

# Trails & Open Space Committee

March 23, 2022 • Special Meeting Minutes

FINAL REPORT

<i>TOS Committee Members</i>			
Karen Aaron VJ Bonnard Richard Bothwell	Gayle Dana (Vice Chair) Lorna Dobrovolny John Groom (Staff Lead)	Benjamin Levine (Chair) Livia Quan Ellen Raynor	<del>Graham Reid</del> Peter Sawyer (Vice Chair) Julie Thornton
<i>Affiliated Staff:</i> None			
<i>Subcommittee Members:</i> Nan Meek (EM, EQ)			
<i>Board:</i> Jim Roth (BOD)			
<i>Other Staff:</i> None			
<i>Guests:</i> Merle Fajans, Cathy Ravano			

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1. The meeting of the Trails & Open Space Committee (TOS) was called to order at 3:00 PM with a quorum present.

## 2. Non-Agenda Comments:

- **Lorna Dobrovolny** expressed her interest in talking about immediate plans for the upcoming summer trails season, and asked whether there might be anything the TOS could do to help, especially given potential staffing issues. The chair suggested that a summer trails season update could be agendized for an upcoming meeting.

3. The TOS unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes as presented.

**4. Dog Management:** By consensus, the committee agreed that the updated Trails Master Plan should include a statement on dog management issues. After discussion, the committee also agreed by consensus that this statement should describe the high-level parameters intended to guide the formation of responsible and effective dog management policies, rules, and practices following the adoption of the TMP. Though staff and the consultants will drive the formulation of this statement, the committee will support, advise, and assist this formulation as needed.

At a minimum, this statement could clarify the existing rules and statutes, shed light on the different dog management areas that exist within the Association, make recommendations in areas where the existing rules may be unclear, highlight etiquette expectations, and generally

provide recommendations to improve interactions with dogs and their owners on the trails and open spaces.

The committee agreed by consensus that the committee chair could continue to work with the proposed Dog Management Subcommittee members to draft a subcommittee purpose statement and charter for the TOS's consideration. This subcommittee could, among other things, potentially make recommendations aimed at helping bring more people and their dogs into alignment with the expectations of the existing rules and statutes.

**5. Multi-Use & Designated Use Trails:** The committee had a wide ranging discussion about multi-use and designated use trails. However, as it is difficult to judge potential tradeoffs at this stage of the TMP development process, the committee did not reach consensus on any particulars. The committee asked staff to bring this topic back to the committee at a fuller stage of development with professional recommendations from both staff and the consultants.

**6. Upcoming TOS Meetings:** The committee was notified that, with the expiration of the Governor's emergency order, the committee will be legally required to hold in-person meetings beginning in April. In keeping with Tahoe Donner's committee policy, a virtual option will also continue to be offered to committee members and to the Tahoe Donner community at-large.

7. The TOS meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.