



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2020

Call to Order:

Chair Bender called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call:

Chair Marie Bender, Vice Chair Thomas Hildebrandt, Secretary Craig Olson, Trustee Carol Lynn Berseth, and Trustee Geraldine Poor.

Staff present were Alaine Sommargren, Interim Parks Operations Manager, and Kim Frappier, Natural Resources Specialist.

Minutes:

Trustee Poor requested one amendment to the November minutes. Trustee Olson moved to approve the minutes with noted amendment. Trustee Berseth seconded.

Motion passed: 5-0.

Public Appearances: There were no public appearances

Regular Business:

(I) Eagle Scout Recognition

Natural Resources Specialist Frappier introduced Elliott Hendrickson to the Board providing an overview of his Eagle Scout Project. Chair Bender presented Mr. Hendrickson with a thank you letter and Certificate of Accomplishment from the OSCT Board.

(II) Draft 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Work Plan

Interim Parks Operations Manager Alaine Sommargren and Natural Resources Specialist Frappier presented the 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Work Plan. Trustees requested some clarification to the 2019 Annual Report. Trustees noted that in the Letterboxing section, the first paragraph should be amended to include that the OSCT Board hosted an information tent with staffing by members of the Board as well as Parks and Recreation staff. Chair Poor requested clarification and further explanation in the Forest Health and Management section. Given that the City Council has several new members, she would like to see a more comprehensive overview that provides additional background on forest management activities. Trustees requested two wording changes to the 2020 Work Plan. Interim Park Operations Manager Sommargren will make the amendments and work with Chair Poor to finalize the report.

Chair Poor moved to approve the 2019 Annual Report and 2020 Work Plan with modifications. Olson seconded.

Motion passed: 5-0.

(III) Trails and Roots Update

Interim Parks Operations Manager Alaine Sommargren updated the Board on the work accomplished to date to address roots protruding into trails. She reported that Trails Specialist Andrew Prince worked with the Parks Maintenance staff to grind down roots that were attached to dead trees in eight areas. He also painted roots of those being retained that are attached to live trees. He will close the redundant trail around a large Douglas fir and will create rockery patches around raised roots in a couple of areas to test this approach as discussed at the November 2019 meeting.

(IV) Other business

Parks and Recreation Updates

Interim Parks Operations Manager Sommargren gave the following updates:

- 1) The Parks maintenance crew replaced 5 Mutt Mitt dispersers with new green board. The older dispersers were rotting out.
- 2) There were several blowdowns across trails due to bad weather. The maintenance crew cleared trails in the SE quadrant on 1/16/20 and will be working in the NE quadrant on 1/17/20.
- 3) An eagle scout is working with Diane Mortenson from Parks and Recreation and Chair Hildebrandt to get the Hatheway Bench repairs going again.
- 4) The City is recruiting to fill the vacant position on the OSCT Board. The new Council Liaison should be appointed for the March 2020 meeting.

Deer Population

Trustees inquired about the deer population on the island and the impacts that deer have in the Park. Staff explained that the City does not have a census of deer on the Island. The biggest impact is from bucks rubbing their velvet off on the bark of saplings and nibbling of young saplings. Staff noted that several deer have been killed by cars this past year. In exposed areas, staff have been installing galvanized wire protection around young trees. This is not always feasible in more remote areas.

(V) Quadrant Reports

NW Quadrant: Trustee Berseth

Trustee Hildebrandt reported that the interior trails of the NW quadrant have a lot of branches across the trails and need to be cleared out.

NE Quadrant: Trustee Poor and Trustee Bender

Trustee Poor reported a lot of water on trails.

SE Quadrant: Secretary Hildebrandt and Trustee Olson

Trustee Hildebrandt noted that the trails in the SE Quadrant are muddy and have a lot of water collecting on them. Trustee Olson reported that there is currently a lot of horse manure being left on trails. Staff will follow up with the Saddle Club. He also noted that there is significant ivy growing in the SE corner of the SE quadrant that needs to be addressed.

(VI) Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2020.

Adjournment: 6:42 PM

Marie Bender, Chair

Attest:

Kim Frappier, Scribe