

Meeting Notes - Drafting a Vision

November 11, 2015

5:30pm - 7:30pm

1720 10th Street, Cooper Gulch, Eureka City Park

### Meeting Outcomes

* Creation of relationships around Cooper Gulch - achieved
* Development of draft vision statements - achieved

Participants - OSPR Commissioner; 1 City Council Member; Representatives from Trails Stewards; Eureka Community Watch , Neighborhood Watch, parents; softball player; disc golf players and adjacent neighborhood residents; parents; softball player; disc golf players, elementary school teacher, retired person.

### Opening

* Purpose & Outcomes Overview
	+ Effort to bring people together to connect, share ideas, collectively define what we would like Cooper Gulch to look like, how it can serve the community’s interest, and how we can work together to strengthen our community through our investment of ourselves in the park

 Near future Overview - Milestones

1. November 2015 - Draft Vision

2. December 2015 - Draft Mission

3. January 2016 - Seek formal support by City of Eureka

4. Spring 2016 - Community design charettes

· Agenda Review

### Roles

* Meeting leaders/facilitators
* Participants
* Other community organizations to connect to: Neighborhood Watch, Cooper Gulch Trail Stewards, Eureka Community Watch

### Introductions

Activities or things people enjoy or would like to enjoy in Cooper Gulch

o Dog walking

o Disc golf

o neighborhood walks

o Creek Restoration - creek to run free

o Play softball

o Trail to high school

o Skatepark

o Need separation between trails and disc golf

o families attending Mistwood Montessori

o Goal for safe outdoor recreation and exploration

### Ground Rules for Meeting Established

· Share air time

· Cell phones on silent

· Stay on topic

· Patience

### Qualities & Characteristics You Envision for Cooper Gulch

Brainstorm exercise report out & grouping of ideas generated

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| Education | Playground | ? | Safety | Events | Restoration | Trailhead Infrastructure | Infrastructure | Trails |
| Actively utilized by Schools Park as "official" outdoor classroom/enhance shoreline Resource for schools | Treeclimbing; Forts; Natural Playground Senior playground & outdoor exercise equipment Kids park/playground | Dog Friendly | Enhance neighborhood watch capacity around CG Feeling of safety & security Emergency call boxes | Food trucks Festivals | CG as priority watershed for city Assess wildlife habitat needs Stream restoration for salmon (key regional fisheries goal) & human education Cooper Creek estuary restoration High asset of parks - ecological & social recognized | More trash & recycling bins; encourage the use of these; increase visibility of garbage cans. More maps & interpretive signs. Improve signage & visibility of all entrances. Develop access point at 14th street; along traffic calming measures & complete sidewalks on each side of 14th street. | Outdoor stage Bocce Horseshoes Badminton Remove 1 ballfield to make room for other activities. Beautiful Community Center BBQ stands Picnic Tables Gazebo Treehouses | Connect trail to waterfront trail Good hiking trails; separate from Frisbee Golf course Lighting around main walking trail Extend trail to highschool Community maintenance of trails Increase visibiltiy of trails (less underbrush)- improve safety |

### Working Vision

#### General discussion topics/ key phrases or ideas to incorporate in vision from brainstorm

* Common ground - outdoor, active, healthy, nature
* Trail connectivity - & paved trails
* "Community-driven"
* "community space"
* Safety is #1
* Dog friendly needs to be incorporated
* Park-like setting/feel rather than wildland setting
* Safe access to park
* Community space is needed to have a community

#### Draft vision sentences #1 to #11 with specific comments - edits in red text

1. Cooper Gulch is cherished by the Eureka community and visitors.

2. Parents, women, men, children, teens and elders are welcomed, safe, connected, valued and enriched through their participation.

3. A diversity of recreation facilities and programs invite a broad spectrum of the community.

4. Citizens actively work with the City to plan events and maintain the park.

5. People near and far are drawn by its natural features and creative play spaces that reflect the local craftsmanship and artisanry.

6. It is a space that inspires creativity, imagination and learning, and easily transforms to accommodate a variety of activities and events. (group agreement that this important)

7. Accessible 'backyard' opportunities to get fit and get together improve the community's health and sense of well-being.

8. Cooper Creek and its riparian zone is a living classroom that provides habitat for native fish and birds. Need to highlight restoration. Group likes pairing of restoration & education.

9. Residents who live near the park visit regularly and are happy to live near it. Trail Connectivity

10. Area businesses experience an improved business environment and actively support the park.

11. Eureka is a leader in balancing environmental, social, and economic goals through the Cooper Gulch Common Grounds project.

### Commitments

* Location, Chairs & Tables - Linda will confirm availability for meeting on December 2
* Outreach
	+ Make Meeting Flyer & Meeting Announcement Blurb - Emily
	+ Post Flyers & Meeting Announcement (hard copy and/or electronic)-
		- Jane - flyers
		- Amie & Aaron (social media, NCJ, KHSU, LoCoPost)
		- Emily facebook post
		- Christy - Silvercrest, Senior Resource Center, City newsletter, NextDoor, Frisbee Golf Kiosk, Mistwood Calendar, Pats Market, Eureka High School
* Talk with 3 neighbors or friends about the effort
* Help craft vision from small group ideas prior to December 2 - Krista & Kathleen.
* Agenda development - Christy & Emily
* Write-up & distribute meeting notes-Christy

### Agreements

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 5:30 to 7:30, Cooper Gulch Community Center (need to confirm)

o Meeting Outcomes - Adopt Vision & Define Mission of Group

### Meeting Evaluation

#### Good

· Maps & Location

#### Change

· Description of meeting location 1720 10th Street was confusing - small map or describe location as Cooper Gulch Community Center.

· Make Outreach efforts more extensive

· Need functioning wall clock

· Bathroom situation - open women's bathroom - can see the bathroom door from the center room, would improve security of leaving bathroom unlocked during meeting and security of those going to bathroom after dark.