

**Open Space Advisory Committee
January 4, 2023**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order by Chair Courtland Nelson at 6:08pm.

B. Members present

1. Courtland Nelson, Chair
2. Steve Stevens
3. Natalie Streeter (Zoom)
4. Woody Woodruff
5. Glen Lent
6. Jared Neal
7. Jodie Call

C. Non-Members present

1. Michael Henke, Midway City Planner
2. Kevin Payne, Midway City Council (Zoom)
3. Kate Sattelmeier, Summit Land Conservancy (Zoom)
4. Cathy Philpot

II. Regular Business

A. Minutes of November 2, 2022, meeting were read and approved.

B. Minutes for December 7, 2022, meeting were read and approved.

C. Public comments: Cathy Philpot, a resident of Midway, expressed interest in learning about the process to preserve her property.

D. Courtland Nelson led a discussion in preparation for the OSAC presentation to the City Council's work session. The presentation will focus on the efforts to preserve smaller parcels. Key questions are:

- a. Should some portion of the remaining bond funds be set aside and designated for "small parcels?"
- b. Should "small parcels" be handled in the regular course of business and considered for funding of a first come first served basis like other applications?

E. Anecdotal evidence bases upon limited interviews of Midway residents revealed:

- a. Preservation was more important to them than money;
- b. Payments over time rather than a lump sum were favored;

- c. Desire to restrict public access while landowners were alive and living on the property.
- F. Wendy Fisher provided written comments in an email on the proposed policy paper concerning small parcels. The OSAC agreed with her comments. Jared Neal and Natalie Streeter will make edits to the small parcels document in preparation for the work session with City Council.
- G. Steve Stevens reported that WOLB received a NOI from the owner of 57 acres in the North Fields. In light of proposed by-pass routes there seems to be a growing interest among NF landowners to take steps to preserve their land.
- H. Michael Henke reported that the General Plan revision process was ongoing. The Planning Commission was reviewing the draft with the goal of presenting it to the City Council in January.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.