

SAN ANSELMO OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Meeting of August 17, 2022

Present: Jonathan Braun (JB), Rene Voss (RV), Danny Krebs (DK), Brian Crawford (BC), Kathy Sanders (KS), Mindy Stomp (MS), Nancy Grover (NG), Karin Ludwig (KL) and Peter Horn (PH).

Absent: Paul Foxx, Stan Radtke, and Henry Pratt

The meeting was called to order by Jonathan Braun, co-chairperson of the SAOSC, at 7:30 PM. Heidi Scoble (HS), the Town's planning director, and Sean Condry (SC), the Public Works Director, attended the meeting. The meeting was held via a zoom conference call. All members present could hear and speak to each other during the zoom meeting. A quorum was present.

1. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

2. Minutes of July Meeting

Minutes for the meeting of July will be considered at the next meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

KS presented the treasurer's report. The current totals are as follows: Checking: \$4,881; Savings: \$62,439; Checking Fund: \$925; Fund account: \$274,243; Total: \$342,488.

4. Consideration of Meeting Format

The members discussed the option of a hybrid meeting. Attendance was low, and it was not easy to see everyone both in person and by zoom. The members voted 9-0 to approve the zoom meeting format for the next few meetings until the policy is changed by the town council and/or the committee.

5. Update on Trails and Paths Project

BC summarized the status of the project. He and SC met with a consultant (Paul) to consider and plan for completing the trails and paths. SC commented the estimated price may be fairly high for all trails. Some of the costs include multiple

steps for some trails, and the committee may limit those to the affordable ones for the near term. Walter Kopp also noted the subcommittee will prioritize the paths and signs once it receives the report on costs.

6. Update on PG&E Tree Cutting

RV provided background on tree cutting in Faude Park by PG&E. There were 4-5 dead trees they cut, and a few of them were not close enough to the power lines to create a fire hazard. It is difficult to communicate with PG&E on these issues. SC summarized how the tree cutting is handled and his recent discussions with PG&E. The Town Attorney advised him the Town does not have jurisdiction over PG&E's activities. SC is working on minimizing the impact of this tree cutting.

7. Update on Progress on a Tree Ordinance in the Town

SC advised the Committee he is very short of staff and the department does not currently have the resources to work on the master plan or tree ordinance. He will start this once he has sufficient staff.

8. Open Time

JB advised the Committee that the Marin Open Space Trust signed a purchase agreement to acquire the 9.4 acre property at Upper Hawthorne Canyon. The owner has been flexible and will give MOST and the Town up to 12 months to finance the purchase. BC has been working with an Eagle Scout on moving a bench on Faude Park. The owner of this property tried to close this property and prevent use of the property and bench. It was moved higher on the hill. BC will try to work with the owner for an easement on this property. There were no additional open time subjects to discuss.

9. Staff Updates

HS advised the Committee the Town will hold a town hall session on next Thursday, August 25, 2022, to review and discuss the housing element. She also noted the planning department is short of staff, and she is recruiting a senior planner.

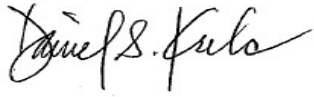
10. Future Agenda Items

There were no specific new items proposed by the members, except for the ones already discussed tonight.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:30 PM via a zoom connection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Krebs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "K".

Daniel Krebs, Secretary