

TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS Open Space Committee Regular Minutes June 10th 2026

Richard Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:02pm.

Members Present: Richard Contreras, Peter Brown, Sarah He, Eric Bredo

Council Liaison: Stan Mok

Associate member: Kit Gordon

Staff: Jonathan Fox, Bageshri Thakar

Residents: 0 La Barranca owner, 13871 Robleda owner

Support professionals hired by residents: Peter of Lea & Braze, Karen (landscape architect), Randy (architect)

Meeting start was delayed waiting for quorum attendance. Discussion delays due to Zoom difficulties.

Announcements: Open Space Committee hosted a table at the picnic. There were a few residents interested in the committee's work.

PB moved and EB 2nd accepting the minutes from the May 13 2026 meeting. **Motion passed.**

Property Reviews:

0 La Barranca: A new 2-story residence is proposed on a vacant lot. The lot is highly constrained with slopes >30% an earthquake fault through middle section of property, and an Open Space Conservation Area along the south property line. Owner requests variance to 1) develop on slopes >30%, 2) exceed MDA by 500sqft and 3) to excavate/grade more than our ordinances allow. Most of the grading variance is to allow for wide driveway over steep slope. Fire district requested wider driveway. Previously, committee members recommended a U-shaped OSE over the majority of slopes that are >30%.

PB motioned, RC 2nd: Recommend OSE in a U-shaped over the majority of slopes >30,% similar to diagram presented at the meeting. The small bits of steep slopes near the proposed septic tank would be excluded. The existing slope easement along La Barranca would be excluded. **Motion passed.**

11:00 Sarah He left the meeting and therefore no quorum for remaining items.

13871 Robleda: Fence review

Property owner wishes to construct two fences with sections over and adjacent to the existing OSE. The OSE is along the west border, over the buried Robleda Creek. The committee questioned the need for the fence to extend to property line and suggested benefits to wildlife and car safety if a wildlife friendly section existed between the new fence and the property line.

PB and RC recommended that the existing rules for fences along and over OSE be enforced.