

**TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS**  
**Open Space Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Via ZOOM**  
**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**  
**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**1. Call to Order 9.05**

- a. Roll Call:
  - i. Members: Kit Gordon, Richard Contreras, Peter Brown, Jean Struthers, Wendie Ward, George Clifford
  - ii. Associates: Sue Welch, Nancy Couperos, Karen Lemes
  - iii. Council Liaison: George Tyson
- b. Acceptance of December Meeting Minutes: PB motion to accept, GC second. JS, RC, KG, WW in favor
- c. Announcements:
  - i. Foothills Park overrun impacting local neighborhoods

**2. Planning**

- a. Planning site reviews
  - i. 14096 Seven Acres Lane
    1. Motion: GC, PB second, WW abstain. KG, RC, JS in favor
      - Require the developer to dedicate an open space easement 25 feet from center of the swale at the northern border of the property, as shown on plan.
      - Care should be taken in any disturbed soil in the swale to prevent erosion.
      - Remove all eucalyptus and acacia trees from property.
      - Any perimeter fence should not impeded the flow of water at swale and should be wildlife friendly.
  - ii. 27161 W. Fremont Road
    1. Motion: PB, JS second
      - Improve screening to keep golf balls out of the creek. Annual cleaning of creek before the start of the rainy season.
      - Minimize or remove irrigation and non-native plantings within the conservation easement.
      - Plant riparian natives in the conservation easement. Willows are recommended, other plants can be found at [calscape.org](http://calscape.org) (enter Los Altos Hills, riparian).
      - Remove acacia from creek corridor (invasive plant).
  - iii. 26616 Westwind Way
    1. Motion: PB, WW 2nd. KG, RC, JS, GC in favor
      1. No comment
  - iv. 13875 Mir Mirou . Motion PB, RC 2nd. KG, GC, JS, WW in favor
    1. No comment
  - v. 12805 Deer Creek Lane
    1. No Comment
  - vi.
- b. Fence permit reviews
  - i. 12897 ViscainoPlace
    1. Motion: GC, PB 2nd. KG, WW, RC, JS in favor
      - No fencing allowed within 25 feet of top of bank

- Open fencing should be at least 45 feet from road center, especially considering Deer Creek wildlife corridor.
  - No fencing allowed within the flood plain.
- ii. 12901 Tripoli Court
    1. No comment
  - c. Recent ADU applications
- 3. New Business**
- a. Committee report submittal protocol
    - i. By Friday following meeting, Chair to follow up
  - b. OSC priorities for 2021
  - c. Signups for Fast Track meeting
    - i. RC to assign members
  - d. 12131 Oak Park Court
    - i. To be considered at February meeting
  - e. 13800 Barton Court
    - i. No comment
  - f. 26724 Palo Hills Drive
    - i. To be considered at February meeting
- 4. Continuing Business**
- a. EDPC Landscaping Guide
    - i. see <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2169/Landscaping-Guide-EDPC-PDF>
      1. Edits in progress
  - b. OSC report database or file sharing protocol
    - i. Not appropriate on Etrak-it, looking for alternative
  - c. Updates on tree ordinance
    - i. No action, remove from Continuing Business
  - d. Fast Track/Site Development Hearings
    - i. RC to send out list
  - e. Updates on fence ordinance
    - i. PB will present at council in near future
- 5. Open Discussion**
- a. If plans on line town will now send link to committee
  - b. Member of public mentioned State mandated housing bills (see [livablecalifornia.org](http://livablecalifornia.org))
    - i. 500 new houses in LAH
    - ii. 4000 new houses in Los Altos
    - iii. SP10 allows majority of council to over rule open space requirements
    - iv. SP9 allows lots to be split and add 6-8 units, with no public hearings
  - c. Robleda path discussion at Planning Commission tomorrow
- 6. Future Topics**
- a. Remove:
    - i. Vegetation management: OSEs, private property, Fire District
    - ii. Pathway for O'Keefe Preserve
    - iii. Vineyards and open space easements
  - b. Add:
    - i. Should town designate WOOL areas
- 7. Adjournment KG at 10:55**