on a schedule of their choosing, and by whatever means they deem convenient. Additional sub-groups are expected to be formed as warranted.

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Upcoming TOSTF Meetings

TOSTF Regular Meeting: September 27, 2018, 3:00 – 4:30 PM at The Northwoods Clubhouse.