

## Trails & Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2025 @ 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Mezzanine Room, Northwoods Clubhouse & Zoom

### Committee Members

<del>Karen Aaron</del> <del>VJ Bonnard</del> Richard Bothwell	<del>David Cahill</del> Gayle Dana Eric Lawrence	<del>Carol Lindsay</del> Kevin O'Neil Livia Quan	Graham Reid Peter Sawyer Julie Thornton
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### Staff, Staff Leads, & Liaisons

<del>Joey Cañas (Staff)</del> Denise Gauney (Board Liaison)	John Groom (Staff) <del>Laura Lindgren (LRPC Liaison)</del>	Leslie Loveland (Staff) Annie Rosenfeld (GM)
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### Guests

Benjamin Levine		
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### I. Opening Business (3:30 pm): *Peter Sawyer*

- Peter Sawyer called the meeting to order at 3:32 with a quorum of 8 members. *Peter Sawyer*
- **Member Comments:** Peter Sawyer (13117 Muhlebach Way) urged the members of the committee to attend the Guided Common Area Work Tour hosted by the Forestry Department at the Glacier Way Trailhead, Thursday, June 26 between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

### II. Discussion of a motion the board approve the 2025 Trails and Open Space Implementation Plan:

Peter Sawyer began the discussion by stating that his major concern was that trail projects are given specific years in the 2025 Draft Trails Implementation Plan (TIP). He stated that one of those projects was a new Moondance Hut Trailhead. His concern is that if we put specific dates to the trail projects, some members will be upset if the project does not happen as stated in the TIP. Annie Rosenfeld suggested that the motion be amended to reflect that the project dates are subject to change by staff.

There was a concern that projects that were proposed in the 2016 Trails Master Plan that were holdovers from the original plan. Staff feels that they are still valid plans and needs the flexibility to change the plan as circumstances change. There was another concern that the DRAFT TIP states that it would go before the board in May. That date will be changed to June after the board votes on the TIP..

The following motion was made by Peter Sawyer and seconded by Kevin O'Neil

*The Trails and Open Space Committee recommends that the board of directors accept the 2025 Trails Implementation Plan as currently written. It is implied that capital project dates and trail designations may change in the planning process.*

## Discussion:

One member of the committee stated that we want to learn from the experience of *Flying Squirrel*. The concern was that the Trails and Open Space committee have input into the trail plans. John Groom stated that in the “Member Engagement” Section of the TIP, the TOS will have the ability to review and weigh in on all projects with quarterly project updates, yearly input, and site tours and stewardship events.

One member stated that the association membership needs to have an understanding of the order of trail projects and needs to have a chance to weigh in. Leslie Loveland stated that there will be an interactive map that will allow the members to look at the projects (with specific information) in advance. The staff will publicise that the map exists. One member stated that it might be possible to get too much feedback and that we need to trust staff. Annie Rosenfeld stated that when there are new trails or a new use of a trail takes place, that the committees, membership, and especially those that live near these projects should be able to share their feedback. These types of projects need to have a “robust member engagement process” as part of the decision making process. Sharing doesn’t necessarily mean that large numbers of the association members will comment on a project if they know about it in advance.

Peter Sawyer called for a roll call vote on the above motion. The vote was as follows::

Karen Aaron - Absent  
VJ Bonnard - Absent  
Richard Bothwell - Aye  
David Cahill - Absent  
Gayle Dana - Aye  
Eric Lawrence - Aye  
Carol Lindsay - Absent  
Kevin O’Neil - Aye  
Livia Quan - Aye  
Graham Reid - Aye  
Peter Sawyer - Aye  
Julie Thornton - Aye

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0 with four members absent.

## III. Peter Sawyer Adjourned the Meeting at 4:12 pm

Before the meeting adjourned, the committee members were reminded of the Guided Common Area Work Tour (Thursday, June 26 at 5:00 pm) The Member Expo (Sunday, June 29) and the upcoming Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting on Wednesday, July 2 at 3:00 pm.