

Trails & Open Space Committee • Regular Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2024 @ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Board Room & Zoom

(all agenda times are tentative and subject to change)

Committee Members

Karen Aaron VJ Bonnard Richard Bothwell	David Cahill Gayle Dana Carol Lindsay	Kevin O’Neil Livia Quan Ellen Raynor	Graham Reid Peter Sawyer Julie Thornton
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Staff, Staff Leads, & Liaisons

Denise Gauney (Board) John Groom (Staff) Benjamin Levine (Board)	Leslie Loveland (Staff) Laura Lindgren (Liaison) Justin Malley (Staff - 3:45 pm)	Annie Rosenfeld (GM)
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Guests

Jennifer Gomez (until 3:30 pm) Merle Fajans	Mike Papanian Terry Chang (Zoom)	Justin Malley (Zoom)
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I. Opening Business (3:00 pm) *Peter Sawyer*

- **Call to Order/Quorum Call:** 3:10 pm due to prior meeting and Zoom issues
- **Member Comments:** Jennifer Gomez spoke in opposition to flow trails in Tahoe Donner. Peter Sawyer, Leslie Loveland and Benjamin Levine clarified that flow trails are meant to improve every type of user’s experience and that they are part of the Tahoe Donner Trails Master Plan. Richard Bothwell commented that he is very pleased with the work that Land Management and Trails are doing.
- **Comments by the Committee Chair:** Peter encouraged Committee Members to attend Stewardship and Forestry Events. He mentioned that the Oboz Footwear Tahoe Trails Challenge includes three Tahoe Donner Trails, and Committee members should check it out. He also mentioned that the Eastern Regional Firewise Coalition meeting was going to take place later in the day at both the Town Council Chambers and on Zoom.
- **Report from the Liaison to Tahoe Donner’s Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC):** Julie Thornton reported that the LRPC is following the Glacier Way Parking Expansion, the Marina Improvement, and the Golf Cart Replacement projects. The LRPC then discussed the Draft of the Northwoods Report

- **Report from the Tahoe Donner Board Liaison:** Benjamin Levine informed the Committee that he would be stepping down from the role as Board Liaison and introduced Denise Gauny as the new Board Liaison. Denise stated how excited she is about her new role and that our Committee was her first official meeting as a Member of the Tahoe Donner Board of Directors.
- **Approval of previous Meeting Minutes (June 5, 2024):** Minutes were approved by consensus.

II. Trail and Open Space Work Update (3:30 pm): *John Groom and Leslie Loveland*

Leslie updated the Committee on the work that she and the Trail Crew have been doing over the past month and that she is tracking and trying to follow up on the use of Class 3 E-bikes on Tahoe Donner trails. John spoke of the work that the Forestry Department has been doing and what they have planned.

III. Discussion of 2025 Land Management Budget (3:40 pm) *John Groom*

John showed us and explained the preliminary Land Management and Forestry budgets, with columns set aside for future years. A discussion followed and John let us know that he would send the slides to us later for us to look at with more focus and time. He also stated that we will revisit this topic at our August meeting when he has more information from the Tahoe Donner Board

IV. Upcoming Meetings and Meeting Adjournment : (4:10pm) *Peter Sawyer*

Peter reminded the Committee that our next meeting would be Wednesday, August 7, and then adjourned the meeting by consensus.

V. Excursion to Alder Creek Adventure Center and East Perimeter Trail (4:20 pm) *John & Leslie*

The Committee looked at a possible location for a bridge across Alder Creek for the Alder Creek/East Perimeter/Hillside Trail junction at the Campground. We then walked uphill (south) to the area on the East Perimeter Trail that crosses a wetland. We discussed what choices we have in fixing the boardwalks across these areas. We also looked at some of the new signage on the Alder Creek Trail at the entrance to the Campground. We then drove to the Alder Creek Adventure Center to look at the new Trail Kiosk near the boardwalk, especially noting the “Open” and “Closed” signage associated with the nearby trails.