

August 12, 2021

To The Tahoe Donner Board of Directors:

The Trails and Open Space Committee Charter, which the Board of Directors approved at its July meeting, stipulates that the General Plan Committee's Trails and Open Space Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") will review all applicants to the new Trails and Open Space Committee ("TOS"), and provide appointment recommendations to the Board. That charter further stipulates that, upon Board appointment of the initial TOS roster, the Subcommittee will dissolve.

In total, the Subcommittee received 13 applications. However, one applicant, Charlene Simmons, requested that the Subcommittee remove her name from consideration. A pillar on the Subcommittee since its inception, Charlene now intends to remain involved with the TOS as a member of its Emeritus Subcommittee.

With Charlene's withdrawal, the Subcommittee was left with 12 applications for 12 TOS roster spots.

Having reviewed the applications, having found that all applicants are well-qualified to serve on the TOS, and having determined that the group of applicants represents a mix of trail user demographics and trail user groups, the Subcommittee strongly recommends the appointment of all 12 applicants listed below:

Karen Aaron	Gayle Dana	Livia Quan	Peter Sawyer
VJ Bonnard	Lorna Dobrovolny	Ellen Raynor	Julie Thornton
Richard Bothwell	Benjamin Levine	Graham Reid	Dustin Young

According to its charter, to expedite the TOS's work without interruption or delay, and to ensure continuity between the Subcommittee and the TOS, the Board will give priority to members of the Subcommittee when appointing the initial TOS roster. The recommended applicants include 10 knowledgeable and dedicated Subcommittee members.

The two other recommended appointments are not Subcommittee members. For three years, Tahoe Donner's equestrian community has been represented within the Subcommittee by Nan Meek and Susan Terrell. Neither Nan nor Susan chose to apply for TOS appointment. In their stead, they and the equestrian community have put forward Karen Aaron and Lorna Dobrovolny to represent the equestrian viewpoint on the TOS.

With her decades of experience on Tahoe Donner's trails, Karen and her American Quarter Horse, Sunshine, have distinguished themselves as our Association's most effective equestrian ambassadors to the larger Tahoe Donner trails community. Having completed the Tevis Cup four times, Lorna is Tahoe Donner's most experienced and accomplished equestrian trail rider. Additionally, Lorna's background as a retired California Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist will be an asset to the TOS and the Association.

Once again, the members of the Subcommittee are pleased to strongly recommend the appointment of all 12 Tahoe Donner members listed above to the newly established Trails and Open Space Committee.

Sincerely,

The Members of The General Plan Committee's Trails and Open Space Subcommittee

VJ Bonnard	Benjamin Levine	Bill Phelps	Charlene Simmons
Richard Bothwell	Paco Lindsay	Lynette Powell	Susan Terrell
Sue Crum	Carole Mahoney	Livia Quan	Julie Thornton
Gayle Dana	Nan Meek	Ellen Raynor	Dustin Young
Kathy Englar	Steve Miller	Graham Reid	
Guy Joaquin	Scot Nicol	Peter Sawyer	