



**TOPS Working Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

Members Present: Blaze Panariso, Bob Falcone, Nancy Hobbs, Bob Shafer, Stephanie Surch, Paula Krantz, Ingrid Richter, Jeff Davis (Alternate)

Members Absent: Wendy Thomas, Hank Scarangella

Parks Board Liaisons Present: Carol Beckman

Parks Board Liaisons Absent: Greg Thorton, Abby Simpson

Staff Present: Anna White, Melody Horbach, Kurt Schroeder, Britt Haley, Dan Allen, David Deitemeyer, Erik Weitzel

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TOPS Working Committee Chair Bob Falcone brought the meeting to order at 7:34 A.M.

Agenda Preview

Committee Chair Bob Falcone announced the agenda for the meeting.

Announcements

Britt Haley, TOPS Program Manager, made the following announcements:

- There will be no site tour
- Fisher’s Canyon Open Space is moving along to phase 2, which includes the remaining 85 acres. It is now onto City Council work session on March 7, and the goal is to close by March 21, 2022
- TOPS ended up 24.59% over year-to-date on the Sales Revenue Report
- David Deitemeyer, Senior Landscape Architect, and Britt Haley will be meeting with the owners of the Pikeview Quarry to move forward with reclamation of the 100 acres behind the buffer open space.

Approval of Minutes

February 9, 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes of the February 9, 2022, TOPS Working Committee meeting.
1st – Blaze Panariso, 2nd – Stephanie Surch – Approved, Unanimously.

Citizen Discussion

Cory Sutela, Executive Director of Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates, spoke regarding the remediation of Red Rock Canyon Landfill. He has received documentation on the landfill and thanked the staff for providing the information. He also mentioned the illegal activity in Blodgett Peak. He has spoken to his staff about the property and hasn't come to a complete conclusion regarding a solution. Lastly, he reiterated the importance of moving along on the Blodgett Peak Master Plan.

Susan Davies, Executive Director of the Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC), spoke on the Coleman Park Planning Process. It was a great meeting to attend, and the mayor spoke eloquently. She added that the capital money for parks is low, so it is important to build expectations around this. She is very excited for a beautiful park to be built in an underserved community. There will be at least three public meetings regarding the park for those who are interested in attending.

Presentation Items

RMFI TOPS (Presented by Lindsay Williams)

Lindsay Williams presented the TOPS Stewardship Presentation to the TOPS Working Committee. This presentation included: About RMFI; How We Accomplish Work; TOPS Stewardship Contract; Locations of 2021 Work; 2021 Objectives; Volunteerism in 2021; Volunteers; Stewardship Crew; 2021 Work Stats; Red Rock Canyon Open Space; Map of Red Rock Canyon Open Space; Stratton Open Space; Stratton Open Space Restoration Map; Programming 2022; and finally, a conclusion slide for any inquiries regarding the presentation.

After the presentation, committee member Stephanie Surch commented the relationship with TOPS and RMFI works to their advantage and wants to recognize this presentation is only on TOPS property. Furthermore, she inquired what other TOPS properties are on the slate for 2022. Presenter Lindsay Williams answered the contemplative trail is in the works, and potentially Blodgett Open Space.

[Link to PowerPoint](#)

Citizen Discussion

Mike Scott, citizen, thanked RMFI for the presentation and praised them on setting the standard of volunteer work. Furthermore, he hopes RMFI can expand but knows it is tough to find volunteers.

Susan Davies, Executive Director of the Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC) commented RMFI accomplishes items that the Friend's group is unable to do, and to remind everyone the work completed would be significantly lower without the help of RMFI. She reiterated stewardship is critical.

Bob Schaffer, committee member, added the Trails and Open Space Coalition newsletter is very informative and appreciates their efforts. Susan Davies added that about 5,000 people receive the newsletter.

Motion to adjourn

1st – Ingrid Richter, 2nd – Blaze Panariso, Approved, Unanimously at 8:35 A.M.