

**TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS**  
**Open Space Committee**  
Approved **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:00 – 11:00 AM**

**1. Call to Order (9:07am)**

- a. Roll Call, Members Present: Kit Gordon, Peter Brown, George Clifford , Wendie Ward, Richard Contreras Jean Struthers; Associates Present: Karen Lemes , Nancy Couperus, Kjell Karlsson (from 10am). Council Liaison: George . Others: Sue Welch, Lisa Schmidt, Birgitta Indaco
- b. Acceptance of February Meeting Minutes (error in fire link to be fixed) moved PB, 2nd WW. RC, KG, GC, RC approve. (JS abstain)
- c. Announcements : Nichole Bowersox left town. Lehigh still has issues. Redwoods are dying around town. Lisa Schmidt has fire task force committee: Lisa@schmidt.net.

**2. Planning**

- a. Planning site reviews
  - i. 13101 La Cresta Dr (included on Agenda in error)
- b. Recent ADU applications: pool house ADU approved at Fast Track for 13781 Ciceroni Lane
- c. Fence Permit Reviews
  - i. 27161 Fremont: fence allowed at Fast Track Meeting
- d. Fast Track updates: Central Drive -OSC not notified about this property . 13940 La Paloma Road - some grading before approval.

**3. New Business**

- a. Sudden Oak Death Blitz 2021: May 14th -18th George Clifford point person. Sue Welch helping to co-ordinate. Similar to last year. GC to request Sod Blitz put on town calendar and Next Door. Motion KG (?) PB second; RC, JS, WW, GC in favor
- b. Invasive removal 2021: Stinkwort as before. Reference article from Sue Welch.
- c. Additional signs in Byrne Preserve: remote control vehicles, drones, litter, etc. Parks & Rec would like OSC input. Proposal: Extend ordinance from Town Riding Ring to all other town preserves. Torie Dye may have input on signage. Sarah (P+R) supervisor also.
- d. Motion (KG) Extend language form Town Riding Ring (banning radio controlled vehicles etc) to all OSC preserves, adding drones to list, 2nd PB, in favor:RC, JS, WW, GC
- e. Some concerns about too many signs and possibility that preservers appear uninviting. RC and KG to form sub committee, present language at next OSC meeting.
- f. Fast Track signups for March & April: RC to extend spreadsheet.

**4. Continuing Business**

- a. EDPC Landscaping Guide
  - i. see <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2169/Landscaping-Guide-EDPC-PDF>
  - ii. Fire section revised
  - iii. Height of trees and shrubs added (from Calscape)
  - iv. Add flammability ?
- b. OSC priorities for 2021 - recruit (EDPC also )
- c. Discuss OSC support of wild fire talk: Matteo Garbelotto (Berkeley). Motion: (WW), request from council permission to host wildfire talk with Mateoh, and fire chief Denise. Second JS. RC, WW, KG, GC all in favor.
- d. OSC report database or file sharing protocol. PB reports that professional subscription Dropbox not suitable. Better to use free Dropbox, but limit number of large photographs

- e. Updates on fence ordinance - no update
- 5. Open Discussion**
- a. D-con as a rat killer - second generation rodenticide, but still Warfarin
  - b. UC extension has ground squirrel control
  - c. Promote fire district idea of easy to read house numbers or make it part of code for new houses
- 6. Future Topics**
- a. Bird-safe building design & Dark Sky lighting policy
  - b. Native Plants for Landscape Screening (KG)
  - c. Future presentation on Native Plants for Los Altos Hills (JS)
  - d. Groundwater management on new constructions (KG)
  - e. Arundo Donax removal in creeks
  - f. Wild land Urban Interface
- 7. Adjournment @10.30am**