

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS Open Space Committee Meeting

Minutes January 14 2025

Anita Baldwin Called Meeting to Order at 9:35am

• Roll Call

Members Present: Anita Baldwin, Richard Contreras Peter Brown Viggie Mokkarala, Sarah He

Members Absent: Eric Bredo

Associates Present: Kit Gordon

Council Liaison Present: Stan Mok

Joined via Zoom: Wendy Grant, Denise Gluhan (Fire Department)

• Acceptance of OSC December 2025 Meeting Minutes moved PB, Second AB. All in favor

2. Announcements

• AB to make presentation to Town Council on 1/21/26 of OSC activities and goals

• PB demonstration 1pm Apricot pruning in town garden.

• EDPC on site meeting at Pinewood (9am)

3. Planning

• Planning site reviews:

27235 Byrne Park Lane - Basement addition. **Recommendations-**

- Recommend landscaping with native plants. See calscape.org for list of plants native to Los Altos Hills.
- 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.
- Existing pergola in the back left corner appears to be in the setback
- Existing chicken house corner appears to be in the setback

Moved to accept: PB, second AB, all in favor.

10320 Rolly Drive Noted surrounded by trees. In High Fire Zone. Some of existing house is in setback, which is to be retained.

OSC Recommendations- No objection to variance request.

- Open Space Easement required on slopes greater than 30% on the southern end, primarily in the rear and side setbacks; the contour lines are not marked, so we can't specify which line to use (see map below).
- No trees are marked for removal – are there ones to be removed? We recommend preserving all the major oak trees outside of the construction area, with the exception of poor condition ones and the Italian stone pines.
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Moved PB, second AB

11778 Maria Lane

OSC Recommendations-

1. Major riparian restoration needed along Hale Creek. Planting of riparian vegetation in areas where plants were removed. State, federal, and local jurisdictional rules apply to the creek, its banks, and riparian vegetation.
2. Open space easement required on western portion of property on slopes greater than 30% contiguous to existing OSE
3. Town policy of landscape screening to be re-applied to this property?
4. Geohazard map to be reviewed by planning
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PB moved, AB second. All in favor.

6. AB Closed meeting at 11.08am

(Planning site reviews not completed, will. be a follow up special meeting on Jan 16th)