

STARR KING OPEN SPACE



Board Agenda September 16, 2024 Meeting 7:00PM

Call to Order

August 19, 2024 7PM meeting at Connecticut Yankee

- Roll Call
 - Sarah Burton
 - Joel Loya
 - James Hetherington
 - Debie M Abella
 - Justin Briggs
 - Daniel Rozynski
 - Drew Patterson
 - Greg John
 - Jeremy Blank

- Approval and Adjustments to Agenda
 - Revised structure - Finance, Fundraising, Outreach, Upkeep

Approval of Minutes (see attached)

- Review, amend and approve [minutes](#)

Reports and Open Discussion Items

Finance

- Update and Discussion of SKOS financial status
- September PSA: As Board Members we:
 - Approve the budget
 - Assure and maintain adequate cash reserve
 - Develop long- and short-term fiscal/admin planning
 - Provide oversight of legal/regulatory compliance
 - Safeguard assets from misuse and ensure maximum use of resources

Fundraising

- Discussion and input on the business list,
- Discuss and adopt next steps for [donation request letter](#), and informal social media/outreach

"Hello - We are Starr King Open Space - the native grassland area on Carolina Street between 23rd and 25th in the Potrero Hill Neighborhood of San Francisco. Our beautiful space offers breath-taking views of the surrounding Mission/Dogpatch neighborhoods, The Bay, and even the Golden Gate Bridge on a clear day! Rare birds and wildflowers call the Open Space home! AND, neighborhood volunteers maintain and manage this space. NOT the City of San Francisco, but instead, you and me! Support from folks like you keeps the space open for all. As a small band of committed volunteers working on your behalf, we would love to connect you to learn your thoughts on ways to better maintain this three-and-a half acre park. Can you spare a few moments for a conversation? We would love to take you on a tour of the Open Space, or chat about Open Space goals that will enhance the beauty and safety of this precious resource. We need your help! Please respond directly to this message or email us at info@starringopenspace.org with contact information and we will reach out.

Your dollars are vital as well. We need your support to bring our dreams to fruition. Please visit our website at <https://starringopenspace.org/> and consider donating to our Venmo @starringopenspace"

- Set date and target recipients for fundraising letters. (Giving Tuesday)

Outreach and Partnership

- T-Shirts - Ready? What steps remain? Discussion and Deadline
- Website Updates Discussion and Deadline

Grounds Upkeep

- Land Use Policy Discussion/Decision (Frisbee Golf) Pertinent History listed below:

Bill doesn't want to hold an actual event, but rather let people use his equipment (frisbee golf baskets) for free on Saturday afternoons while the weather is good. (Joel)

We will need a separate endorsement for this activity on the open space. He is sending a questionnaire that has to be completed by us, then he has to submit the request to

our insurer, Non Profit Insurance Alliance to find out what the premium will be and it may take up to 3 weeks to have the endorsement in place. Our agent also asked if Bill has insurance for the golf disc event. Can someone please contact Bill and ask him not to set anything up until we can figure this out? I don't have his contact information. I actually think this needs to be discussed at a future board meeting. Our insurance agent also strongly advised that we not do any night time activities on the open space; our insurance may reject coverage due to greater potential liability of injuries. (Debie)

I have reviewed the bylaws and there is clearly nothing that would preclude frisbee golf, or the transient installation of frisbee golf baskets or whatever. My previous opinion on the subject -- that allowing that activity had the potential to open us all up to uninsured liability -- was my gut reaction based on my long-instilled lawyer's risk/reward calculus = there is no real benefit to the open space in allowing frisbee golf, and there is a potential downside (albeit minimal), so why allow it? (Jeremy)

It does occur to me, however, that the fundamental problem is that Bill asked permission ... proving once again that it is better to beg forgiveness than ask permission. I know it's the right neighborly thing to do and all, but this is an open space, and we have no troops to employ in policing unauthorized uses of it, as amply demonstrated each July 4 and most Saturday nights. If we affirmatively say he can use the space for frisbee golf, and someone turns an ankle on the 17th fairway, I think it is true that person might be able to successfully sue SKOS for authorizing an activity for which it is not insured, and not providing safe premises for that activity. But if he and his frisbee posse want to take advantage of a large field open to the public to play disc golf on the weekends ... well ... that seems like their problem.

- **Report on September 14 Workday**
- **Encampment Question and Policy Discussion: A What If**
- **Still pending: Recruiting of conservation experts (Sarah?)**

Adjournment and Submission of Minutes