



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES April 16, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Open Space Conservancy Trust meeting was called to order by Chair Ethe at 5:01pm.

ROLL CALL

Chair Hillary Ethe, Vice Chair Carol Lynn Berseth, Secretary Marie Bender, and Trustees Geraldine Poor, Thomas Hildebrandt, and Andrew Rosenthal were present.

Council Liaison/Trustee Lisa Anderl was absent.

Management Analyst Amelia Tjaden, Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb, Natural Resources Program Manager Lizzy Stone, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

APPEARANCES

Omer Cansizoglu addressed the Trust regarding Off Leash Dogs

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February 12, 2026, Special Hybrid Meeting was presented.

It was moved by Rosenthal; seconded by Poor to:

Approve the minutes from February 12, 2026, Special Hybrid Meeting

Passed: 6 – 0

2. Community Engagement Plan for E-Bike Regulations in Parks & Open Spaces

Management Analyst Amelia Tjaden presented. Trustees asked questions and provided input.

3. 2026 Restoration and Trails Work Plan

Natural Resources Program Manager Lizzy Stone presented. Trustees asked questions and provided input.

It was moved by Bender; seconded by Hildebrandt to:

Approve the 2026 Restoration and Trails Work Plan.

Passed: 6 – 0

4. Off Leash Dog Update

Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb presented. Trustees asked questions and provided input.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Department Report

Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb presented. Trustees received the report and asked questions.

6. Quadrant Reports

Northeast quadrant (Ethe & Poor): Trustee Poor reported that the Northeast Quadrant is well maintained.

Northwest quadrant (Berseth & open): Vice Chair Berseth noted the Northwest quad is noticeably improved overall and feels significantly safer, including in the Northeast area. Conditions continue to evolve depending on recent storms and ongoing project work, so it remains a dynamic environment. Active work is still in progress, which is positive to see.

Southeast quadrant (Bender & Hildebrandt): Trustee Hildebrandt reported that the Southeast Quadrant looks to be in good shape. Secretary Bender did not have anything recent to report.

Chair Ethe praised city staff for prompt and effective storm debris cleanup across all quadrants. She also highlighted significant progress by forest stewards—especially ivy removal in the Southeast—crediting expanded volunteer efforts for visible improvements. Ongoing concerns include persistent standing water and muddy areas (notably in the Northwest interior and near Island Crest), with appreciation for staff pursuing long-term solutions. Overall conditions were noted as very positive.

Trustee Rosenthal agreed to monitor the Northwest Quadrant with Vice Chair Berseth.

7. Topics for future discussion

Secretary Bender recommended including a review of off-leash dog signage at the July meeting, in alignment with the scheduled agenda item on signage.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is a Regular Meeting on July 16, 2026, at 5pm.

ADJOURNMENT at 6:24PM