

# Trails & Open Space Committee

April 6, 2022 • Regular Meeting Minutes

FINAL REPORT

<i>TOS Committee Members</i>			
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<i>Affiliated Staff:</i> None			
<i>Subcommittee Members:</i> Nan Meek (EM, EQ), Charlene Simmons (EM)			
<i>Board:</i> Courtney Murrell, Jim Roth			
<i>Other Staff:</i> Laura Robinett (IT)			
<i>Guests:</i> Ben Fish (DW), Madison Pong (DW), 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:

- **Benjamin Levine** reiterated his invitation and recommendation for TOS members to attend meetings of the other two advisory committees, Finance and Long-Range Planning. The committee will be provided with the appropriate schedules, Zoom links, and agendas as they become available. Additionally, he informed the committee that he submitted paperwork to run for the Tahoe Donner Board of Directors.

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

**4. Committee Vacancy:** The TOS provided feedback on a draft TOS Supplemental Committee Application. Edits and additions will be made to the application for consideration and approval by the committee at an upcoming meeting. Prior to the meeting, all TOS members filled out a test survey based on a draft Supplemental Application. Using information derived from this test survey, the committee also discussed drafting a Personnel Report to the board documenting the committee's current personnel needs and any special qualifications necessary to satisfy those needs. This discussion will also continue at an upcoming meeting.

**5. Trails Master Plan:** Following a project update from staff, the TOS reviewed and provided feedback on partial and preliminary draft materials prepared by the Design Workshop Consultants. The presented materials addressed the interface of Tahoe Donner's trails system with USFS property, external connection corridors, existing trail and trailhead improvements, new trail and trailhead development, zonal concepts, and potential pace class 1 trail routes.

In the course of these discussions, the TOS identified several topics that may warrant additional TOS discussion:

- The potential for building an additional trailhead near Moondance Hut
- Conservation restrictions on multi-use trail connections to Carpenter Valley
- Mapping existing neighborhood greenbelt connections
- The potential for trails events at Tahoe Donner

The TOS also discussed the upcoming Tahoe Donner member survey, how it will deal with controversial issues, and how the information derived from the survey will be used for planning and management purposes.

**6. Upcoming TOS Meetings:** Several TOS members expressed interest in arranging for TMP related field trips to various trail system sites once the snow melts. Potential field trip sites include the proposed Equestrian Zone and the Hillside Trail. Although no specific plans were made, additional special meetings may be scheduled for April.

7. The TOS meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.