

Minutes TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS Open Space Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Call to Order

Roll Call Members present: Anita Baldwin, Peter Brown, Richard Contreras, Eric Bredo, Sarah He

Members absent : Viggie Mokkarala

Council liaison present: Stanley Mok

Acceptance of OSC November 2025 Meeting Minutes Moved PB, Second EB in favor AB, RC

Announcements

Stanley Mok, most likely will not be liaison in future.

Planning

- **Planning site reviews:**

25625 Elena Road, New Residence

- Open Space Easement required on slopes greater than 30% on western side (There is one area in the triangular section which is about 35%, between elevations 380'-400').
- No trees are marked for removal – are there ones to be removed?
- While this is not a landscaping plan, there are proposed acacia (possibly invasive species), invasive pampas grass and Mexican feather grass. We recommend replacing them with native plants. If the Deer Grass shown is *Muhlenbergia ribens*, it is a good California native grass groundcover.
- Recommend landscaping with native plants. See calscape.org for list of plants native to Los Altos Hills.
- Recommend removing Eucalyptus (fire hazard) and cotoneaster (invasive non-native).
- Add Condition of Approval (COA) Shall remove all Stinkwort plants (*Dittrichia graveolens*) from entire property and the road ROW by manual pulling or herbicide by Sept 1 of each year until final building approval.

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- **Recent SB9 applications**

- **Fence Permit Reviews**

- **Fast Track meeting recaps**

- 9/23 - 14227 Amherst Court , remove turf lawn in set back
- 9/30 - Cancelled
- 10/07 - 27285 Elena Road -In grove of redwood trees, no OSC issues continued to

10/21

26540 Purissima Road - swale running through back, but no plans to build int that area

- 11/04 - Cancelled • 11/11 - Cancelled
- 12/9 - 13490 Page Mill Road

New Business

Continuing Business

Ad hoc committee updates -

- A. Bench Policy - EB reported that they looked into more general Memorial Policy, reviewed other cities efforts, many not appropriate for LAH (e.g. library donations), work ongoing, maybe include pathways committee.
- B. Vegetation mitigation in easements - no meeting yet.
 - Planting and fencing at Byrne Preserve for Matadero Creek mitigation - no updates
 - Monthly & Quarterly message from Open Space Committee in Town email & newsletter
 - Native plant garden at Town Hall not much new
 - Committee Recruitment - on going.
 - Educational forum - looking at 2026

Open Discussion

Tim McBirney(Planning) gave 2026 goals : still Housing Element.#1. Wild Fire mitigation is next hot topic.

For existing OSE wild fire mitigation, when do OSC want to get involved?

Adjournment by AB@ 11.22