

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 17, 2017

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 3D

STAFF: Ann Bollinger, Open Space Administrator

REQUEST: **For Possible Action:** To add a non-voting seat for a high school student on the Open Space Advisory Committee.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

In response to a discussion at the October 17, 2016 Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) meeting led by Vice-Chair Welch, the Committee supported the potential addition of a non-voting seat for a high school student. In addition to participation in OSAC meetings, it is expected that the student would participate in an activity that would further the goals of the Open Space Program. A presentation of the student's efforts at an OSAC meeting is expected at the end of the appointment.

The appointment would be made by the Committee at either a special or regularly scheduled meeting. Applications would be accepted during a specified period prior to the meeting. Applicants would be selected using a format similar to that used to select members of the Committee.

The following schedule was provided by a student for the current school year, 2016-2017:

1. Letter of Intent due September 12, 2016
 - a. An idea of what the student's project might be.
2. Proposal due October 7, 2016
 - a. A solid idea of what the student's project will be.
 - b. The proposal can be turned in any time after the letter of intent is turned in. October 7 is the final due date. Once the proposal is turned in, the student can start to log hours.
3. Portfolio due March 16, 2017
 - a. After the portfolio is turned in, the student cannot log any more hours.

The Committee is encouraged to discuss the options and opportunities to engage with a local student and an educational experience in land conservation, natural resource management, or related field.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: I move to add a non-voting seat for a high school student on the Open Space Advisory Committee.