

Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 20, 2024

Meeting convened at 1:00 pm with Mike Taylor, Chair; John Barry; Susan Warner; Kathy Streveler (via phone); and Shelley Owens attending

Committee organization

Mike moved to appoint Shelley by unanimous consent as Secretary [Approved.] He has a thumb drive with resource materials he'll circulate, including maps and materials. Kathy suggested using Google Docs as a repository for sharing documents. Shelley will check with Liesl or IT. John and Susan will work on an inventory of conservation lands and a glossary of terms.

Application of the Open Meeting Act to advisory committees

- Meetings are public and posted 5 days in advance.
- Members can't conduct committee business outside public meetings but can work assigned tasks in groups up to 3 and report back to the committee.
- Decisions are made in committee meetings.

Mission statement and primary problem statement

The Mission Statement is contained in Resolution CY24-12; Mike will prepare a draft problem statement.

Resolution and Committee purpose

Draft a definition for the term undeveloped lands in the Resolution to ensure that the golf course is included as undeveloped lands.

Priorities

TNC Forelands Preserve protection—Memorandum of Understanding

- Based on the conservation strategies in the Realty Estate Project Abstract
- Cooperative approach in trail development like Nagoonberry Trail
- Pursuit of a joint vision but not joint management
- Kathy will be point of contact with TNC, and will contact Whitney for technical support

SEAL Trust Memorandum of Understanding

Discussion about achieving conservation status for the beach lands included engagement with SEALT about holding title or a conservation interest and establishing a privately-funded endowment fund or seeking grant funding for a conservator/conservation manager. Ideas included application to the Endowment Fund to lease the golf course property for 4 years during work on conservation options. Susan will be the point person with SEALT to discuss grants for a conservation management position and calculation of the market value of the forelands for conservation easements.

Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area

Discussion of adding the TNC tracts to the Dude Creek CHA is on hold for now.

CIRI land

CIRI land is part of the NPS back-country plan. Mike will contact Sara Doyle to discuss improved access to Bartlett Lake and the Park.

Mental Health Trust Lands

Susan will contact the Trust to ask if there is a current map and if there are current plans in the works.

DNR Land

Is the DNR dike land south of the airport a potential for SEALT?

Education lands

State owned; need to determine location

Trail development in TNC Forelands

Mike, Kathy, and Hank are interested in pursuing grant funding for trails.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 11, 1:00 pm at City Hall

Shelley Owens
Secretary

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