

## Trails & Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

December 3, 2025 @ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mezzanine Room - Northwoods Clubhouse (and Zoom)

### Committee Members

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

John Groom (Staff) <del>Laura Lindgren (LRPC Liaison)</del>	Denise Gauny (Board Liaison) Leslie Loveland (Staff)	Annie Rosenfeld (GM) Lindsay Ryan (Asst. Forester)
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### Guests

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## I. Opening Business (3:05 pm)

- **Call to Order/Quorum Call:** Graham Reid (Vice Chair) in place of Peter Sawyer (who was not in-person at the meeting) called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. 11 committee members were present (Karen Aaron absent)
- **Member Comments:** There were no member comments.
- **Comments by the Committee Chair:** Peter Sawyer presented what he thought were the highlights of the committee's work in 2025, including:
  - Supporting the Trails Master Plan. The committee was able to do this throughout the year, which included field trips and trail work
  - Support for sufficient funding of the Land Management (Trails) Department.
  - Document review. It turns out that the Board of Directors never approved our Revised Charter. This will be on the consent calendar for their December, 2025 meeting.

The Trails and Open Space Committee also completed or started all of our Annual and Special Tasks.

- The 2026 Trails Implementation Plan was completed
- The Land Management Plan was started and will be carried over into 2026.
- The Trails and Open Space Committee along with the Trails Department formed a Stewardship Committee and worked on ideas to increase participation and impact of trail related events. The staff position of a member outreach coordinator has been approved in the 2026 budget.

- In regards to 2026 *Special Tasks*, there will only be two.
  - Land Management Plan Update
  - Board Requested Special Task regarding the Tahoe Donner Community Plan

Peter also reminded those committee members whose terms are expiring to let him know whether or not they are reapplying, so that he might inform the board of any open positions.

- **Report from the Liaison to the Long Range Planning Committee:** Laura Lindgren was not present at the meeting and did not submit comments.
- **Report from the Tahoe Donner Board Liaison:** Denise Gauny updated us on November board meeting where they looked at the architectural standards rule regarding home fire resilience. The board reviewed and approved a fine schedule and a 45 day member notice for comments on the proposed changes. As part of the ongoing review of policies, the board also reviewed and approved some technical language changes to Tahoe Donner's 401C Tax exempt status. They received an update on capital projects including the Donner Downhill Ski Lodge project and the Euer Valley Phase I project. The pool deck hydronics and the pools should be operational by Christmas as scheduled. The board also received an update on winter operations. Denise also mentioned that the new amenity access policy will go into effect in 2026. The board also reviewed the Community Plan.
- **Approval of previous Meeting Minutes:** The November 5, 2025 meeting minutes, were approved as presented.

## II. 2026 Task List Update (3:15 pm)

The committee was presented with the draft of the 2026 Task List. The committee discussed the fact that there were two tasks related to Stewardship, and that the 2025 *Special Task* on stewardship could be combined with the Stewardship *Annual Task*. Annie also shared with the committee that its work on the Land Management Plan (2025 *Annual Task* #2, carried over as *Special Task* #1) would be very different than the committee's work on the 2025 Trails Master Plan. Because of the technical nature of the plan, the committee will act in an advisory role to staff and the board rather than drafting the Plan itself.

After discussion it was determined that Annie Rosenfeld, John Groom, Peter Sawyer, and Kevin O'Neil would meet (via Zoom) to finalize the 2026 Task List, to be presented to the board at their December meeting.

## III. GIS App and Mapping Information Session Follow-up (3:50 pm)

Leslie Loveland and Lindsay Ryan discussed the Avenza App. The App allows users to navigate the Tahoe Donner Trails off-line. It provides Geo-referenced maps that will work off a phone's GPS and

can navigate without cell service. Leslie will send out more information to the committee members so that they can try it out and provide feedback.

**IV. General Committee Discussion. (4:00 pm)** There were no other items that the committee wished to pursue.

**V. Meeting Adjournment. (4:05 pm)**

Graham Reid adjourned the meeting by consensus. The next Trail and Open Space Committee meeting will take place on February 4, 2025. There will be no January meeting.