



## **Staff Report**

**November 11, 2022**

**TITLE:** Applications for the Trails and Open Space Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Trails and Open Space Committee application process is outlined in Resolution 2021-5 (Committee Policy). Following is the portion of the Resolution that applies to the Committee appointments:

November 1:

- Committee membership applications for appointment/reappointment are due.
- Committee report describing the Committee's current personnel needs is due.

November Board Meeting:

- The Board shall receive and consider the applications and consider the Committee's reported personnel needs.

December Board Meeting:

- The Board shall decide upon Committee appointments/reappointments with an effective date of January 1.
- The Board shall consider approval and/or modification of the Committee annual task list.

As of December 31, 2022, the TOS Committee will have four vacancies. The committee has received three formal renewal applications from Julie Thornton, Karen Aaron and Richard Bothwell. The committee also received four applications from new applicants Carol Lindsay, Amy Kaufman, Mitch Rohrer and Amy Porter.

### **APPLICANT STATEMENTS:**

Julie Thornton is a frequent user of the trails and is on the Advisory Council of the Truckee Donner Land Trust and would like to continue sharing her experience with this committee.

Karen Aaron is a member of the Equestrian Club and would like to continue to be a good listener and work on promoting diverse trail experiences for Tahoe Donner members.



Richard Bothwell, a multi-sport guide for human-powered recreation, has experience working with land managers, insurance companies, environmental groups and trail users. He would like to continue to bring his recreational and professional experience to the committee.

Carol Lindsay is a long-time trail runner, biker, hiker, snowshoer and cross country skier who has lived in Tahoe Donner for over 24 years. As a nurse practitioner for Tahoe Forest Hospital, she was hoping to join the committee sooner but spent 2020 and 2021 working at a Covid alternative care facility.

Amy Kaufman is an avid user of the trail system as a runner, hiker and mountain biker. She is an urban and infrastructure planning professional with 25 years' experience in capital and long-range planning as well as management consulting.

Mitch Rohrer lives full time with his family on Skiview Loop and has a long history of civic engagement, including as President of the Land Park Community Association in Sacramento, with included initiatives for public safety, zoning and community planning. As a competitive cyclist and skier, he would like to learn more about open space management.

Amy Porter grew up coming to Tahoe Donner and now owns a home on Skiview Loop. She has spent over 9 years volunteering with a non-profit that helps to address homelessness. She is a marketing consultant for global and national retail and technology companies and would love to make a difference in this community.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONNEL REPORT:**

Peter Sawyer, Chair, submitted the following Personnel Report in October, 2022:

With regard to anticipated vacancies on the Trails and Open Space Committee, under 2021-5, Tahoe Donner's Committee Policy, the committee is obligated to provide the Board of Directors with a report describing the committee's current personnel needs and special qualifications necessary to satisfy those needs.

At this time, the committee reports the following:

- The appointment of a Tahoe Donner member with experience using a wheelchair or other mobility device on our trail system or other trail system would fill a gap and enhance the diversity of perspectives on the committee.
- The committee reminds the Board that, under its charter, the Trails and Open Space Committee shall endeavor both to draw members representing a diversity of trail system user groups, and to include a broad demographic spectrum of trail system and open space users.

#### **OUTREACH:**

The vacancies have been listed on the Tahoe Donner website, TD News and in various emails.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board of Directors can approve or deny the applications or request that the Committee continue to recruit for additional applicants.

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Board Meeting Date: 11/18/2022

General Manager Approval to Place on the Agenda: \_\_\_\_\_