



# SOLANO OPEN SPACE

## JOINT GOVERNING BOARD/ CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**September 12, 2011**

**1. Roll Call**

Governing Board Members: Councilpersons Campbell, Hannigan

Citizen's Advisory Committee: Bob Berman, Teri Booth, Harry Englebright, Karlyn Lewis, Elizabeth Moses, 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: Natalie Dumont, Solano Land Trust; Doris Klein, Earl Swenerton and Eldreth Gosney from the Lynch Canyon Users Group. William Chen, interested citizen

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The members present agreed to move the informational items on the agenda to the beginning of the meeting, as there was no quorum of the Governing Board available.

**3. Introductions**

Chairman Smith welcomed the Governing Board, CAC, staff and interested parties to the meeting. Members of the Governing Board and the CAC introduced themselves.

**4. Public Comment**

William Chen introduced himself, noting that he was very interested in open space and regional park issues. He noted that he himself had convened a meeting earlier this summer but now felt that participation in the Solano Open Space process might be a better approach.

Natalie Dumont, Volunteer Coordinator for Solano Land Trust, introduced three Lynch Canyon Advisory Group members, Doris Klein (hiking), Earl Swenerton (birding/naturalist) and Eldreth Gosney (running).

**5. Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2011**

While there was no Governing Board quorum, Dan Smith asked those present to submit any corrections to the minutes. Karlyn Lewis asked that the spelling of her name be corrected.

Approval of the minutes was tabled to the next meeting.

**6. Adoption of 2011-2012 Budget**

Staff briefly reviewed the proposed budget. Councilmember Campbell asked for more details on the proposed funding provided to the Land Trust. Staff explained that the funding is used for a variety of projects and activities associated with public access. The Board also asked for clarification about the \$8,000 line item for the Ridge Trail. This funding will be used to support development of Ridge Trail in the Planning Area.

Adoption of the Budget was tabled due to lack of quorum.

**7. Approval of Lynch Canyon Success Criteria**

Natalie Dumont briefly reviewed the Lynch Canyon Success Criteria document for years 5, 6, and 7. She explained the continued focus on volunteers and docent-led events, noting that Solano Land Trust and the County are still focusing on facilitating use even during the closed season.

Approval of the Criteria document was tabled due to lack of quorum.

**8. Update on Solano Land Trust**

Natalie Dumont provided a brief overview of ongoing Solano Land Trust activities, including:

- First Saturdays of each month: King/Swett Docent Led Hikes and events
- Second Saturdays: Lake Solano Park Walk
- Third Saturdays: Rush Ranch
- Fourth Saturdays: Lynch Canyon (Birds of Prey are a big focus)
- Fourth Sundays: Lake Solano

She then announced the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Day on October 8 at Rush Ranch. Also on October 8, the Vallejo Museum will be hosting a "Toast to Agriculture and Open Space" event featuring local artwork which celebrates landscapes.

**9. Regional Park Issues: Report/Discussion (Subcommittee)**

**a. Status of Lynch Canyon Signs**

Harry Englebright reported that they have been unable to touch bases with Jim Syar regarding the fabrication of the signs. The group agreed that staff should pursue alternatives, including obtaining quotes for fabrication by City sign shops.

**b. Website Report**

Karlyn Lewis reported that growth in traffic continues, with visits up by 40% over the past two quarters. She will try to update the content to remove currently obsolete columns.

**c./d. Lynch Canyon: Discussion of Public Access Options and Issues**

The subcommittee did not meet during the summer. However, Dan Smith submitted an outline of draft principles which might serve as a starting point for establishing a regional park district.

**10. Fall Event Planning: October 22, 2011 Visit to Rockville Hills Park and Rockville Trails**

Group consensus was to schedule an event at Rockville Hills Park on October 22. Four-Wheel Drive vehicles will be provided to ensure access. Some members of the group suggested promoting the event to members of the Ridge Trail Society and local elected officials. Staff will arrange light snacks

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m either to a scheduled telephone meeting of the Governing Board or the next meeting (Joint Governing Board/Citizens Advisory Committee) scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011 in Vallejo at **7:15 p.m.**