



SMRPD's Mission Statement - "To promote community well being through programs and activities that protect, preserve and enrich the canyons' heritage, open space and unique way of life."

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Open Space Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 16th, 2023, at 7 PM

Silverado Community Center
27641 Silverado Canyon Road

Committee Members

Charles "Ted" Wright: Chair
John Nelson

Staff

JoMarie Varela: Administrator

MINUTES

NOTE: MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AND BY ZOOM, IF POSSIBLE, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

[ZOOM LINK](#) - Best efforts will be made to accommodate Zoom meeting, however meeting will continue in person if Zoom is unavailable.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and was held in person and via Zoom link.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Director Nelson and Director Wright were present in person at the Silverado Community Center.
- III. **CONSENT ITEMS**
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Ideas for Open Space & Trails

Board Comments:

Director Nelson: Discussed Irvine Conservancy, OC Parks, private property and discussed liability and potential for creating a better trail system. Discussed the Haunted OC hikes and potential partnership. Discussed potential partnership for visitor center to sell adventure passes as a form of revenue for the center. Noted that the potential visitor center may be a good point to begin organized hikes. Discussed potential uses for the Riviera. Discussed a recent conversation with Modjeska residents and the potential of adding a fence to separate the playground due to the dogs.

Director Wright: Noted County land at the end of Modjeska. Discussed focusing on what SMRPD has as opposed to expanding the open space, by encouraging the use of existing trails like Harding trail. Discussed Modjeska gazebo and land behind the gazebo. Noted that if SMRPD offer organized hikes, SMRPD may want to have educated volunteers on the hikes.

- b. [Recreational Trails Program](#) grant research
 - i. Grants are for building recreational trails
 - ii. Applications are due June 15th.
 - iii. The RTP program does encourage "applicants to develop cooperative agreements with qualified youth conservation or service corps to perform trail construction and maintenance."
- c. Upcoming LWCF Cycle: Applications Due June 1, 2023
 - i. [2023 grant opportunities](#)

Board Comments:

Director Wright: Confirmed that these grant opportunities are not a fit for SMRPD at this time.

- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- VII. **BOARD COMMENTS**
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM

The next regular meeting of the Open Space Committee is Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7PM at the Silverado Community Center.