



# SOLANO OPEN SPACE

## **JOINT GOVERNING BOARD/ CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES (Corrected)**

**December 13, 2010**

**1. Roll Call**

Governing Board Members: Supervisor Seifert, Councilperson Campbell,  
Councilperson Hannigan, (arrived during item 5.)

Citizen's Advisory Committee: Bob Berman, Teri Booth, Eugene Doherty, Harry  
Englebright, Karlyn Lewis, Elizabeth Moses, Alice  
Plutchok, Dan Smith and Bob Webb

Staff Present: Brian Miller, City of Fairfield; Bill Tuikka, City of Vallejo;  
Lisa Porras, City of Benicia, Matt Walsh, Solano County

Others Present: Sue Wickham, Solano Land Trust

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**3. Introductions**

Chair Dan Smith welcomed the Governing Board, CAC, staff and interested parties to the meeting. Members of the Governing Board and the CAC introduced themselves. Elizabeth Moses, the Citizens Advisory Committee's newest member (representing the City of Fairfield) introduced herself and gave a brief summary of her interests.

**4. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2010**

The minutes of September 13, 2010 were approved with minor corrections.

**6. Update on Solano Land Trust Activities**

Sue Wickham, SLT, noted that the Solano Land Trust celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011. Its website features upcoming activities and events such as an event and workday at the Ridge Trail. Lynch Canyon's opening day (weekends only) is on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The SLT will hold a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary volunteer day at Lynch Canyon. A Flyway raptor tour will also be held at Lynch Canyon on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Wickham also noted that parcels of land lying south of Lynch Canyon are being considered for purchase by the SLT with earmark funds. Brian Miller, City of Fairfield, suggested that agenda item 7 be heard at this time.

**7. Action Item: Reallocation of \$5,000 to the Solano Land Trust for acquisition of the parcels near Hiddenbrooke (Earmark Funds)**

Mr. Miller noted that the Governing Board does not have a quorum present. Still he thinks there is consensus that the acquisition plans of the SLT line item of \$10,000 are broad enough that if they wanted to spend some of it now, up to \$5,000, for activities associated with the earmark acquisition plan, they could go ahead and do it. There would be no need for specific allocations as it would be included in the ongoing acquisition budget.

**8. Report by Regional Park Subcommittee**

The Regional Park Subcommittee met on November 23, 2010. Bob Berman reported that the Solano Open Space website is now online. He thanked Ms. Lewis for creating and launching the website. Mr. Berman suggested that they make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors highlighting the Solano Open Space website. The members agreed to the suggestion and asked staff to inquire about scheduling the presentation for February, 2011.

Harry Englebright reported that with the assistance of Ms. Lewis the brochure is nearly complete. The one thing we are waiting for was the cover photo. The photographer is searching his archives for the print. Eugene Doherty offered to gather email addresses for a mailing list and distribute the brochure at the Flyway Festival in February.

**9. Report on Lynch Canyon**

The discussion centered on public access options. Mr. Berman stated that at the last subcommittee meeting, we again expressed everybody's concern and frustration that now that everything is ready to go in Lynch Canyon, the hours of operation and access have been sharply cut back due to budgetary problems. It just seems like with responsible people who want to spend time out hiking, we should be able to come up with a system that will allow folks to make use of Lynch Canyon without the necessity of having a park ranger on duty. There are different mechanisms that are in place in other open space areas in terms of having people go through some type of training. After training they could be given the combination to the gate lock. They could be the eyes and ears to any problems that could develop. Alice Plutchok thinks that there were hiking areas in Marin County that operate without rangers and uses volunteers to monitor the area. Mr. Berman believes that Muir Heritage open space in Contra Costa County operates without rangers. Funding for volunteer training would need to be considered. Supervisor Seifert noted that there are liability constraints to be overcome and suggested an inquiry on how other areas have dealt with liability issues. Mr. Doherty described his experiences as a volunteer for the East Bay

Regional Park hiking patrol. Mr. Englebright offered to get some legal input on the subject of liability and bring the information back to the group. Ms. Wickham stated that the SLT requires that people who are given access to their land must sign a waiver. Mr. Doherty suggested looking into the types of emergency calls made in near the open space area. Staff will follow up with information on the types of public safety calls made in association with the Lynch Canyon area.

Mr. Englebright displayed a sample of the Lynch Canyon sign which may include the logo of Solano County and the Solano Land Trust. There will also be directional signs at the freeway off ramps. The next steps are to submit the sign mockups to Cal Trans, determine the exact location of the signs at the exits, and submit the application to Caltrans.

**10. Action Item: Election of Officers**

Mr. Berman made a motion to nominate Dan Smith for another term as Tri-City and County CAC chair. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Councilperson Hannigan made a motion to nominate Supervisor Seifert for another term as Tri-City and County Governing Board chair. Councilperson Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**11. Action Item: Approve 2011 Calendar**

The 2011 Calendar of Joint Tri-City and County Governing Board and CAC Meetings was approved.

**12. Future Agenda Items/Closing Remarks**

Mr. Miller asked the subcommittee members to work with staff regarding the website presentation to the Board of Supervisors and the City Councils. Councilperson Hannigan hoped that the presentations could be made before February 12, 2011.

Supervisor Seifert thanked the organizers of the Fall Tour for putting together such a successful event.

For a future agenda item Mr. Doherty suggested inviting new city managers and planning directors to the next meeting.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next Tri-City and County Cooperative Planning Group Joint Governing Board and Citizens Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2011.