

# Open Space Committee Special Meeting

**October 20, 2021**

**Members Present:** Peter Brown (left at 10:20 am), Kit Gordon, George Clifford, Wendie Ward, Jean Struthers

**Members Absent:** Richard Contreras, Nancy Couperus, Hayley Ditzler

**Associate:** Kjell Karlsson

**Others:** Megan Winslow, Sue Welch

**Council Liaison:** George Tyson

**Guest:** Oscar Antillon

Motion to accept 2021-9-8 minutes: Aye: PB, KG, GC, JS. Abstain: WW

New Public Works Director, Oscar Antillon introduced himself, talked about priorities including Matadero Creek project at Page Mill Road.

George Clifford updated stinkwort project: \$7985 has been appropriated by the Town for roadside spraying. Suggestion was made to add weed-whacking along pathways.

OSC will be informed when the Town plans to remove heritage oaks; PB will send EDPC emails to Oscar to also be informed.

New signage has been requested at Byrne Preserve.

The next City Council meeting will discuss the final map for the Natoma subdivision, and SB9.

## Planning Site Reviews

- 12869 La Cresta: the requested OSE will refer to contour lines - Aye: KG, PB, WW, GC, JS
- 27388 Sherlock: the OSC's recommended OSE was objected to by the owner; was continued. GC to follow up.
- 27600 Altamont: 2+ acre property subdividing into two lots; unclear whether LUF of resulting lots qualify as legal lots.
- 12660 Corte Madera: steep parts resulted from grading. wildlife friendly fence recommended in slope easement, existing fence has spikes.
- 28001 Elena: Report from planning commission; KG showed recommendation with measures to mitigate impacts on wildlife, creeks, oak woodland. Aye: PB, KG, GC, WW, JS

## Fast Tracks:

**Sept. 14:** Dawn Lane - approved; Esperanza - approved;

**Sept. 21:** nothing much

**October 5:** HD attended Old Altos

## New Business:

- Grassroots Ecology work party November 20, Byrne Preserve
- Live Oaks Associates did a study of wildlife corridors for LAH, with a map. Used as planning tool. To update the map would be expensive; but map still useful. KG

& PB to ask Live Oaks for wildlife corridor identification criteria and request speaker on wildlife corridor benefits.

- American Rescue Plan funds to be used for Covid-related activities. CC will discuss. KG motioned, WW 2<sup>nd</sup>. Open Space Committee does not recommend funds to install artificial turf at Purissima Park (send Valley Water's list of artificial turf's environmental detriments). We recommend funds to preserve and enhance the Town's open space preserves, a resource that was highly used during covid.

**Continuing Business:**

- KG to ask Grassroots Ecology to present on native plants. Request permission to advertise event at next City Council meeting (Nov 18)
- KG to find speaker for wildlife corridor (perhaps Live Oaks) and request permission to advertise event from City Council.
- No update on tree ordinance but discussions with Public Works on tree removals or pruning notification process and arborist reports.
- Waiting for new planning director to push new bee keeping ordinance.
- Stinkwort spraying complete but not sure who received notices.
- KG to test file sharing with GC & JS.