Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Roll Call

OPEN SPACE BOARD MEMBERS

Name	District	Attendance
Sarah Reale	1	X WebEx
Bennion Gardner	2	X in person
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Nate Blouin	4	Absent
Carrie Butler	5	X WebEx
Benjamin Cook	6	Absent
Kael Weston	At-Large	X WebEx
Debra Gatrell	At-Large	X in person
Angela Gong	At-Large	X in person

Other Members Present

Walt Gilmore, Danielle Calacino, Jackie Standing, Derrick Sorensen, Heidi Shegrud, Kendall McLelland.

4:05 **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Comments will be limited to three minutes per individual unless otherwise approved by the Advisory Committee. If an individual is unable to attend the meeting in-person or via Webex, they may email their comments to Jackie Standing at JMStanding@slco.org by 10:00 AM the day of the meeting to have those comments distributed to the board and read into the record at the appropriate time.

No public comments online or in person.

4:08 **BUSINESS ITEM** – Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes from the last Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee meeting held June 22, 2023.

Action Item: Advisory Committee Vote Required - Minutes approval.

Kael brought to the board's attention some changes that will be made to last month's meeting minutes. The board approved the minutes with the changes. Bennion motioned to approve, Debra seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

4:10 **SCHEDULE UPDATE**

Proposed 2024 meeting schedule – 3rd Thursday meeting quarterly at 4-5 pm

- Jan 18
- April 18
- July 18
- Oct 17

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Action Item: Advisory Committee Vote Required - Schedule approval.

During the board meeting, it was discussed that they need to increase the frequency of meetings. The decision was to meet every other month starting from next year. The board members also agreed on three additional meeting dates: February 15, May 16, and August 15, which will result in seven meetings per year instead of four.

Bennion called for a vote on the amended 2024 meeting schedule, and the board voted unanimously in favor without any objections.

4:12 **BUSINESS ITEM** – Lund Property

We successfully made the purchase of 10 acres of wetland area consisting mostly of Russian olive and brush. Our goal is to purchase 10 acres per year. In case of highwater, a boardwalk will have to be developed. Unfortunately, we currently don't have the funding to build the trail, but we will add it to our plan for next year. The area has plenty of parking available.

4:15 **BUSINESS ITEM** – Hunter Granger Property

We have collaborated with them to create a sales agreement, which is currently awaiting comments from their board. Our goal is to finalize the agreement by the end of November. The land in question is 3.69 acres and is in the redwood nature area to the north, along the Jordan River. It contains imported fill, which we have three options for - remediation, capping, or removal.

4:34 **BUSINESS ITEM** – Acquisition Priority List

Debra moved to close session. Bennion Seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to close the session to the public.

Debra moved to end the closed session.

Carrie seconded the motion.

5:03 **ADJOURN**

Action Item: Advisory Committee Vote Required - adjourn approval.

Angela motioned to adjourn Debra seconded motion. The board voted unanimously.