

**TAHOE DONNER ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL PLAN “TOWN HALL” MEETING  
TRAILS  
MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2010**

**Board Members Present:** John Dundas, Ron Wulff

**General Plan Committee Members Present:** Chris Nelson, Michael Rohrback, John Stubbs, Tom Johns

**Management Staff Present:** Robb Etnyre, Miguel Sloane, Annie Rosenfeld, Michael Salmon, Kirt Zimmer, Bill Houdyschell

**Membership Present:** 43 homeowners

**Meeting called to order: 3:07 p.m.**

**Discussion:**

Management completed a short presentation reviewing the Draft Strategic Plan, purpose of the TDA “Town Hall” meetings and the 2030 General Plan development process. Shortly thereafter Management reviewed general information regarding the Tahoe Donner trail system:

- trail development start date; late 1980s
- mileage: 36 miles of trail total; 16 miles of single track and 20 miles of fire road
- trail maintenance annual expenditure: between \$25,000 - \$30,000

Management briefly discussed the results of the 2009 Demographic Survey:

	2009	2009	2009	2009
	High	Moderate	Low	Opposed
Open Space Acquisition	35%	34%	23%	9%

Table 1.0

Table 1.0 represents the results from surveyors upon being question about their opinion on the importance of allocating fund to acquire more open space.

	2009	2009	2009	2009
	Use 10+ times/yr	Use 6-10 times/yr	Use 1-5 times/year	Never Use
Trail System Use	41%	15%	35%	10%

Table 1.1

Table 1.1 represents the results regarding trail system use by survey respondents. Results indicate percentage of users who utilize the trail system a certain number of times per year.

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>
<b>Trail System Rating</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1%</b>

Table 1.2

Table 1.2 indicates the results of respondents' opinion on the overall trail system.

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>High</b>		<b>Moderate</b>		<b>Low</b>		<b>No improvement needed</b>	
<b>Trail System Improvement</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6%</b>

Table 1.3

Table 1.3 compares the results of the 2006 General Plan and 2009 Demographic question: What priority would you give for improvement to the trail system?

Management focused on Question #48 of the survey, which asked, Tahoe Donner Association spends money each year on major maintenance or improvements, additions, or replacements to specific amenities based on structural needs and amenity usage patterns. Please tell us your priorities. (1 is highest priority, 2 is next etc., no for those you would oppose). The results are as follows:

Rank	Trout Creek		Trails		Downhill Ski		Cross Country		Golf	
1	293	26%	276	27%	224	21%	101	10%	152	16%
2	218	20%	292	28%	179	17%	156	16%	122	13%
3	155	14%	181	17%	154	15%	131	13%	77	8%
4	107	10%	128	12%	105	10%	97	10%	71	7%
5	91	8%	87	8%	100	10%	107	11%	13	1%
6	44	4%	37	4%	71	7%	79	8%	52	5%
7	15	1%	14	1%	40	4%	69	7%	65	7%
8	12	1%	11	1%	19	2%	38	4%	45	5%
9	4	0%	6	1%	7	1%	15	2%	26	3%
10	8	1%	7	1%	8	1%	6	1%	18	2%
"no"	166	15%	1	0%	145	14%	177	18%	318	33%
	1113	100%	1040	100%	1052	100%	976	100%	959	100%
Rank	Tennis		Marina		Open Space		New Activity/Fac		No New Activity/Fac	
1	39	4%	142	13%	189	18%	69	11%	113	20%
2	86	9%	211	19%	159	15%	36	6%	36	6%
3	87	9%	199	18%	112	11%	43	7%	26	5%
4	61	7%	137	13%	87	8%	19	3%	13	2%
5	88	9%	123	11%	100	9%	33	5%	20	4%
6	81	9%	66	6%	57	5%	16	3%	13	2%
7	89	9%	39	4%	50	5%	16	3%	10	2%
8	92	10%	24	2%	71	7%	30	5%	8	1%
9	23	2%	4	0%	20	2%	61	10%	26	5%
10	16	2%	4	0%	20	2%	29	5%	61	11%
"no"	276	29%	134	12%	193	18%	285	45%	242	43%
	938	100%	1083	100%	1058	100%	637	100%	568	100%

After the brief presentation, Management turned the rest of the meeting over to member input particularly focusing on driving discussion on long-range capital planning items which would further improve the Tahoe Donner Trail System for the membership.

## Member Input:

### Capital Projects suggestions:

- Trail System as a whole: improve the condition of what we have.
  - Erosion control
  - Dust control
  - Steepness of some trails
  - Signage
  - Trash and Pet Stations
- Trail System – additional:
  - Restroom facilities at trailheads
  - Add trails which connect to “something”
    - Example: End of existing trail by the fire station should continue along Northwoods
- Access:
  - More parking at trailheads: winter and summer
- Euer Valley:
  - Create better access down to Euer Valley for all users
- Mountain Bike/Summer Adventure Center:
  - scale down Equestrian Center operations and create Mountain Bike/Summer Adventure Center
  - climbing wall
  - food offerings
- Class 1 Multi-Use Paths: Class 1 paths are paved paths generally 6 -12 feet wide. Paths are built for multi-use, i.e., biking, walking, roller skating, running, etc.
  - Within Tahoe Donner
  - Town of Truckee identified Class 1 path from Old Town Truckee and connecting to Mogul/Basel area of Tahoe Donner; known as Path #11 on the Town of Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan  
<http://www.townoftruckee.com/index.aspx?page=263>

Operational suggestions were also offered up by attendees. Management will consider all items and implement as appropriate. Areas of interest included:

1. Trail Steward
2. Signage for Trail Loop at bottom of Northwoods cautioning about traffic and encouraging using cross walk at Northwoods and Northwoods
3. Dog specific trails in winter which can be utilized snow shoeing, Nordic and ski-jouring
4. Campground parking lot cleared during winter

5. Improve trail markers and names
6. Pets on trails: continue voice controlled dog walking on Tahoe Donner Trails, maintain “Leave No Trace”
7. More programs: night skiing events, guided tours, summer time activities such as mountain biking
8. Summer trail maintenance: more trail maintenance  
Management noted trail maintenance is best done in the fall so as not to create more dust issues during dry summer months.

After member input, Management noted the upcoming Tahoe Donner Trail Day, Saturday June 26. There was additional discussion of adding other volunteer trail maintenance days in the fall.

Staff thanked all attendees and participants and encouraged further feedback throughout the “Town Hall” meeting process.

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.**