

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS Open Space Committee Regular Minutes May 13th 2026

1. Call to Order Anita called to order at 9:32am

• Roll Call

- Members Present : Anita Baldwin, Sarah He, Peter Brown, Eric Bredo, Viggie Mokkarala
- Council Liaison present: Stan Mok
- Member of Staff Present: Jay Bradford
- Acceptance of draft OSC March, April Meeting Minutes Moved AB, Second RC, all in favor

2. Announcements

- OSC summer meetings Elections August or September.
- OSC table at LAH picnic, share with EDPC. EB and PB to attend

3. Planning

Updates from Jay Bradford:

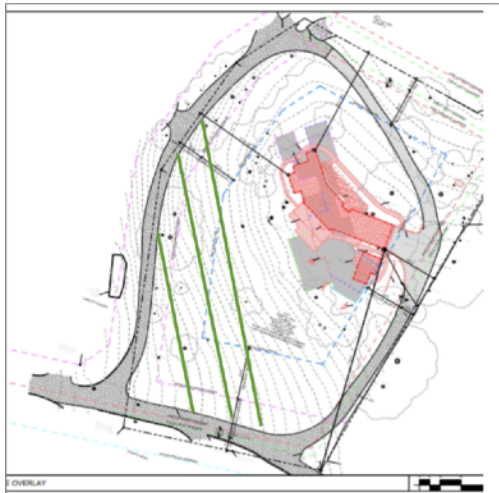
12778 Maria Lane probably go to June Planning.

Draft of Fire Mitigation in Open Space recommendations coming next meeting.

Draft of Green Sheets (original Town Bylaws from 70 years ago) to be discussed at Thursday Council meeting, need November ballot measure to stop easy changes by future council. May come through committees for review before June 18th.

A. Planning Site Reviews

1. **14844 Manuella Drive** – variances for firetruck turnaround, height, building.
 - 1.1. OSC Recommendations - No comments. Moved PB, Second AB
2. **13470 Robleda Road** – recommendations moved pb, second RC, All in favor.
 - 1) Recommend Open Space Easement along slope down from the 280' contour line to Burke Lane starting at the eastern boundary extending to the ingress/egress easement where the slope is >30%. See drawing.



2) Recommend substituting native plants for proposed olive trees. At least five counted on plans. Can be invasive in California.

3) 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.

3. **13867 Robleda Road** – landscape screening. Report concentrates on possibility of daylighting creeks. Although recommendations are no comments. Moved AB, Second PB, all in favor
4. **12800 Alto Verde Lane** – landscape and hardscape improvements. Recommendations moved PB, second EB
 1. Recommend landscaping with native plants. See calscape.org for list of plants native to Los Altos Hills.
 2. Perimeter fencing discouraged, as wildlife cannot move through. The swale is especially wildlife-unfriendly; both fences noted above are in the setback.
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5. **28155 Christopher Lane** – new SFR. Recommendations moved PB, second AB. All in favor.
 - 1) If the storm drain easement does not protect the riparian zone, recommend an Open Space Easement over the creek for added protection.
 - 2) Remove rank water from existing pool ASAP, as it is breeding mosquitos.Recommend landscaping with native plants. See calscape.org for list of plants native to Los Altos Hills.
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6. **14210 Berry Hill Court** – major addition. The OSC has no issue with the proposed development. Moved AB, Second PB. All in favor
7. **23100 Encinal Court** redux – vanishing pool. Staff reported grading is an issue because of slope and easements, likely go to Planning Commission. OSC suggested alternative pool site wanted for ADU. Staff recommends waiting on updated plans from applicant.

B. Recent SB9 applications

C. Fence Permit Reviews

D. Fast Track Meeting Recaps

E. Subdivision Committee Meeting update and discussion

4. New Business

- Discussion of cremains in Byrne Preserve The OSC recommends that the Town of LAH does not allow dispersal of cremains in the open space preserves. Moved EB second PB

6. Adjournment AB 11.54