



**TOPS Working Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

Members Present: Blaze Panariso, Bob Falcone, Nancy Hobbs, Bob Shafer, Stephanie Surch, Paula Krantz, Wendy Thomas, Hank Scarangella, Ingrid Richter, Jeff David (Alternate)

Members Absent:

Parks Board Liaisons Present: Carol Beckman

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Staff Present: Anna White, Melody Horbach, Kurt Schroeder, Britt Haley, Karen Palus, Wesley Hermann, Steve Bodette, David Deitemeyer, Emily Duncan

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TOPS Working Committee Chair Bob Falcone brought the meeting to order at 7:35 A.M.

Agenda Preview

Committee Chair Bob Falcone announced the agenda for the meeting.

Announcements

Kurt Schroeder, Parks Maintenance and Operations Manager, made the following announcement:

- Kurt Schroeder presented the Storm Damage Update on behalf of Dennis Will, City Forester. This presentation included: Storm Response Team; Logistics; A Common Damage Type; Damaged Tree Held up by Another; Ponderosa Pine blown apart in SMVP; Over 50 tree-on-house Incidents; Damaged Anchor Roots; Lots of Large Tree Failures; Some of These Logs will be Salvaged; Mount Brushmore; Grinding Operations; and finally, contact information on Dennis Will for further inquiries or comments regarding the Storm Damage.

Anna White, Staff Assistant, made the following announcement:

- The Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board Meeting has been postponed until March 2022.

Approval of Minutes

January 5, 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 5, 2022, TOPS Working Committee meeting.
1st - Wendy Thomas, 2nd - Paula Krantz – Approved, Unanimously.

Citizen Discussion

Cory Sutela, Executive Director of Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, wanted to follow up on the Blodgett Open Space regarding illegal activity that was discussed during the January TOPS Working Committee meeting. He added his group has discussed potential adjustments on some trails to benefit both users and resource management.

Presentation Items

Red Rock Canyon Open Space Landfill Regulatory Compliance Update (Presented by Steve Bodette, Capital Projects Coordinator)

Steve Bodette, Capital Projects Coordinator, presented the Red Rock Canyon Open Space Landfill Regulatory Compliance Update to the TOPS Working Committee. This presentation included: Project Updates; Upper Pond; Landfill; Landfill Corrective Action Plan; Landfill Monitoring; Upper and Lower Dam; and finally, a conclusion slide for any inquiries regarding the presentation.

[Link to PowerPoint](#)

Citizen Discussion

Cory Sutela, Executive Director of Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, commented he is interested in understanding how the process of this landfill works. Furthermore, he inquired on what the time frame will be on the new landfill on top of suggesting seeing the response the Parks Department received from the state. In addition, he referenced documents regarding the landfill and would like to know if those are available for the public.

Steve Bodette, Capital Projects Coordinator, responded that he has the Corrective Action Plan, also known as the CAP, but is still awaiting a response from the State. Britt Haley, Parks Design and Development Manager, added that Staff will provide Cory the requested documents regarding the landfill.

Chairman Bob Falcone suggested in order to run the meeting smoothly, for Cory Sutela to email his questions to Britt Haley and Steve Bodette in order to provide answers and also be respectful to those attending the meeting.

Dan Downs, from Friends of Red Rock Canyon, reiterated Cory's comments and is also interested in potentially obtaining a copy of the documents that he requested. Britt Haley, Parks Design and Development Manager, stated that we will provide the Corrective Action Plan documents and the inspections involved.

Evan Bates, citizen, inquired if there is any process on renewable energy at Red Rock Canyon Open Space. In addition, he also inquired how the gauges in the pond work. Steve Bodette, Capital Projects Coordinator, responded that currently renewable energy has not been looked

into. The landfill's cover may not be able to withstand the weight, or the construction of the infrastructure required. Also, we could dig into the landfill since trash and debris is only a couple feet deep. In addition, he responded that the bottom of the pond has been mapped and the gauge is able to determine the volume of water in the pond by reading the numbers on the gauge.

Motion to adjourn

1st –Paula Krantz, 2nd – Blaze Panariso, Approved, Unanimously at 8:59 A.M.